



POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 2ND JUNE 2015

**SUBJECT: CORPORATE SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE REVENUE
GRANTS 2015-16**

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151
OFFICER**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide information to Members relating to revenue grants for 2015/16 for Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report provides details of the 2015/16 revenue grant funding for Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance. The report excludes grant funded schemes where CCBC merely acts as banker for Partnership schemes. During the financial year further grants are often made available subject to new funding being identified and successful outcomes to bids.
- 2.2 The report is provided to ensure that Members are aware of grants and their intended purpose. Further details of individual grants can be made available to Members if requested.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The effective utilisation of grant funding will support the Authority in delivering its stated aims and objectives.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 Appendix 1 provides a list of grants known at this point in time, along with a brief description of the use of the grant funding. Grant funding applies in the main to specific schemes and initiatives and is often time limited.
- 4.2 The current administration arrangements are such that each grant has an agreed set of terms and conditions. The grant funding body at year-end requests information to satisfy itself that the grant monies have been spent in accordance with its terms and conditions and for the majority of grants an external audit is required.
- 4.3 Where required, Auditors will assess expenditure against the terms and conditions of the grant. This assessment would normally comprise a random sample of spend, followed by an in-depth scrutiny of the sampled items. This could involve ensuring proper procurement processes have been adhered to and confirming spend complies with the conditions of the grant. Any issues identified will be investigated; this could lead to a need to review a larger sample of expenditure. The External Auditors produce a report annually summarising any issues that have come to light during their audit of the Authority's grants.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report is for information purposes, so the Council's Equality Impact Assessment (EqLA) process does not need to be applied.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Grant funding levels can change leading to uncertainty of funding. The majority of grants are subject to external audit and the expenditure must comply with the grant terms and conditions. Failure to comply may result in a qualification of the grant by the External Auditors, which could result in the clawback of the grant funding.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Grant funded posts may be at risk if the funding is withdrawn. Wherever possible this risk is mitigated through fixed-term appointments to grant funded posts.

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 There are no consultation responses which have not been reflected in this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Members are requested to note the contents of the report.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 To ensure that Members are aware of the revenue grants for Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Act 1972 and 2003 and the Council's Financial Regulations.

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Background Papers:

Grant Allocation Reports 2015/16

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Schedule of Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance Grants 2015-16