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Report to:	Hamilton Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	6 April 2011
Report by:	Executive Director (Resources)

Subject:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Request formal approval of a grant to a local voluntary organisation which meets the criteria for receiving financial support.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the proposed allocation of £490 to the Hamilton Churches Drop-In Centre be approved.

3. Background

3.1. On 8 July 2009, the Executive Committee approved a report extending the responsibility of Area Committees to include the formal approval of grants to local voluntary organisations. At its meeting on 23 February 2011, the Executive Committee approved the overall grants funding package for 2011/2012, and it is now for the Area Committee to approve local grants to those organisations operating in their local area.

4. Current Position

4.1. The Council has received an application from one voluntary organisation operating in the Hamilton Area Committee area, the Hamilton Churches-Drop In Centre, which meets the criteria for receiving financial assistance. In line with the report submitted to the Executive Committee, it is proposed that a grant of £490 be made to that organisation based on levels of funding which the group has received in previous years.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. There are no employee implications associated with the recommendations made in this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. The financial implications associated with the recommendation(s) contained in this report can be met from the Corporate Resources' Revenue Budget 2011/2012.

7. Other Implications

7.1. The risk in providing grant funding to voluntary organisations is ensuring that the use of public money is being monitored and scrutinised effectively. To mitigate those risks an effective audit process has been developed in line with “following the public pound” guidance.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. The report takes account of the outcome of a detailed Impact Assessment process.

8.2 All the necessary consultation has taken place with each group and other Council Resources as appropriate.

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21 March 2011

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

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Previous References

Executive Committee of 8 July 2009 (Paragraph 10 refers)

Executive Committee of 23 February 2011 (Paragraph 11 refers)

List of Background Papers

Voluntary Grant application and supporting documentation received from voluntary group

Contact for Further Information

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