

	<p><b>REPORT TO CENTRAL URBAN AREA COMMITTEE</b></p> <p><b>TO BE HELD ON 25 July 2013</b></p>
	<p><b>Key Decision</b>                      <b>NO</b></p> <p><b>Forward Plan Ref No</b>        <b>N/A</b></p>
<p><b>Corporate Priority</b> <b>All</b></p>	<p><b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>            <b>Cllr. Brian</b> <b>Holder</b>                                <b>Simpson</b></p>

**REPORT OF: Deputy Chief Executive – 13/280**

**WARDS AFFECTED: All in Central Urban Area**

**SUBJECT: AREA COMMITTEE GRANTS 2013/14**

**RECOMMENDATION (S):**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1) Consider whether they wish to allocate the 2013/14 Area Committee Funding allocation through the Voice Your Choice process, in partnership with the Urban Area Forum, as has previously been the case.
- 2) If Members wish to allocate using Voice Your Choice that four members of the Committee are nominated to form a sub group, with members of the urban area forum, which will develop the criteria, process and timescales for such an event, supported by officers from the Sustainable Communities Team.

or

- 3) If members do not wish to allocate through the Voice Your Choice process that Members consider whether the standard area committee small grant process should apply and whether decisions are undertaken at either the October 2013 or January 2014 meeting of this committee.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S):**

To provide clarity about the arrangements and processes for the allocation of the area committee grant for 2013/14.

## **HIGHLIGHTED RISKS:**

None

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report invites Members to agree timescales and processes for the allocation of the Area Committee grant scheme in 2013/14.

### **2. CORPORATE AIMS/PRIORITIES AND THE COMMUNITY PLAN**

- 2.1 The activities delivered through the Area Committee Grant schemes support the delivery of all community and corporate plan priorities.

### **3. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES**

- 3.1 In January 2013, as part of the Council's draft revenue and capital budget proposals for 2013/14, Cabinet determined that £30,000 from the Area Committee budget be allocated towards support for the Citizen's Advice Bureau and that a wider review of funding support for voluntary and community organisations be undertaken by representatives of both the Safer and Stronger and Health and Well being Scrutiny Committees. This decision was ratified by full Council in February 2013. Whilst this review was ongoing no funding allocations have been made by the Area Committees during 2013.
- 3.2 In June 2013, the review findings were considered by Cabinet who recommended that Area Committee grants should be retained for the current year (2013/14).

### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 The review of funding support for voluntary and community organisations has been undertaken by representatives from the Safer and Stronger and Health and Well Being Scrutiny Committees.

### **5. ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 The funding allocation for 2013/14 for the Central Urban Area Committee is £11, 550. In addition there is an underspend of £6,087.93 from previous years which gives a total of **£17, 637.93** to be allocated during 2013/14.
- 5.2 Previously, The Central Urban Area Committee have worked in partnership with the Urban Area Forum and allocated their funding annually through a single Participatory Budgeting event (known as Voice Your Choice). Previous events have been successful in engaging with local people and involving them directly in the decision making process. Members are asked to consider

whether they would wish to continue with this method of allocation for 2013/14.

- 5.3 Alternatively, members are asked to consider whether they wish the standard Area Committee processes to apply and to consider timescales for the allocation of this funding during the current financial year. This could be done at either the October or the January meeting.
- 5.4 As part of these considerations, Members may wish to consider the length of time available to applicants to prepare and submit any grant applications. The scheme would also need to be publicised. Allocation at the January meeting would obviously give the maximum amount of time for the schemes to be publicised and for applicants to develop their proposals.

## 6. IMPLICATIONS

### 6.1 Financial

The funding allocation for 2013/14 for the Central Urban Area Committee is £11,550. In addition there is an underspend of £6,087.93 from previous years which gives a total of **£17,637.93** to be allocated during 2013/14.

## 7. TIMESCALE

- 7.1 Any proposals agreed by this committee would apply to any budget allocation made to this Committee in 2013/14.



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