

# **The Vale of Glamorgan Council**

## **Cabinet Meeting: 23 May, 2016**

### **Report of the Leader**

#### **Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2016/17**

##### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval of Cabinet on the award of a grant from the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 corporate revenue budget.

##### **Recommendation**

1. That a grant of £106,015 be made to Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) for the financial year 2016/17 and a further allocation of £95,530 in 2017/18.

##### **Reason for the Recommendation**

1. To award monies to assist a voluntary organisation.

##### **Background**

2. In previous years the Council has awarded grant funding to the former Vale Centre for Voluntary Services and the Vale Volunteer Bureau. Following the merger of the two organisations in April 2016 the Authority awarded a grant of £116,500 to GVS in 2016/2017 which represented the total of the funding available to the former organisations in the previous financial year.
3. When this level of funding was finalised, it was agreed that future funding levels would be discussed during 2015/2016.

##### **Relevant Issues and Options**

4. Discussions have taken place with officers and Board Members from GVS. As a result, it has been agreed that a two year grant be awarded to GVS in the sum of £106,015 in 2016/17 and £95,530 in 2017/18. This funding represents a 9% reduction in both 2016/17 and 2017/18.
5. Thereafter, the level of grant will need to be reviewed taking account of how far Reshaping Services has developed in the Authority and the role that GVS plays in supporting the third sector in the Vale and the work of the local authority.

## **Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)**

6. Financial provision has been made within the corporate policy revenue budget for 2016/17 and 2017/18 to meet these commitments.

## **Sustainability and Climate Change Implications**

7. There are no sustainability and climate change implications arising out of this report.

## **Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)**

8. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

## **Crime and Disorder Implications**

9. There are no Crime and Disorder Implications arising out of this report.

## **Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)**

10. There are no Equal Opportunities arising out of this report.

## **Corporate/Service Objectives**

11. The organisation's services will benefit Vale communities.

## **Policy Framework and Budget**

12. This is a matter for Executive decision.

## **Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)**

13. Since the proposals are within the Policy Framework and Budget, no further consultation beyond that indicated in the report has taken place.

## **Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

14. Corporate Performance and Resources

## **Contact Officer**

Gemma Jones, Principal accountant

## **Officers Consulted**

None.

## **Responsible Officer:**

Managing Director