

CABINET – 18TH MARCH 2010

Report of the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Group (Service Reviews)

ITEM 13 SERVICE REVIEW – COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

Purpose of Report

To consider the recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Group (Service Reviews) following its consideration on 16th March 2010 of the report of the Director of Governance and Procurement, to be considered by the Cabinet at this meeting, which sets out the results of the Service Review of Community Grants scheme and proposes new arrangements for the assessment of grant applications and the allocation of grant funding.

Recommendation Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Group (Service Reviews)

That the recommendations of the Director of Governance and Procurement be approved, subject to the following additions:

- (i) that consideration be given to funding Community Centres in Loughborough through the Loughborough Special Rate;
- (ii) that the Community Development Grants Scheme needs to be clearly timetabled, with details of deadlines, when a decision would be taken and the money released etc; and
- (iii) that details of the Community Development Projects and Community Engagement Funding schemes be publicised effectively.

Reason

To support the reasons for the review and to ensure the following issues were taken into account:

- (i) community centres were part of the basic infrastructure and it was an anomaly that funding for the Loughborough Community Centres was included within the Charnwood Community Grants Scheme;
- (ii) to ensure that the scheme was equitable and that all applications were considered in the round and not on a first come first served basis; and
- (iii) to ensure that the organisations were aware of the funding that was available and did not miss any deadlines.

Policy Context

Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 8(c) sets out the procedure by which a report of a scrutiny committee should be considered by Cabinet.

Background

On 16th March 2010, the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Group (Service Reviews) met to consider item 13 on the Cabinet agenda (18th March 2010) – Service Review – Community Grants Scheme (Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Group (Service Reviews) Minute 4).

The recommendations of the scrutiny group to Cabinet, along with the reasons are set out above.

Financial Implications

None.

Risk Management

There are no specific associated risks.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Papers: None associated with the scrutiny of this item

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