

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA**CABINET – 26 APRIL 2007****REPORT BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON
CABINET AND CORPORATE SERVICES****CORPORATE GRANTS**

This report seeks an in-principle agreement to longer-term funding for some voluntary organisations.

FOR DECISION**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 As part of its annual work programme, the Cabinet and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee set up a working group comprising Councillors Blakeman, Mrs Frazer and Phelps to review the corporate grants sector.
- 1.2 The working group's report was considered at the OSC meeting on 2 April. It was noted that funding applications were currently considered on an annual basis. Whilst noting the move towards commissioning in some areas, the OSC considered that a move from annual to longer-term funding would assist grant-aided voluntary organisations in forward planning. The OSC therefore decided to seek the in-principle approval of Cabinet to the making of longer-term grants in some cases.
- 1.3 Members of the working group declared an interest in reviewing the criteria for longer term funding as and when they were developed.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Cabinet is asked to approve in principle the awarding of longer-term grants to voluntary organisations where there is a case for so doing.

FOR DECISION**KEITH CUNNINGHAM**

Chairman, Cabinet and Corporate Services OSC

Background Papers: Minutes of the OSC meeting held on 2 April 2007 and working group papers.

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