

EXETER BOARD FUNDING SUB-GROUP

Tuesday 1 September 2015

Present:

Councillor Sutton (Chair)
Councillors Hannaford, Owen, Prowse and Westlake

Also Present:

Community Involvement and Inclusion Officer and Assistant Democratic Services Officer

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mark Lane, Devon County Council.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 JUNE 2015

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

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REVIEW OF CRITERIA

The Community Involvement and Inclusion Officer reported that the criteria had been amended according to the principles of the Exeter Board, although it was felt that more work needed to take place to make it more transparent what the priorities for the funds are.

It was suggested that a meeting be convened to discuss the criteria in further detail.

Concern was expressed over duplication, where applicants are not aware of other similar organisations or how it fits in with the wider strategic picture across the city.

A mapping exercise needs to take place in terms of other organisations in the City and what other funding is available. It may be helpful to collate this information in advance of the meeting if possible.

Suggested dates of the special meeting will be circulated in due course.

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AWARD CRITERIA FOR APPLICATIONS

The details of criteria was made available for Councillors to assist with decision making.

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SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

The summary of applications was made available for Councillors for information.

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APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

23a Deferred application of remainder £6,000 from Ride On - Cycling for All

At the last meeting, the Group awarded £6,000 to Ride-on – Cycling for All, with

the remainder of the application to be considered at this meeting to provide members with an opportunity to raise further questions with councillors who had met with the applicant.

Councillor Prowse reported that one rickshaw had already been purchased and was in use. The rickshaw was large enough to seat 2 people at a time and it was being run by volunteers. Members requested that evaluation and feedback be provided by the applicant to include the impact on clients.

It was also suggested whether the rickshaw service could be made into a business model with a small charge for the service. Residential home fees often include provision of activities for residents and any home participating in the project may need to look at this.

Agreed that the application for £6,000 be **deferred** until evaluation and feedback is submitted.

23b **Centre for Human Rights and Social Equality CIC**

The Group considered the application for £7,000 to provide the Outreach, Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities Programme.

The Group noted that the applicant, Dr Suaad George, was a City Councillor.

Members felt that more information was needed on:

- where the project is based
- how many families are based in Exeter
- wider community integration
- is it a one-off project
- is there any duplication as there is a lot of similar work going on in the City at present - and whether relationships could be formed with other organisations.

Agreed that the application is **deferred** until further information is received from the applicant.

23c **ExeAccess**

The Group considered the application for £5,000 towards the purchase of mobility equipment.

Councillor Prowse declared an interest as a Trustee.

Members noted that a grant of £2,000 had been awarded to this organisation in 2014/15.

Councillor Owen reported on the reduction in funding to ExeAccess. Meetings had been held with Devon County Council officers to look at the wider picture and at other avenues of funding. A meeting had been held with the applicant. There is a need to look at other approaches and to actively seek other sources to obtain more grant. The premises is in a prime location and other factors could be considered such as a reduction in running costs. Local businesses could also be approached for sponsorship.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£500** due to pressures on funds, and with the request that a business plan is submitted.

23d **Supporting Neonatal Users & Graduates (SNUG)**

The Group considered the application for £3,000 towards sessional coordination costs and volunteer training.

The group had been set up as no other support was provided for parents within the community. Although the application did not meet the criteria, Members felt that enquiries should be made to identify what support, if any, is available to families leaving neonatal units.

Agreed that the application is **declined** as it did not meet the criteria. Councillor Westlake would follow up the issue of support through Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny, and Councillor Hannaford through People's Scrutiny.

23e **Exeter Green Partnership**

The Group considered the application for £782.50 towards an evening to launch the citywide initiative – 'The Exeter Green Partnership' and showcase an awards evening for the Exeter participants in this year's Britain in Bloom competition.

Members considered that volunteers in the community had taken ownership of the Britain in Bloom competition and that recognising contributions was a positive approach and will raise the profile further.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£783**.

23f **Devon Disability Collective**

The Group considered the application for £6,513.48 towards marketing and IT development for the new community organisation.

Councillor Westlake informed the Group that together with Councillor Rosie Denham, had helped in successfully obtaining financial assistance from Devon County Council to help fund the transfer. He clarified that they were not currently Board Members, but would be attending a meeting in September to discuss further. Members considered that this organisation has a high social responsibility.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£3,000** with a request that best value is ensured for marketing materials.

23g **Devon and Cornwall Food Association**

The Group considered the application for £2,500 to cover the costs of moving and the refurbishment of new premises, and new equipment for transporting food.

Members noted the requirement for DCFA to move to new premises quickly, and the increase in use.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£2,500**.

23h **Exeter Community Energy Ltd**

The Group considered the application for £5,000 towards the costs of a part-time volunteer and events co-ordinator for a year.

Members recognised the good work the group is currently delivering and funding would enable them to get the community project underway.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£5,000**.

23i **Hospiscare**

The Group considered the application for £6,000 towards the cost of specialist beds for the in-patient unit.

The application did not meet the criteria, but Members felt it could be considered if a community based project was set up to help raise the funds.

Agreed that the application is **declined** due to pressure on funds and that it did not meet the criteria.

24 **MONITORING FORMS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING FOR INFORMATION**

The Group noted the following monitoring forms which were circulated with the agenda:

- Exeter Pride
- St Loyes Foundation – ‘Time to...’ project – an invitation had been extended to Members to visit the project.
- Devon Carousel Project – Storytelling Tour
- Exeter Community Transport Association
- YMCA
- Refugee Support Devon

(The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm and closed at 3.40 pm)