

Report of	Meeting	Date
Chief Executive (Introduced by the Executive Member for People)	Executive Cabinet	21 March 2013

CORE FUNDING 2013/14

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To consider and approve the Core Funding allocation for 2013/14.

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. A panel has assessed all applications received and this report provides recommendations for funding for 2013/14.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Key Decision? Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

(If the recommendations are accepted)

- To provide local voluntary, community and faith sector organisations with Core Funding for 2013/14, 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 2013/14.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all		A strong local economy	x
Clean, safe and healthy communities	x	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	x

THE CORE FUNDING PROCESS

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 was revised in 2011/12 to ensure the achievement of value for money through an effective proportionate process. This approach proved to be highly effective in achieving a more outcome focussed delivery, and therefore has been adopted as the annual process.
9. The twenty contracts and grants approved in 2012/13 have been successfully delivering over the past year, and regular monitoring has been received from all organisations. A final report of outcomes achieved through core funding in 2012/13 will be provided to the Executive Cabinet after the end of the financial year.

APPLICATIONS 2013/14

10. The application process opened in January, and a guidance pack was provided with the application forms to give information to applicants. A briefing session was attended by twenty one people in January which provided the opportunity for applicants to ask questions.
11. Fifty applications were received by the closing 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. Full details of the projects will be available in the Members Room following the decision of this meeting.
12. Two principles were adhered to when the panel considered the applications. The first was not to fund meeting room hire, but instead to consider offering meeting rooms within the Town Hall or Community Centres. The second principle concerned cases where there was a successful applicant reapplying, where the panel recommended to provide no increase in the contract if the applicant provided no sustainable evidence for the rise.
13. An Executive Member Decision was taken in January 2013 to allocate the Core Funding budget currently spent on generalist debt advice and support services in Chorley through a separate procurement exercise. This exercise has now been completed and is presented in a separate accompanying report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

14. The recommendations include twenty five contracts and or grants for approval. This includes nineteen organisations who received core funding through this process in 2011/12, as well as six additional organisations who didn't receive funding last year.
15. 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. Grant agreements will be developed for the Small Community Grants and monitored at mid-way and conclusion.
16. Contracts will include a clause stating the necessity for funding to be used in Chorley and for the benefit of Chorley residents.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

17. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance	x	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	x
Legal	x	Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

18. The approval of the grants will mean that the awards are contained within the Council's budget, with a small sum left over should the outstanding clarification currently being sought result in further awards being made.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

19. The proposed grants have been allocated in accordance with Council policy.

COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS

20. 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. Where required, more information will be obtained on a case by case basis.

GARY HALL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

There are no background papers to this report.

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Appendix A
Large Core Funding - Contracts

Organisation	2012/13 Amount Funded	2013/14 Amount Requested	2013/14 Amount Proposed	Recommendation
Chorley Street Pastors	7,000	9,085	7,000	Funded to the same as 2012/13
Homestart	20,000	20,000	20,000	Funded to the full amount
Age UK – Lifestyle Centre	10,000	10,000	10,000	Funded to the full amount
Groundwork	0	10,000	5,000	Part funded as there are other projects connected with young people, employability and skills in the budget for 2013/14
Circle Counselling	10,728	11,488	10,728	Funded to the same as 2012/13
Central Lancs Dial a Ride	4,000	6,400	4,000	Funded to the same as 2012/13
Chorley Women’s Centre	4,641	4,734	4,641	Funded to the same as 2012/13
Genesis Care	11,450	7,100	7,100	Funded to the full amount
Chorley Sports Forum	2,000	6,050	2,000	Funded to the same as 2012/13
Chorley and South Ribble Crossroads Care	4,050	3,793	3,793	Funded to the full amount
Chorley and South Ribble Disability Forum	0	6,275	500	Part funded for £500 for their input into the Equality Forum, as well as in kind support for meeting room hire (£360) and project funding
Long Shaw Kids Fund	0	7,000	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
The Arts Partnership	7,000	10,000	7,000	Funded to the same as 2012/13
Asian Women’s Forum	10,000	23,500	-	Awaiting decision from panel on revised application with a more defined focus and outcomes.
Lancashire Sport Partnership	0	5,800	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
The Legacy Rainbow House	0	9,000	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Relate Lancashire	0	9,340	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria

Active Nation	0	9,000	0	Not funded – Sports development team will work with Active Nation to consider ways to deliver this additional service
Chorley Heritage Centre Support Group	0	4,460	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Chorley Methodist Church	0	25,000	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Houghton Cricket Club	0	2,400	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Total			81,762	

Project Funding - Contracts

Organisation	2012/13 Amount Funded	2013/14 Amount Requested	2013/14 Amount Proposed	Recommendation
Chorley Heritage Support Group	0	4,500	-	Part funded for use of the Lancastrian Suite for 5 days
Music and Arts for Creative Youth (MACY)	7,650	4,780	1,000	Part funded (25%) and a request to the Early Intervention Panel to fund the remaining 75%
Chorley and South Ribble Disability Forum	1,500	1,885	1,500	Funded to the same as 2012/13
You're Amazing	1,889	4,281	4,281	Funded in full
Genesis Care	0	830	-	Lancashire County Council to fund in full
The Arts Partnership	1,500	4,650	1,000	Part funded (25%) and a request to the Early Intervention Panel to fund the remaining 75%
The Chorley Ramblers	0	10,000	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Chorley United Reformed Church	0	3,000	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Freestyle Urban Soccer	0	23,500	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Chorley Ladies Football Club	0	2,370	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Jennings Community Boxing Academy	0	4,300	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
4 th Chorley St Peters Brownies	0	3,428	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Total			7,781	

Small Community Funding - Grants

Organisation	2012/13 Amount Funded	2013/14 Amount Requested	2013/14 Amount Proposed	Recommendation
Aspire Clayton Brook	0	1,500	1,340	Part funded as a contribution towards overall costs
Music and Arts for Creative Youth (MACY)	1,800	1,320	620	Part funded as a contribution towards overall costs (setting up and training of a youth committee and arts awards advisor training)
SambAriq	1,586	1,326	500	Part funded as a contribution towards overall costs
Jennings Community Boxing Academy	0	1,460	1,000	Part funded as a contribution towards overall costs
Help the Homeless (Chorley)	0	2,000	2,000	Funded in full
MS Society – Chorley and District Branch	0	725	275	Part funded as a contribution towards overall costs (transport)
Chorley Pensioners Association	460	460	460	Funded in full
Lancashire Bushcraft / Iwama Ryu North West	0	2,000	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Chorley and South Ribble Mood Swings	0	390	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria. To offer the provision of a free meeting room.
St Peters Brownies	0	584	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria
Chorley Clients Forum	0	2,000	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria. Lancashire County Council to provide officer support.
Chorley FM	0	1,920	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria. To offer the provision of a free meeting room.
Chorley Sea Cadets	0	1,750	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria.
Cruse Bereavement Care Lancashire	0	1,000	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria. To offer the provision of a free meeting room.
Wymott Art Group	0	1,795	0	Not funded – the application did not meet the criteria
Elderberries	0	500	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria. To offer the provision of a free meeting room.
Bretherton Bowling Club	0	596.81	0	Not funded - the application did not meet the criteria.
Lancashire Constabulary	0	1,500	0	Not funded - the organisation did not meet the criteria as it is not a voluntary, community or faith sector group.
Total			6,195	

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Core Funding Type	Total Contracts / Grants awarded	Total
Large Core Funding (Contracts)	12	81,762
Project Funding (Contracts)	6	7,781
Small Community Grants (Grants)	7	6,195
Total	25	95,738