

Report of	Meeting	Date
Chief Executive (Introduced by the Executive Member for People)	Executive Cabinet	31 March 2011

CORE FUNDING 2011/12

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To consider and approve the Core Funding allocation for 2011/12.

RECOMMENDATION

- That the recommendations in Appendix A be approved, subject to agreeing and signing contracts and or grants with the organisations listed in Appendix A.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- Core Funding is provided to local voluntary, community and faith sector organisations whose activities contribute towards the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy. The process has been amended this year to ensure that the management and monitoring of Core Funding continues to be effective and provides value for money. A panel has assessed all applications received and this report provides recommendations for funding for 2011/12.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- To provide local voluntary, community and faith sector organisations with Core Funding for 2011/12, to enable them to deliver services in the borough which contribute towards the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- Not to award Core Funding Grants in 2011/12

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Strong Family Support	X	Education and Jobs	X
Being Healthy	X	Pride in Quality Homes and Clean Neighbourhoods	X
Safe Respectful Communities	X	Quality Community Services and Spaces	X
Vibrant Local Economy	X	Thriving Town Centre, Local Attractions and Villages	X
A Council that is a consistently Top Performing Organisation and Delivers Excellent Value for Money			X

APPLICATIONS

7. Core Funding is provided to local voluntary, community and faith sector organisations whose activities contribute towards the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
8. The process of allocating, managing and monitoring this Core Funding has undergone some changes this year to ensure that we are achieving value for money through an effective and proportionate process. This includes changes to the types of funding, which now includes three types - Large Core Funding, Project Funding, and Small Community Grants. These changes were approved at the Executive Cabinet on 9th December 2010.
9. The changes to the application forms include additional questions such as how the service links into similar provision to limit the risk of duplication, and value for money in terms of match funding and unit costs based on outputs and outcomes.
10. The application process opened in January, and a guidance pack was provided with the application forms to give information on changes. A briefing session was attended by 18 people in February which provided the opportunity for applicants to ask questions.
11. Forty applications were received by the close date at the end of February, as detailed in Appendix A. A panel scored them against assessment criteria as set out in the guidance, and recommendations have been made.

RECOMMENDATIONS

12. The recommendations include eighteen contracts and or grants for approval. This includes organisations who received core funding through this process in 2010/11, as well as six additional organisations who didn't receive funding last year.
13. If these recommendations are approved, contracts will be drawn up for the Large Core Funding and the Project Funding, and agreed and signed with the organisations. The performance against these contracts will then be monitored on a quarterly basis, and presented six monthly as part of the Corporate Performance Management Report. Grant agreements will be developed for the Small Community Grants.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

14. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant comments are included:

Finance	X	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	X
Legal		No significant implications in this area	

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSFORMATION

15. The 2011/12 budget of £170k will not be fully committed if all the scheme recommendations are approved. Therefore there will be further opportunities to commit this funding during the year.

COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS

16. All applications have been proportionally assessed in terms of equality to ensure that we meet the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and the Council's Equality Scheme.

Donna Hall
Chief Executive

There are no background papers to this report.

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Appendix A
Large Core Funding - Contracts

Organisation	2010/11 Amount Funded	2011/12 Amount Requested	2011/12 Amount Proposed	Recommendation
Chorley and South Ribble Homestart	20,000	20,000	20,000	Funded to the same as 2010/11
Chorley Street Pastors	7,000	7,500	7,000	Funded to the same as 2010/11
Age Concern: Lifestyle Centre	7,600	10,000	7,600	Funded to the same as 2010/11
Chorley Citizens Advice Bureau	75,000	92,700	75,000	Funded to the same as 2010/11 (includes £18,200 for accommodation)
Chorley Women's Centre	4,550	4,687	4,550	Funded to the same as 2010/11
The Arts Partnership	7,000	7,000	7,000	Funded to the same as 2010/11
Central Lancs. Dial A Ride	2,080	2,500	Deferred	Decision deferred due to changes to Community Transport across Lancashire
Chorley & District Sports Forum	5,000	5,000	4,000	Funded with a 20% reduction in comparison to 2010/11
The Community Church	0	6,637	1,165	Partially funded for the Saturday Night Live project, on the condition that it links into the Sports Development Service.
Chorley and South Ribble CVS	4,165	4,165	4,165	Funded to the same as 2010/11
Help the Homeless	6,500	30,000	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Chorley FM	0	12,000	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Clayton Brook Community House	0	12,084	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Lancashire Sport	2,000	5,750	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Lancashire Wildlife Trust	0	5,000	Withdrawn	Application was withdrawn in favour of the Project application
		Total	130,480	9 Approved

Project Funding - Contracts

Organisation	2010/11 Amount Funded	2011/12 Amount Requested	2011/12 Amount Proposed	Recommendation
Astley & Buckshaw Juniors FC: School Holiday Diversionary Activities	0	1,500	1,500	Funded - new application
Chorley and South Ribble Disability Forum: Reach	0	1,000	1,000	Funded - new application
Music and Arts for Creative Youth: Making MACY Matter project	0	6,620	3,740	Partially funded for the staffing costs, project management and CRB Checks. On the condition that it works with the Arts Partnership ICIS Project to ensure no overlap
Chorley Women's Centre: Women's Centre Groups	0	1,927	0	A core funding grant has been provided and these courses are seen to be part of the core provision
The Arts Partnership: Project ICIS	7,940	7,700	7,700	Funded. On the condition that it works with the MACY Project.
Ulnes Walton Community Group: Annual Events	0	3,252	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Villages in Partnership: Into the Woods	0	7,190	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Lancashire Wildlife Trust: Community Growing for Healthy Hearts	0	16,100	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Astley Village Residents Association: Fun Day	0	1,500	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Groundwork: Chorley Neighbourhoods Green	0	30,000	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Clayton Brook Community: Love A Cuppa	0	1,995	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Age Concern: Lifestyle Centre Improvements	0	4,800	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Chorley and South Ribble CVS: Volunteer Centre	0	26,611	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Freestyle Urban Soccer	0	28,812	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
		Total	13,940	4 Approved

Small Community Funding - Grants

Organisation	2010/11 Amount Funded	2011/12 Amount Requested	2011/12 Amount Proposed	Recommendation
Music and Arts for Creative Youth	0	1,260	1,260	Funded - new application
Chorley Borough Bowls Forum	0	930	930	Funded - new application. On the condition that it links into the Sports Development Service
Chorley Pensioners Association	350	400	350	Funded to the same as 2010/11 amount
Chorley Silver Band	0	1,900	1,900	Funded - new application
SambAfriq Community Drumming Group	0	1,212	1,212	Funded - new application
Euxton Cricket Club	0	2,000	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
St Chads Bowling Club	0	1,350	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Buckshaw Village Community Association	0	1,086	Deferred	Deferred to be considered in relation to Section 106 funding
Clayton Crusaders Badminton Club	0	2,000	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Eccleston Bowling Club	0	1,900	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Preston and West Lancs Racial Equality Council	0	1,750	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Total			5,652	5 Approved

Total

Core Funding Type	Total Contracts / Grants awarded	Total
Large Core Funding (Contracts)	9	130,480
Project Funding (Contracts)	4	13,940
Small Community Grants (Grants)	5	5,652
Total	18	150,072