

Agenda item:

Title of meeting: Resources Portfolio Decision Making Meeting

Date of meeting: 31st March 2014

Subject: Portsmouth City Council Capacity and Transition Fund

Report by: Preeti Sheth, Head of Integrated Commissioning Unit

Wards affected: All

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

The purpose of the report is to make recommendations on the allocation of funding from the Portsmouth City Council Capacity and Transition Fund 2014-15

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Resources Portfolio Holder agrees the allocation of funding in Appendix 1.

3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 12th November Portsmouth City Council set aside a one off fund of £200,000 to create a Capacity and Transition Fund to enable the voluntary and community sector to reconfigure their service or enhance their capacity/infrastructure in order to support/provide council services.
- 3.2 Following discussion with the Leader and Portfolio Holder criteria were agreed and an application process was designed and the fund opened for application on 6th January 2014. The closing date for applications was 28th February 2014.
- 3.3 The fund was publicised and promoted through the Portsmouth City Council Voluntary and Community Sector Information Update, through Intend, and in Community Action in Portsmouth's monthly Action News.

100 organisations expressed an interest in the fund and were sent application packs.

3.4 Two briefing events were held, on 3rd February and 6th February. Following the briefings all organisations who had expressed an interest in the fund were sent copies of the presentation given at the event and additional information which was produced in response to questions at the event.

3.5 The Fund criteria are contained in Appendix 2.

3.6 51 applications, totalling £838,631.42 were submitted to the fund. A grants panel, led by Cllr Mason (Resources Portfolio Lead) met on 6th March to consider the applications. Applicants were required to clearly demonstrate that their projects would meet the aims and objectives of the fund. A scoring matrix was developed to ensure that all applications were considered by the panel against the criteria.

13 organisations were recommended for an award of funding by the panel, totalling £200,000.00.

Appendix 1 lists all the organisations who applied to the fund and whether or not their application was successful.

3.7 This report, together with the accompanying appendices, will be available on the Portsmouth City Council Website. We will continue to provide information about alternative sources of funding, including signposting to Community Action in Portsmouth who are able to provide funding advice through various means including Funding Factory Workshops, the Grantfinder database and one-to-one support. Feedback will be made available.

4. Reasons for recommendations

Recommendations are supported by the Portfolio Holder who consulted with a grants panel of senior PCC officers.

5. Equality impact assessment (EIA)

An equality impact assessment is not required as the recommendations do not have a negative impact on any of the protected characteristics as described in the Equality Act 2010.

6. Legal Implications

The Council should be ready to provide detailed feedback to all organisations that submitted requests. This should include written information on how the unsuccessful organisations failed to meet the criteria to receive a grant. This will

allow it to deal with any claims that a decision was met properly made should such a claim be made.

7. Head of finance’s comments

The total value of grants recommended for approval in this report is £200,000. These will be funded from the Capacity and Transition Fund approved by the City Council at its meeting of 12th November 2013.

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Appendices:

- Appendix 1 Capacity and Transition Fund: Bids Received and Grant Awards
- Appendix 2 Fund criteria and application form

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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