
CARRY FORWARD OF AREA COMMITTEE GRANTS

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out a proposal to allow area committees to carry forward a proportion of their area grant budget from year to year in order to manage commitments, applications and budget availability.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Each area committee be permitted to carry forward a portion of their grant budget up to a total limit of 10% as set out below.

3 DETAIL

- 3.1 Area committees have a dedicated grant budget. There is a separate budget for each area. The budget covers grants for community, leisure and development for organisations (not individuals). The current budget for each area is £35,000 – (Total £140,000)
- 3.2 Currently there is no scheme that allows area committees to carry forward any portion of their budget for grants. In effect they need to use it or lose it. In order to provide area committees with some flexibility it is proposed to allow a limited carry forward of the grants budget.
- 3.3 It is proposed that each area committee can carry forward up to maximum of 10% of its annual grants budget. The maximum amount being carried forward cannot exceed 10%. So an Area Committee cannot carry forward 10% one year, not spend this and then carry forward a further 10% to make the total carry forward 20%.
- 3.4 Each area committee has a budget of £35,000 so the maximum carry forward of 10% is £3,500. In total for the Council the maximum carried forward would be £14,000.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 This proposal for limited carry forward of area committee grants budget of up to a maximum of 10% (£14,000). This provides some flexibility for area committees in managing their grants budget.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy – None
- 5.2 Financial – None
- 5.3 Legal – None
- 5.4 HR – None
- 5.5 Equalities – None
- 5.6 Risk – None
- 5.7 Customer Service - None

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