

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE  
ACTIVE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**24 August 2011**

**1. WORK PROGRAMME – DRAFT BRIEF FOR SCRUTINY REVIEW OF GRANTS AND THIRD  
SECTOR COMMISSIONING**

**Submitted by: Member Services Officer**

**Portfolio: Culture and Active Communities**

**Ward(s) affected: Non-specific**

**Purpose of the Report**

To enable the Committee to discuss the draft scrutiny brief in relation to grants and third sector commissioning and to agree its content prior to submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee.

**Recommendations**

- (a) That the draft brief for scrutiny (grants and third sector commissioning) be agreed.**
- (b) That the draft brief (grants and third sector commissioning) for scrutiny be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee for final approval.**

**Reasons**

Following the Scrutiny Peer Review it was agreed that the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee fulfil the role of the 'work planning group' and that all draft briefs for scrutiny be submitted to it for final approval.

**1. Background**

1.1 At the last meeting of the Committee it was agreed that the following topics be included on the work programme:

- Review of Locality Working (Locality Action Partnerships)
- Review of Grants and Third Sector Commissioning

The draft brief relating to Grants and Third Sector Commissioning is attached at **Appendix B**.

**2. Issues**

2.1 Members are asked to consider the briefs appended to this report and to agree the content prior to submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee.

**3. Outstanding Actions Agreed by the Committee**

3.1 None at present

4. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

4.1 The work programme of the Active and Cohesive Overview and Scrutiny Committee lists items for Overview and Scrutiny activity. This activity will contribute to the following priorities in the Sustainable Community Strategy:

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PE01	To raise the aspirations of all young people, particularly those from disadvantaged groups
PE02	To provide appropriate youth provision for young people of all ages
PR05	To encourage more people to lead healthier lifestyles with a particular focus on children and young people
PL02	To build stronger neighbourhoods enabling communities to actively participate and influence service delivery

4.3 The committee's activities will also contribute to the corporate priority of creating a Borough of opportunity.

5. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

5.1 There are no legal or statutory implications directly arising from this report.

6. **Equality Impact Assessment**

6.1 There are no equalities issues directly associated with this report. Consultation items on the work programme, such as draft police should include equality impact assessments and the committee should seek to challenge report authors and decision-makers to ensure that all equalities and diversity issues have been discussed.

7. **Financial and Resource Implications**

7.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

7.2 The primary resource implication arising from this report is Members' and Officers' time and commitment to undertake Overview and Scrutiny activity. When monitoring the work programme it is the committee's responsibility to ensure that it does not overburden itself with work if Members are unable to commit to particular activities within an agreed timeframe.

7.3 There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

7.4 There are no ICT implications arising from this report.

8. **Major Risks**

8.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

9. **Key Decision Information**

9.1 Overview and Scrutiny does not have the power to make decisions and therefore this report does not propose any decisions which would be considered to be a key decision.

10. **List of Appendices**

**Appendix B**

**Review of Grants and Third Sector Commissioning**