



GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL – 15TH NOVEMBER 2010

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT TO GRANTS TO THE
VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL**

REPORT BY: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request Members to consider receiving a presentation from GAVO at the next Grants to Voluntary Sector Panel to discuss alternative administration support for this Panel.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report considers an option to use the voluntary sector to provide administration support, under a service level agreement.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The Council has a number of corporate strategies and this report deals with the use of resources in the achievement of those strategies.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Head of Corporate Finance met representatives of GAVO, Mr Mike Bridgman and Mr Rob Gough on the 16th September 2010 to discuss options in respect of GAVO providing administration support to this Panel, under a service level agreement.
- 4.2 During the meeting it became apparent that there could be some advantages for the Authority in using GAVO for support, particularly around the fact that their expertise was far greater than that of finance staff in respect of the needs, role and infrastructure of voluntary organisations and the third sector.
- 4.3 The Head of Corporate Finance agreed that the Members of this Committee would be asked whether they were happy to receive a presentation from GAVO to consider options for future support.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 GAVO has estimated that their charge for support is likely to be between 6-10% of the total grants administered under any future service level agreement.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 A service level agreement with GAVO would free up resource in Corporate Finance that could be utilised on new grant-funded streams.

7. CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 Internal consultees are listed below.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Members are requested to discuss and consider the report and determine whether they would like to receive a presentation from GAVO at the next meeting of this Committee.

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