

Report

Report to:	Enterprise Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	30 March 2011
Report by:	Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Voluntary Sector Funding
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Propose funding to voluntary sector agencies in 2011/2012.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that funding of £305,583 be approved to voluntary organisations as outlined in Section 4 below and listed at Appendix 1.

3. Background

3.1. The Council has historically given significant support to the local community and voluntary sector. This report provides an update on a number of initiatives which the Council has supported in the past and recommends levels of continuing financial support from Enterprise Resources for 2011/2012.

4. Key Voluntary Sector Developments

Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire

4.1 After considerable work throughout 2010 with the CVS Network and SoLVE Volunteer Centre and the interim Board of the new organisation, Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLAN) has now been established as the single voluntary sector support organisation for South Lanarkshire. The key functions that are expected of the newly formed organisation operating at a local authority level are to provide:-

- Support to voluntary organisations operating in the area, both local and those national organisations that deliver services at the local level.
- Support to and promotion of volunteering.
- Support and development of social enterprise.
- Connection between the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) and the third sector.

4.2 In addition to the core tasks identified by Scottish Government and the CPP, VASLAN will also play a key part in the delivery of the successful European Union funded programme supporting employability across South Lanarkshire and be an integral part of the Lanarkshire Social Economy Partnership. VASLAN will also help the CPP develop and manage the voluntary sector Compact and directly manage 'Infobase', the comprehensive database for the sector.

- 4.3 Following the recent savings exercise, Enterprise Resources has funding available of £133,583 for Interface development. It is recommended that this be allocated to VASLAN which will support effective delivery of services to the wider voluntary sector for the next financial year.

Citizens Advice Bureaux

- 4.4 As part of the national Debt Arrangement Scheme, additional funding for the provision of frontline money advice services was allocated to South Lanarkshire Council by the Scottish Government. In addition to supporting the services provided via the Council's Money Advice Service, these resources have been used to provide an annual allocation of £18,000 to each of South Lanarkshire's four Citizens Advice Bureaux. The CABs provide independent money advice services and work in conjunction with the Council in tackling issues of debt and financial exclusion. It is recommended that £72,000 of funding be continued for 2011/12, amounting to £18,000 for each CAB.

Community Health Initiatives

- 4.5 The Healthy Valleys Initiative and Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Health Initiative are health improvement and regeneration initiatives supported by South Lanarkshire Council and NHS Lanarkshire. Match funding from Enterprise Resources of £50,000 (£25,000 each) is required in 2011/2012. The Council and NHS Lanarkshire, in conjunction with the two organisations, are considering their future sustainability during 2011.
- 4.6 Up for It Healthy Lifestyles is a health and lifestyle initiative that provides support to individuals from regeneration areas to help address key health and lifestyle issues. It is recommended that £50,000 is committed to the initiative in 2011/2012 that will lever over £270,000 of external funding.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct employee implications.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 The £305,583 of recommended funding for 2011/2012 will be met from existing Enterprise Resources budgets in 2011/2012. This funding will lever over £1.2 million of Partner and external funding to the sector.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1 The provision of services by each of the voluntary sector agencies identified will be the subject of a Grant Agreement. The current and future capacity of these voluntary sector agencies to deliver outcomes that contribute to Council and Partnership targets is the subject of ongoing assessment of risk.

8. Equality Impact Arrangements and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1 As there is no new policy involved in these proposals, an impact assessment is not required.
- 8.2 Consultation has been carried out with Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire, Healthy Living Initiatives and the individual organisations concerned.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values/Improvement Themes

- ◆ Working with and respecting others
- ◆ Tackling poverty and deprivation

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire Single Delivery Framework

Contact for Further Information

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Recommended Funding Contributions

Project	Description	Partner/ External Funding Levered	Enterprise Resources contribution for 2011/2012
Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire	Development and implementation costs of service delivery across South Lanarkshire	£580,000	£133,583
Citizens Advice Bureaux	Money advice services in 4 CABs	£ 81,000	£ 72,000
Community Health Initiatives	Healthy Valleys Initiative	£140,000	£ 25,000
	Cambuslang & Rutherglen Community Health Initiative	£220,000	£ 25,000
	Up for It Healthy Lifestyles	£270,000	£ 50,000
	Totals	£1,291,000	£305,583