

Report of: Deputy Director Integrated Commissioning

Report to: Director of Adults and Health

Date: 13th March 2019

Subject: Adults and Health Third Sector Grants Schedule 2019/2020

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. The report seeks the approval of the third sector grant payments for the financial year 2019/2020.

Recommendations

2. The Director of Adults and Health is recommended to approve the payment of the third sector grants to the maximum amounts detailed in Appendix 1 for the financial year 2019/2020.
3. The Commissioning Manager Adults & Health will implement this decision directly after it has been taken, subject to the necessary clearance process being completed, by informing the relevant organisations that, subject to the ongoing budget review process, their grant has been extended for a further year.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 For the Director of Adults and Health to make a delegated decision to agree the payments to the organisations listed in the Schedule of Grant Payments in Appendix 1 hereto, for the financial year 2019/2020.

2 Background information

- 2.1 All grants from the directorate are currently given to the third sector on an annual basis. The directorate currently has an ongoing review process taking place, which is assessing the relevance of each grant against Adults and Health strategic aims, value for money and whether or not grant funding is the most appropriate method of funding a particular service.
- 2.2 The annual grants schedule showing the organisations and their respective maximum funding amounts is shown in Appendix 1.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Grants to a significant number of third sector organisations were reduced by up to 15% in 2011\12 and no increase to the grant payments have been made since this time. Given the significant financial pressures during the coming financial year, there will be no inflation increase on any of the grant payments listed in Appendix 1 made to the third sector during 2019/2020.
- 3.2 Adults and Health is continuing to review all the grant arrangements with the third sector listed in this report to ensure that grant funding is the most appropriate method of funding these organisations. Adults and Health will continue to review the grants listed in this report, along with its partner agency commissioners, during the financial year 2019/2020 to ensure that the payments being made are strategically relevant, that performance of the organisations is monitored and demonstrated to be effective and that the Council is achieving best value for money. As such, the amount of the grant listed in Appendix 1 is a maximum figure payable and may be reduced during the year following a review.
- 3.3 As part of the council's budget process it is necessary during the financial year 2019/2020 to achieve savings of £12.241m on the overall Adults and Health budget. It is therefore the intention of commissioning officers to review all grant payments stated in Appendix 1 to ensure they are strategically relevant to the directorate and explore whether further savings can be made. All the reviews will be undertaken under the principles stated in the Leeds Compact and should it be necessary to withdraw any grant following the review process, this will be done in accordance with the terms of the Leeds Compact.
- 3.4 All organisations receiving grant payments this financial year will be subject to a relevant and proportionate monitoring process. Once the grants have been agreed, commissioning officers will work with Procurement and Commercial Service to ensure that grant agreements are in place and organisations are informed that a review process will take place during the financial year which could have implications for their funding.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 The report has been discussed with the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults prior to the decision being taken.
- 4.1.2 Once the decision has been taken, Adults and Health will inform the organisations receiving payment of the amount of the grant for the forthcoming year and the fact that no inflation will be paid. Should any issues arise with an organisation concerning the amount of grant which is payable, commissioning officers will work with that organisation to ensure the service can remain sustainable at the level of grant given.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 An Equality Impact Assessment Screening Tool has been completed for this report and is included as Appendix 2. Where any service has been decommissioned or contracts put in place following a review, a separate Equality Impact Assessment will have been undertaken for that particular service.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 Services provided as part of the grant payments will contribute to the delivery of key outcomes within the Best Council Plan, specifically to improve the quality of life for our residents, particularly those who are vulnerable or are in poverty and will make a contribution to the Leeds Health and Well-Being Strategy and its priority to make Leeds the best city for health and well-being.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 All grant payments detailed in Appendix 1 are included within the Adults and Health budget for 2019/2020. The maximum total amount of the grants payable during 2019/2020 is £581,733.06.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 There are no specific legal implications as part of this report.
- 4.5.2 This decision has been placed on the list of forthcoming key decisions and is subject to call-in. The report does not contain any exempt or confidential information.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 There are no significant risks identified in making the decision recommended by this report.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 The annual grant schedule continues to be reviewed, to ensure that the payments being made are strategically relevant, that performance of the organisations is monitored and demonstrated to be effective and that the Council is achieving best value for money.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Director of Adults and Health is recommended to approve the payment of the third sector grants to the maximum amounts detailed in Appendix 1 for the financial year 2019/2020.
- 6.2 The Commissioning Manager Adults and Health will implement this decision directly after it has been taken, subject to the necessary clearance process being completed, by issuing relevant letters to the organisations informing them that their grant has been extended for a further year.

7 Background documents¹

- 7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.