

**Committee:** Cabinet

**Agenda Item**

**Date:** 15 September 2016

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**Title:** Voluntary Support Grants Committee

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr Lesley Wells

Key decision: **No**

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## Summary

1. At the July Cabinet meeting, members approved recommendations relating to the Council's Grants processes. One of these recommendations was to establish a Committee of the Cabinet to review and agree applications for the Voluntary Sector Grants scheme. This report seeks approval of the membership and terms of reference of that committee.

## Recommendations

2. The Committee is established as per the recommendations in paragraph 9.

## Financial Implications

3. There are no recommendations in this report which would change the budgeted amount available for grant funding

## Background Papers

4. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

None

## Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Major voluntary sector organisations have already been contacted regarding proposed changes to the Voluntary Support Grants scheme. Further consultation will be required to progress changes to grant award schemes in the coming years
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None

Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

## Situation

6. The Council's largest budgetary commitment for grants is the Voluntary Support Grants scheme (£282,000 for 2016/17). Cabinet has previously approved a change to the scheme, making it a two year rolling programme.
7. Cabinet also approved a recommendation that groups making requests for funding present their applications formally to a Committee of the Cabinet.
8. The presentation of applications by potential grant recipients will provide Members with an opportunity to directly question the applicants before deciding whether to award grants.
9. In order to establish the committee, the following recommendations are made:
  - The Committee is named the Voluntary Support Grants Committee
  - The Committee comprises the following Members:

Howard Rolfe	Leader
Lesley Wells	Portfolio holder – Communities and Partnerships
Simon Howell	Portfolio holder – Finance and Administration
  - The Committee, supported by officers, oversees and approves the allocation and award of all Voluntary Sector Grants on an annual basis.
  - The Committee is given delegated powers to decide the allocation of grant funding to voluntary sector organisations under this scheme within the overall budget provision.