



## VOLUNTARY SECTOR COMMITTEE – 18TH SEPTEMBER 2013

**SUBJECT: CORE FUNDING FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2013-14**

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Committee Member for information on core funding provided to voluntary organisations by the Council's Policy Unit for 2013-14.

### 2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report provides information on the core funding the Policy Unit provides for three key voluntary organisations in the borough: Caerphilly & Blaenau Gwent Citizens Advice Bureau, Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations and Groundwork Caerphilly.

### 3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 Voluntary and Community Sector organisations make an important contribution to public service provision across the borough and are key participants in the Community Strategy implemented through the Single Integrated Plan *Caerphilly Delivers*. The Single Integrated Plan has the following priority outcomes: Prosperous Caerphilly; Safer Caerphilly; Learning Caerphilly and Healthier Caerphilly.

### 4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Policy Unit is financially supporting three voluntary organisations in the borough through Service Levels Agreements for 2013-14 as follows:-

#### 1. **Caerphilly & Blaenau Gwent Citizens Advice Bureau**

The Citizens Advice Bureau receives £191,244 (including £27,000 contribution towards rent) to enable the provision and publicity of:-

- generalist open access advice services (drop-in, telephone and letter advice) and contribute to the overall management and development of the organisation;
- outreach services.

#### 2. **Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations**

This SLA brings together financial resources from Social Services (£4,555) and the Policy Unit (£42,466) into one SLA. The SLA is on the basis that GAVO will:-

- promote and support volunteering;
- support the governance and development of voluntary organisations;
- provide funding advice to voluntary organisations;

- provide a local information and advisory service;
- Contribute to policy development, including work around community planning, and facilitate voluntary sector consultation, participation and representation.

### 3. **Groundwork Caerphilly**

Core funding of £43,860 is provided to Groundwork Caerphilly. The SLA is on the basis that Groundwork Caerphilly will:-

- Contribute to the regeneration and community development of the borough;
- Contribute to the Community Strategy and the implementation of the Single Integrated Plan *Caerphilly Delivers*.

## 5. **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Promoting equalities is a fundamental part of community planning, and is an integral part of the single integrated plan for implementing the Community Strategy.

## 6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The Council is a major contributor in both financial and human resources to the community planning process.

## 7. **PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 None arising.

## 8. **CONSULTATIONS**

8.1 The report is for information and not consultation.

## 9. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 The report is for information only.

## 10. **STATUTORY POWER**

10.1 Local Government Act 2000.

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