

Minutes of Portfolio Holder (Customers, Access and Physical Assets) Decision Making Session held on 21 October 2011

Present:

Councillor Colin Hayfield (Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Customers, Access and Physical Assets) – Decision Maker.

Others in attendance:

Councillors: Peter Barnes, Richard Chattaway, Jim Foster and Jerry Roodhouse,

Officers: Monica Fogarty -Strategic Director, Communities Group
Jo Giblin - Area Support Officer
Nick Gower-Johnson - County Localities and Communities Manager
Tejay De Kretser - Corporate Equalities & Diversity Manager.
Janet Purcell - Democratic Services Manager

1. Members Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Councillors Barnes, Chattaway and Roodhouse declared a personal interest as they had supported bids in their areas.

2. Allocation of the Big Society Fund 2011/12

Councillor Colin Hayfield advised those present that he proposed to agree the recommendations for the allocation of the Big Society Fund as set out in the report circulated to all members.

At the request of Councillor Barnes, Councillor Hayfield requested that officers check the assessment of the Salford Priors Youth Club bid.

The following responses were given to questions from members:

- Most of the proposed allocations are less than has been requested but the recommendations have been made based on an assessment of what is needed to meet the objectives of each bid.
- There will be detailed discussion with bidders on the use of the allocations to ensure they are viable.
- The conditions of funding will be agreed for each bid. Given the different nature of the bids, it is likely that each bidder will have slightly different conditions, dependent on the nature of the individual project.
- The allocations for staffing are for 'one-off' amounts only to enable service transition.
- In some cases there may be a scaling of level of activities in accordance with the allocation in a way that will still meet the project objectives.
- There will be further discussion with Kingsbury but the way forward depends on the community.
- There had been a high level of well-produced bids for funding and, because of this, the Fund had been increased to £230,050.

- A number of small forecast underspends within Communities Group had been identified to enable this increase in the Fund.

Councillor Hayfield thanked members for their contributions and reminded members that a meeting would be held with bidders on Monday 24th to discuss the next steps.

Resolved

- (1) That the recommendations for allocation of the Big Society Fund 2011/12 be as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.
- (2) That, in respect of successful applications, appropriate funding conditions be agreed by the Strategic Directors for Communities and Resources.

3. Any other items

There were no other urgent items of business.

Councillor Colin Hayfield,
Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Customers, Access and Physical Assets.

The session concluded at 12.30 pm