

Business Change Mandate (Including Budget Mandates) Proposal Number: B12
Title: Second Phase Review of Grants / Subsidies to third Sector Discretionary Bodies.

All information requested must be completed on the proposed mandate to enable the Cabinet to decide whether to proceed with the proposal.

Mandate Completed by	<i>Will McLean</i>
Date /	<i>14/09/2015 updated 09/12/2015</i>

How much savings will it generate and over what period?
£75,000 per annum
Directorate & Service Area responsible
All directorates affected as grants given across the organisation
Mandate lead(s)
Will McLean (revenue grants) working with relevant Heads of Service (Ian Saunders - Leisure and Culture) and Dave Jones (Care and Repair)

Final mandate approved by Cabinet	Date:
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1. Vision and Outcomes of the Mandate

Give a business context for the mandate. This must pick up on the vision and what the new / improved / reduced service will look like in the future including the anticipated experience of users. It must also consider any impact on the Council's key priorities and strategic outcomes. Similarly does it impact on service performance within the immediate service area or any impact on other services provided by the authority / any other providers. In doing so, the mandate must be tested against the equality impact assessment and sustainable development impact assessment and must consider impact in relation to the new Future Generations Bill.

What is the issue that the proposal is seeking to address?

To ensure that grants and support given to third sector organisations are proportionate and deliver against the organisation's strategic aims and objectives. In 2014 a wide ranging review of the grants provided by MCC was undertaken this ensured that the remaining grant recipients were working in line with the organisation's specific aims and objectives. This review recognises that continued delivery whilst clearly acknowledging that the quantum available to third parties should be reduced in line with the budget pressures MCC is experiencing.

What evidence have you got that this needs to be addressed?

MCC continues to support a wide range of organisations. The support they receive needs to be aligned to our core purposes and critically our ability to fund them given the unprecedented reductions in support local government has faced. In some areas consolidation / reduction in grants may allow greater policy alignment and provide the opportunity for partners to coalesce around service outcomes and potentially assets.

How will this proposal address this issue

The consolidation and reduction in grants to third sector providers will result in reduced expenditure for MCC. In relation to Care & Repair this will result in the grant being removed from the Environmental Health Budget with a view to obtain funding from an alternative source that aligns to the councils priorities.

What will it look like when you have implemented the proposal

The expenditure with the voluntary sector, particularly in the arts and cultural sector will reduce. The 'Healthy at Home' grant will no longer be funded from the Environmental Health's budget as this is not best fit for the service provided.

Expected positive impacts

If we are able to secure alternative funding for Healthy at Home scheme within the Social Care and Health directive this will be aligned to Social Care and Health Objectives and strategic direction. This will secure the service for a further year and allow us to continue to be pro-active rather than re-active in relation to supporting people to stay in their own homes specifically for people over 75 years of age.

For the Young Farmers and the Scouts they are able to generate income from other sources to make up the small shortfall.

Expected negative impacts

There may be a reduction in the offer of some organisations.
If we are unable to realign the funding into SC&H there could be a potential increase in waiting lists for access to Care and Repair for people over 75 years of age.

2. Savings proposed

Show how the budget mandate will make savings against the current service budget. This must cover each year implicated. This section must also cover any other efficiency that will arise from the mandate.

What savings and efficiencies are expected to be achieved?								
Service area	Current Budget £	Proposed Cash Savings £	Proposed non cash efficiencies – non £	Target year				Total Savings proposed
				16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	
<u>Leisure & Culture</u>			n/a					
Borough Theatre	£163,707	£28,943		£28,943				£28,943
Dance Blast	£24,250	£4,287		£4,287				£4,287
Gwent Young Farmers	£6,873	£1,215		£1,215				£1,215
Scouts	£6,873	£1,215		£1,215				£1,215
<u>Chief Executives</u>								
GAVO	£12,000	£2,122		£2,122				£2,122
CAB*	£69,105	£12,218		£12,218				£12,218
Care & Repair	£418,000	£25,000		£25,000				£25,000
	£700,808.00	£75,000.00		£75,000				£75,000

* - At this time the CAB grant would have been subject to a 10% reduction in line with the September 2013 Cabinet decision. This decision, if taken will supersede that decision and see an additional £5,307.

3. Options

Prior to the mandate being written, an options appraisal will have taken place. Summarise here the outcome of the Options considered and detail the rationale on why they were disregarded. (see options appraisal guide for further information)

Options	Reason why Option was not progressed	Decision Maker
Status Quo (protect grant funded bodied from financial pressures experienced by the LA)	At the current time all services are facing increasing demands and competition for resources and there seems to be little reason why these should not be passed on to partners.	Will McLean
Take a flat line reduction to all grants that fall into the scope of the mandate	This is the most equitable manner of apportioning the reduction. It is a reduction of £50,000 on a budget of £282,808 plus the cessation of the funding to Care and Repair of £25,000 for the Healthy at Home Scheme. This is funded from Environmental Health department and sits alongside a further £418,000 in Adults Social Care budget.	Will McLean

4. Consultation

Have you undertaken any initial consultation on the idea(s)?		
Name	Organisation/ department	Date
Ian Saunders	Head of Leisure and Culture	14/09/2015
Kellie Beirne	Chief Officer, Enterprise	14/09/2015

Has the specific budget mandate been consulted on?		
Function	Date	Details of any changes made?
Department Management Team	August 2015	
Other Service Contributing to / impacted	Summer 2015	Carried out by David Jones (environmental Health)
Senior leadership team	August 2015	
Select Committee	22 nd October 2015	In line with consultation plan.
Public or other stakeholders	28 th September Staff Conference 8 th October – 30 th November public consultation	As above
Gwent Young Farmers	25 th November	Support the Young Farmers in a non financial way e.g meeting rooms for one off events, PR, Youth Service work.
Scouts	25 th November	They are able to explore ways to secure different funding streams.
Healthy at Home scheme	28 th August 2015	We have looked to find alternative funding for the scheme from both

	There has been on going consultation for the past 6 months with regards to this proposal. Most recent 9 th December 2015	health and public health. We are currently exploring the possibility of transferring the grant to the supporting people funding stream.
Cabinet (sign off to proceed)	Scheduled meeting 6 th January 2016	As above

5. Actions to deliver the mandate

Describe the key activities that will be undertaken to deliver the mandates and the action holders. This includes any actions contributed to by other services. Give the timescales to complete the work. This must also factor in any business activities that will need to be done differently or cease in order to achieve the mandate.

Actions	Officer/ Service responsible	Timescale
Specific negotiations with each of the grant receiving bodies	Will McLean (CAB and GAVO) Will McLean and Ian Saunders (Leisure and Cultural providers) Dave Jones (Care and Repair)	By October 31 2015
Continue to listen and work with organisations to understand any particular issues that may arise from the changes.	Will McLean	On going to April 2016
Keep communication open with any organisations who may need help making decisions that affect their services.	Will McLean	On going to April 2016
Notice given to bodies	Will McLean (CAB and GAVO) Ian Saunders (Leisure and Cultural providers) Dave Jones (Care and Repair)	January 2016 (3 months notice)
Realign Finance	Will McClean and accountants	Ready for 1 st April 2016
Head of Community Protection to further liaise with Care & Repair Manager to seek other funding opportunities. (meeting held with C&R 26/8/15)		

6. Additional resource/ business needs

Describe any additional finance, resource and capability needed in order to carry out the proposed mandate successfully. For example new funding, expertise e.g. marketing and knowledge etc..

Any additional investment required	Where will the investment come from	Any other resource/ business need (non-financial)
n/a		

7. Measuring performance on the mandate

How do you intend to measure the impact of the mandate? This could include: speed of service; quality of service; customer satisfaction; unit cost; overall cost. For advice on developing performance measures you can contact Policy and Performance Team, for advice on unit costs speak with your directorate accountant.

Focus- Budget / Process / Staff / Customer	Indicator	Actual 2016/17	Actual 2017/18	Actual 2018/19	Actual 2019/20	Target 2016/17	Target 2017/18	Target 2018/19	Target 2019/20
Customer	Review Care & Repair Service demand with Social Care and Health.								
	Measure the level of assessments being undertaken by Care & Repair for both under 75 and over 75 year olds. (year on year trend)								
	Review the length of time each service user is on waiting list.								

8. Key Risks and Issues

Are there any potential barriers and risks that will need to be managed in delivering the mandate, including any negative impacts identified in section 1 that need to be accounted for. Also, set out the steps that will be taken to mitigate these. The risks should be scored in accordance with the [council's policy](#).

Barrier or Risk	Strategic/ Operational	Reason why identified (evidence)	Risk Assessment			Mitigating Actions	Post mitigation risk level
			Likelihood	Impact	Overall Level		
Risk: groups and consequently public object	Strategic	Small organisations can be reliant upon MCC grant funding	High	Low	Low	Continued negotiation and rationalisation of the challenge facing all providers. Changes may create leverage for partners to work together creating better services.	

9. Assumptions

Describe any assumptions made that underpin the justification for the option.

Organisation	Assumption and reason why assumption is being made (evidence)
Healthy at Home Scheme	If we are unable to secure 'supporting People' funding then the Healthy at Home grant will cease as of the 1 st April. This is in line with other local authorities who have also withdrawn the service.
Scouts	They have the opportunity to raise additional funds via alternative funding streams, e.g fundraising.
Young Farmers	They have the opportunity to raise additional funds via alternative funding streams, e.g fundraising.
Dance Blast	They have the opportunity to raise additional funds via alternative funding streams and income generation, e.g fundraising.
Borough Theatre	They have the opportunity to raise additional funds via alternative funding streams and income generation, e.g fundraising.

10. Monitoring the budget mandate

The budget mandates must be monitored through directorate budget monitoring. This will lead into corporate budget monitoring. In addition the action plan, performance measures and the risk assessment must be transferred into the service plans for the business area in order to monitor and challenge the delivery of the budget mandate, including the savings being achieved and the level of impact.

11. Evaluation

It is important to evaluate the impact of the mandate once it has been fully delivered to know whether it has successfully achieved what it set out to do and to ensure that findings can be used to inform future work.

Planned Evaluation Date	Who will complete the evaluation?
6 months & 12 month (from 1 st April)	Will McLean

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