



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES – DECISION MEETING

THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 2008 AT 2 PM

**CONFERENCE ROOM A, SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC OFFICES,
PORTSMOUTH**

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AGENDA

- 1 Declaration of Members' Interests in Accordance with Standing Order 14**
- 2 Voluntary & Community Sector Grants Review**

HDCE ... The purpose of the attached report is to make recommendations prior to the commencement of the annual grant programme for 2009/10 following the review of grants to the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS), with a view to continuing to support an environment for a thriving third sector in the city.

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That the council should not advertise an open-for-all grants programme for 2009-10, but organisations who are currently receiving grant funding should be invited to re-apply.**
- (2) That the council should, in the future, continue to run a small grants programme for "seed-corn" for new initiatives and "one-off" funding. The council should also explore whether other LSP partners would**

like to join in creating a partnership funding programme for this.

- (3) That the council should work with procurement and grants officers in departments to transfer long term grant funding arrangements of over £10,000 a year for three years' duration into contracts, so giving greater stability of funding to the third sector.**
- (4) That the council should explore with IT the feasibility of designing an in-house database to collect data on the council's funding relationships with the sector. Alternatively, funding to purchase a database should be included in a capital bid for the modernisation of the democratic process.**
- (5) That a decision as to whether to tender for the infrastructure support service to help develop a thriving third sector should be made in January 2009. In the interim there should be discussion with Portsmouth Council for Community Service (PCCS) to determine their interest in and capacity to support the third sector with the public service delivery agenda, alongside other roles.**
- (6) That the council should consider alternatives to administering trusts in-house, with the exception of the Lord Mayor's Charity, and that a meeting should be set up with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HICWF) to explore this.**
- (7) That funding should actively be sought for the renewal of the licence for the funding database, Portsmouth4Community in April 2009, (cost still to be negotiated) as a means to enabling third sector organisations and community groups to identify alternative sources of funding.**