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Overview & Scrutiny

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PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

A. Declaration of Substitutes

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 - (c) not to seek improperly to influence a decision about that business.

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(b) if the Member has obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee, or

(c) if the Member is the Leader or a Cabinet Member and has been required to attend before an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub-Committee to answer questions.

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D. Exclusion of press and public

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**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMISSION
4.00PM 1 NOVEMBER 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL
DRAFT MINUTES**

Present: Councillors Mitchell (Chair); Janio (Deputy Chair), Brown, Littman, Morgan, K Norman, Powell, Summers, Sykes and MacCafferty

PART ONE

39. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

39a Declarations of Substitutes

39.1 Councillor Ollie Sykes was substituting for Councillor Matt Follett. Councillor MacCafferty was substituting for Councillor Sven Rufus.

39b Declarations of Interests

There were none.

39c Declaration of Party Whip

There were none.

39d Exclusion of Press and Public

In accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, it was considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in section 100I (1) of the said Act.

39. RESOLVED: That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

40. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER

40.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September were agreed and signed by the Chair.

41. CHAIRS COMMUNICATIONS

41.1 The Chair Councillor Gill Mitchell said that an item on Health and Well-Being Boards was to be reported to 16 November Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and OSC Members would receive a briefing note shortly.

41.2 Councillor Mitchell told the meeting the role of Councillor Disability Spokesperson had recently been agreed with the Disabled Workers Forum. She reminded Members that this was a new position, created following the scrutiny panel on staff disabilities, and congratulated Councillor Stephanie Powell on her appointment.

41.3 Councillor Powell summarised the many activities and events she was involved in and links with local organisations, aiming to provide a greater voice for disabled people in the city as a whole, not only Council employees. Members gave their own experiences of disabilities and the importance of disability issues.

42. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/ LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS/REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES/NOTICES OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

42.1 There were none.

43. BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY PLAN - CONSULTATION ON POLICY OPTIONS (EMPLOYMENT)

43.1 The Local Development Team Manager Liz Hobden introduced the report on the Brighton & Hove City Plan Consultation on Policy Options Paper (Employment). Alongside other options papers, this is out to consultation between 17 October and 2 December. It is based on detailed research including close collaboration with the Economic Development Team.

43.2 The Local Development Team Manager summarised the stakeholder events that formed part of the consultation. The Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership was holding an evening workshop for its Members on the employment options.

43.3 She said the key aim was to safeguard primary office and employment areas and went on to answer questions; on industrial sites on the outskirts of the City, housing demand and the potential impact of relaxing the rules around changes of use from commercial to residential, and provision for infrastructure and leisure & tourism.

43.4 With regard to the age and reliability of the data underpinning the proposals, she stated that this was a 20-year plan that would take into account recent changes in the economic climate. The City Employment and Skills Plan was launched 3 weeks ago and up to date information would be included in the analysis, she said. In reply to further questions the Local Development Team Manager said Local Authorities were being asked to provide homes, and jobs; and the Housing Delivery Strategy is one of the Policy Options Papers. An Infrastructure Delivery Plan will be updated as part of the wider City Plan and will be subject to consultation in March and April of next year.

43.5 The Strategic Director Place said the public sector did not have a direct role in creating jobs but could enable and safeguard employment land. Answering a query on recent reductions in feed-in tariffs he said this was one example of rapid changes that potentially

could have a serious impact on the local economy; this would need to be considered. In relation to the need for leisure sites, he said tourism was being encouraged, outside the scope of the City Plan.

43.6 The Local Development Team Manager confirmed that the internal officer advisory group, who were involved in the options paper, enabled very close working and exchange of information between teams within the council including with the Economic Development Team.

43.7 There would be a continuing opportunity to comment on the City Plan proposals. A report would be brought to Members early in 2012 following the options consultation.

43.8 RESOLVED (i) that the report be noted
(ii) that comments be referred to the Executive

44. ANNUAL REPORT ON COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS

44.1 The Standards and Complaints Manager Brian Foley introduced the Annual Report and pointed to an overall reduction in the level of complaints. He said there was evidence that responses were helping to identify areas for service improvements and teams are actively learning from complaints and compliments. Training where necessary for individuals/ teams on the use of the formal complaints procedure was one means being used to do this.

44.2 A consistent theme was communication with the customer; individual cases showed that there is still scope to improve generally in some areas.

44.3 Members queried the increase in complaints about Housing and Social Inclusion (Table paragraph 3.8). The high numbers of people placed in temporary accommodation (flagged red in the LAA report) was questioned and whether there may be a link with the changes to allocations, where homeless people are now placed in Band C. Further information would be provided (report paragraph 3.21 refers).

44.3 The Commission asked about complaints from residents regarding meeting the Decent Homes Standard (report paras 3.26, 3.27 and 3.28) and repairs to bathrooms and kitchens in particular; also about the number of compliments received which may appear relatively low. The Standards and Complaints Manager said a helpful leaflet, produced in conjunction with residents was now being used and Members welcomed this. Compliments received from routine feedback – from Housing or for example from the Library Service - would generally not be recorded by the Complaints Team, he stated.

44.4 It was suggested that Ward Members, who have been contacted by residents on Decent Homes, should be able to give their views on the main issues raised and that the matter be referred to ASCHOSC. Councillor Ken Norman, ASCHOSC Chair supported the referral and the Commission agreed. An update would be provided for OSC Members.

44.5 The Standards and Complaints Manager answered queries on the pattern of complaints about City Infrastructure. He confirmed that complaints during the spells of bad weather in the winter 2010-2011 – amounting to hundreds of e-mails during just a few days - had not been placed on the complaints system, but they were summarised for the ensuing Scrutiny Review.

44.6 The Chair Councillor Gill Mitchell thanked the officers for a thorough, varied and interesting report.

44.7 RESOLVED that complaints from residents regarding the Decent Home Standard be referred to ASCHOSC.

45. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT; FINAL REPORT

45.1 The Head of Policy and Performance Richard Tuset introduced the final Report on the Local Area Agreement (LAA) that, having been in place for 3 years was now formally ended. Some data was not yet available and some data was no longer available as a result of changes to national arrangements. The LAA included 35 national indicators from 195 in the National Indicator Set plus local indicators. It was cross-cutting between public, private services and the Community and Voluntary Sector and had been led and managed by the Local Strategic Partnership.

45.2 The Head of Policy and Performance referred to the strong joint working between the Local Authority, partners and residents across the City.

45.3 He referred to areas of good progress and some areas denoted 'Red' such as NI156 (households in temporary accommodation, affected by change to the definition of 'temporary,') NI47 (road traffic accident casualties, where progress had been made although targets had not been met) and L22 (the number of children in organised school visits, where partners had withdrawn but work was on-going.)

45.4 Members discussed the importance of OSC's role in accountability and performance monitoring and the need for clarity on demonstrating the reasons for collecting data plus the practical use of the information; for example in evidencing need, planning services, securing resources and monitoring outcomes.

45.5 The Head of Policy and Performance set out the move to new performance arrangements and told the meeting that an interim report on the City Performance Plan and Organisational Health report were due to be reported to the next OSC meeting; the current target-setting process was in hand and the Brighton & Hove Local Information System (BHLIS) was a key resource for the LSP.

45.6 Explaining the rationale behind data collection, including areas where direct measurements are not possible, would be looked at for the future together with different approaches to interpretation and analysis such as exception reporting.

45.7 Some Members stressed the need for equalities data, referring in particular to disability hate crime; this would be checked. [It was later confirmed that disability hate crime is included in the City Performance Plan]

45.8 RESOLVED (i) that OSC notes the report
(ii) that the City Performance Plan and Organisational Health report be presented to a future meeting; to include the rationale and approach to data collection and reporting.

46. DUAL DIAGNOSIS SCRUTINY REVIEW

46.1 A monitoring report on the Dual Diagnosis Scrutiny Review was presented to OSC by two representatives of the Brighton & Hove Emerging Clinical Commissioning Group (CGG); Locality Transformation Programme Manager, Anne Foster and Commissioning Manager, Linda Harrington.

46.2 The Locality Transformation Programme Manager and Commissioning Manager tabled an organisation structure chart with contact details and went on to outline the whole system approach, introducing the Sussex Partnership-Wide Dual Diagnosis Strategy and 5-year Plan, which included clear referral and care pathways; integrated and coordinate care, training and research, children's services, housing and accommodation, mental health custody and court diversion pilot. They referred to all the recommendations of the scrutiny review including women's services and parenting/family issues.

46.3 Summarising, they said there had been good progress in some areas and in the coordination and development of plans. However more focus on implementation work was now needed especially in light of changes in NHS commissioning practices. Progress was needed on needs assessment, ensuring changes to delivery of front-line services and re-focussing on the multi-agency implementation group, chaired by the Director of Public Health.

46.4 Members discussed the vulnerability of people in need of dual diagnosis support and queried the evidence for such high numbers and heard answers to questions on services for individuals from outside the City

46.5 On behalf of the Commission the Chair Councillor Gill Mitchell thanked the speakers for a thorough report and wished for a successful change to new NHS Commissioning arrangements

46.6 RESOLVED that a further implementation update be requested to a future meeting.

47. UPDATE FROM O&S COMMITTEE CHAIRS - CTEOSC

47.1 Councillor Vanessa Brown, Chair of CTEOSC gave an update on the work of the Committee, for instance on the 2011 Brighton Festival, Withdean Sports Stadium, an update on the recommendations of the Environmental Industries Scrutiny Panel and preparations for 2012 Olympics.

47.2 Two future Scrutiny Panels had been agreed on Support for the Retail Sector and on Access for Older People to cultural activities. A scrutiny workshop on the draft Libraries Annual Plan had been held and a workshop on the Seafront Strategy was being arranged.

47.3 The two Cabinet Members whose portfolios are within the remit of CTEOSC (Cllr Amy Kennedy and Cllr Geoffrey Bowden) had outlined their key ambitions and challenges.

47.4 The 24 November CTEOSC meeting would include a presentation from the Arts Council and reports on Outdoor Events Policy and Libraries Services.

48. OSC DRAFT WORK PLAN AND CONSULTATION TOPICS FOR INFORMATION

48.1 The work plan and consultation topics were noted.

49. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO CABINET MEMBER, CABINET OR FULL COUNCIL

49.1 There were none.

The meeting concluded at 5.40pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMISSION
5.00PM 21 NOVEMBER 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL
DRAFT MINUTES**

Present: Councillors; Littman, Morgan, Powell, Rufus, Summers, Cobb, Hyde, Lepper and Deane

Also present; Councillor Mitchell; Councillor J Kitcat; Councillor Shanks

PART ONE

50. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

Election of Chair

50.1 The Head of Scrutiny Tom Hook opened the meeting by welcoming everyone especially representatives of Blatchington Mill School and members of the public. Cabinet Members Councillors Jason Kitcat and Sue Shanks were also present.

50.2 Councillor Warren Morgan was proposed and seconded unopposed as Chair for today's meeting.

Procedural business

50A Declarations of Substitutes

Councillor Cobb was substituting for Councillor Janio
Councillor Deane was substituting for Councillor Follett
Councillor Hyde was substituting for Councillor K Norman
Councillor Lepper was substituting for Councillor Mitchell

50B Declarations of Interest

Councillor Kitcat and Councillor Shanks declared they had a prejudicial interest as Cabinet Members involved in the decision and left the room after giving evidence and answering questions.

50C Declarations of Party Whip

51. CALL-IN REQUEST; BLATCHINGTON MILL SCHOOL HOCKEY PITCHES

51.1 Councillor Morgan outlined the reasons, procedures and purpose of the meeting; OSC was being asked to consider the written request for scrutiny and information presented here, and determine whether or not to refer back the 10 November Cabinet decision for re-

consideration. OSC did not have the power to make a decision but could make recommendations.

51.2 Councillor Gill Mitchell detailed her request for scrutiny. This was a large Council loan; the sum being the largest yet advanced to a school in Brighton & Hove, and the business plan had not been appended to the Cabinet report when the decision was made. There was no suggestion in any way that the school had not been diligent in putting the plan forward, but without the business plan it was difficult to estimate the risk and the Local Authority needed to protect its interests, and the interests of the school and the community, she said.

51.3 Councillor Mitchell thanked the school and officers for providing the business plan, circulated at this meeting. Her questions focussed on two main areas that she felt still needed to be clarified; the ability of the school to repay the loan and the extent to which the pitches could be put to community use, under various circumstances.

51.4 Referring to the business plan and agenda papers Councillor Mitchell queried issues including: the times of day when the pitches would be available for community use; interest rates over the 15 years on the capital repayments; any additional taxes or fees related to the lease; further details on the sinking fund; whether value added tax was payable; and the implications of reducing the number of hours the pitches could be used each week.

51.5 Summarising, Councillor Mitchell said that Cabinet would be able to consider answers to these questions, if OSC agreed to refer the decision back.

51.6 Giving reasons for the Cabinet decision Councillor Jason Kitcat said the financial case had been carefully looked at and the decision was properly made. The repayments were small relative to the size of the school's overall budget and the regulations and precedents were clear.

51.7 This was not a 'commercial' venture. The school and local community were working with a local sports club; there was overwhelming community support with only few objections. A conditional agreement had been in place since May 2010. The school's case was clearly set out and the Cabinet decision supported the school and the needs of the City. In his view a call-in would be unfair and could be perceived to undermine the position of the school.

51.8 Cabinet Members Councillor Kitcat and Councillor Shanks answered questions about the responsibilities of and relationship between a local authority and a local authority school.

51.9 In reply to queries, the Director of Finance Catherine Vaughan stated there was no undue cause for concern in this case and explained the principles for dealing with any school financial difficulties. Approval for the loan could have been granted in the usual way via Targeted Budget Management reporting and it would have been unusual to include the business-plan-level of detail in the Cabinet report she said. The loan repayment amounts were a relatively modest sum in relation to the school's overall budget. The finance team had regular contact with the school during various iterations of the business plan which had been updated to take account of the planning requirements.

51.10 With regard to the terms of the lease, the Head of Law gave an overview of officers' delegated powers and the possible effects of a potential forfeiture.

51.11 At the invitation of the Chair, the Head Teacher of Blatchington Mill School Janet Felkin spoke about the business plan and reassured Members that it had undergone close scrutiny. The wide-ranging skills of the school's finance committee had been put to good use on this important decision that the governors felt strongly about. The existing field could not be used when it was raining and the school wanted a world class facility for the students that would also provide better sports facilities both in and out of school time.

51.12 As Chair of Local Secondary Schools group, the Head Teacher said she was aiming to provide improved facilities for all schools across the City. The plan opened up a number of sports for the first time, enabling a wider range of facilities that could be used during wet weather.

51.13 Councillor Kitcat and Councillor Shanks left the room while the Commission discussed the call-in request. Some Members were satisfied with replies given here to the points raised while others said they were still concerned about the level of information available when the decision was made.

51.14 On the general matter of the amount of detail required, it was noted that in decision-making, Members often asked for and were given, further information on any issue either before the report was published or during consideration of the item.

51.15 Following a vote the Commission agreed not to refer the decision back to Cabinet.

51.16 **RESOLVED** that the decision be not referred back to Cabinet for reconsideration.

The meeting concluded at 6.00pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Agenda Item 57

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	The Future for Discretionary Grants 2012-13 & Beyond		
Date of Meeting:	Overview & Scrutiny Commission 13 December 2011		
Report of:	Strategic Director, Communities		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2011 – 2015 sets out the priorities of tackling inequality, creating a more sustainable city and engaging people who live & work in the city. This includes support for a resilient and vibrant community & voluntary sector.
- 1.2 The Council's Equality & Inclusion Policy 2008 – 2011 is currently being revised to support the Corporate Plan objectives and ensure that the Council meets its statutory obligations within the Equality Act 2010. The role of community & voluntary sector organisations is central in supporting the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the city.
- 1.3 The Council's Members Advisory Group is the cross-party group of councillors which provides challenge and support to the Cabinet in relation to the Discretionary Grants Programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members recognise the role of the grants programme in underpinning the council's working relationship with, and sustainable success of, Brighton and Hove's third sector organisations.
- 2.2 That members provide comment and feedback to Cabinet on the proposed vision, criteria and process for the Three-Year Strategic Grants 2013-16 and the Annual Grants 2012-13.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 Brighton & Hove City Council's (BHCC) Discretionary Grants Programme currently invests approx £1.6M pa in the city's Third Sector (community groups, voluntary organisations & not-for-profit social enterprise).
- 3.2 Administered by the council's Communities & Equality Team the programme supported over 200 organisations in 2010-11 and has already supported over 180 organisations in 2011-12.

- 3.1 Overview & Scrutiny Commission (OSC) 27 November 2009 considered decisions made by Cabinet as part of the Three Year Strategic Grants Programme 2010-13 and gave unanimous approval.
- 3.2 OSC specifically commended the rigour of process, scope of consultation and robust reporting: At this time OSC also requested some additional work in supporting an unsuccessful applicant and this was actioned with the delivery of an alternative support package.
- 3.3 Finally OSC asked that they be briefed on “policy and methodology of Three Year Grants in advance of the next Three Year Grant process.”
- 3.4 The cross-party Member’s Advisory Group for Grants (MAG) was recently asked to consider proposals for the next application and decision making process 2013-16.
- 3.5 MAG met on 22 November 2011 and acknowledged and commended established process and agreed the draft vision and priorities as attached as Appendix 1.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The National Association for Voluntary & Community Action (NAVCA) describes why local grant aid is vital for a healthy voluntary and community sector and thriving local communities:

“For some organisations only grants will enable them to achieve outcomes that matter for local people.

A grant:

- Is a stepping stone and initial lifeline for a small organisation just starting
- Is in keeping with the voluntary ethos. It won’t discourage volunteers from taking part, who might otherwise not want to volunteer to deliver services defined by the local authority
- Can create opportunities. It enables groups to take a risk and to innovate ‘to have a good idea and be able to try out something new’
- Can lever extra support
‘local people might be involved through grant panels and decision making or private donors (businesses and individuals)’
- Allows organisations to work with the least advantaged in society from whom raising an income is next to impossible
- Can be infinitely flexible and often made at low cost, proportionate to the size of group it is supporting.
- Builds and strengthens local linkages and relationships through what can be a less formal and more trust-based funding relationship
- Can enable the organisation to meet the needs of the community and stay close to its missions and values, if it doesn’t need to adapt to meet the requirements of a particular contract”

“Sustaining Grants” NAVCA 2007, p.3, 4

4.2 Brighton & Hove Community & Voluntary Sector Forum have been supporting the Council in the development of the Intelligent Commissioning process and approach. In their briefing document in August 2011 they underlined the crucial role of an effective grants programme within Intelligent Commissioning.

4.3 They make the argument for both effective grants programmes and contracting arrangements to achieve the citywide outcomes.

4.4 **Value**

An effective and efficient discretionary grants programme delivered with quality clearly represents good value in terms of:

- Innovation
- Flexibility
- Leverage
- Accessibility
- Reputation Building
- Business Planning

4.5 Grants are not subject to VAT which means the full value of the investment can be realised and bring in more money. For example the council's Arts Partnership Award grants levered almost £700,000 into the city in 2010-11 (over fourteen times the original grant investment).

4.6 Grants add value to a recipient organisation, as well as attracting match funding often underpinning longer term business planning and building reputation across communities. The value of third sector endeavour in Brighton & Hove was estimated at over £95M pa. and this does not factor the value to volunteers & beneficiaries in terms of engaging and empowering active citizenship. So grants can provide the platform for those big commissions.

4.7 Yet grants are also vital to smaller organisations. Those very organisations who may find it difficult to access other funding streams but make an established and much valued contribution to well being in neighbourhoods and cohesion across the city's diverse communities. Grant aid invests in their unique capacity to find imaginative and innovative solutions to local need.

5 **PROPOSED GRANTS PROCESS, VISION & CRITERIA**

5.1 The current and proposed grants process as set out in Appendix 2 has earned national recognition from the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and the Directory of Social Change for its openness and accountability. It has been audited regularly by the council's Internal Audit and proven to be rigorous and consistent.

5.2 The council's discretionary grants programme 2010-13 currently benefits from specialist input by officers across delivery & commissioning units to ensure that decision making meets cross-council objectives and fit with specialist activity.

- 5.3 It also benefits from the cross-party Members Advisory Group which enables dialogue with the Lead Cabinet Member and officers.
- 5.4 There is no proposal to change the portfolio of grant schemes that comprise the Council's wider grants programme of Three Year Strategic Grants accompanied by Annual Grants for smaller groups alongside specialist projects such as community festivals, culture and environmental sustainability
- 5.5 There is however a genuine opportunity to re-align eligibility criteria to fully reflect city outcomes, corporate priorities and our intelligent commissioning approach to working with partner providers as set out in Appendix 1.

6. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 Financial Implications:

The full impact in terms of Financial Implications will be considered within the emerging 2012-13 budget strategy

Finance Officer Consulted: Michelle Herrington

Date: 1/12/11

6.2 Legal Implications:

The report recommends continuation of the discretionary grants programme 2013-16 with the current application procedure, process and delivery mechanism maintained alongside a new Three-Year Strategic & Annual Grants (inc. 2012-13) Application and Decision-Making Timetable.

It also recommends adopting a revised vision for the discretionary grants programme, accompanied by updated eligibility criteria which reflect corporate priorities.

This is considered to be a reasonable legal approach.

Lawyer Consulted: Bob Bruce

Date: 23/11/11

6.3 Equalities Implications

BHCC discretionary grants programme is one of the mechanisms through which the council implements its equality aims in relation to communities in the city. It provides support to diverse, often small and seldom heard, community groups based on their own identification of needs and goals.

Actions to promote equalities issues are prioritised in the vision and criteria for grant aid as outlined above. In addition the specialist grant schemes identified in Appendix 3 address key council strategies in this regard.

Recommendations build on previous Equality Impact Assessments and the equalities principles underpinning the proposed grants programme. Working with stakeholders an EIA will support and influence the practical implementation of the programme and wider service.

6.4 Sustainability Implications:

Actions to promote sustainability issues are prioritised in the vision & criteria for grant aid as outlined above.

In addition the specialist grant schemes identified at Appendix 3 address key council strategies in this regard.

6.5 Crime & Disorder Implications:

Actions to address crime & disorder issues are prioritised in the vision & criteria for grant aid as outlined above.

In addition the specialist grant schemes identified at Appendix 3 promote key council strategies in this regard.

6.6 Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

Promotion of opportunity is prioritised in the vision & criteria for grant aid outlined above. Provision of mechanisms for the appropriate management of associated risk are acknowledged & addressed in the recommendations made.

Risks attached to discontinuing the programme are outlined in this report.

Provision of a discretionary grants programme in future years will be essential, not only for the council's continuing good working relations with a thriving third sector but also its capacity to deliver on corporate commitments and strategic priorities throughout the period.

6.7 Public Health Implications:

Actions to address public health issues are prioritised in the vision & criteria for grant aid as outlined above.

In addition the specialist grant schemes identified at Appendix 3 promote key council strategies in this regard.

6.8 Corporate / Citywide Implications:

Recommendations made support a number of council priorities as outlined.

This includes:

- Our Corporate Plan 2011-15
- "Creating a City of Opportunities": B&H Strategic Partnership - A Sustainable Community Strategy for Brighton & Hove

7. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

The options to discontinue the grants programme or to significantly alter the process have been addressed in the content of this report.

8. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations recognise that provision of a discretionary grants programme in future years will be essential, not only for the council's continuing good working relations with a thriving third sector but also its capacity to deliver on corporate commitments and strategic priorities throughout the period.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Grants 2013-16: Vision, Criteria & Practical Examples (inc Annual Grants 2012-13)
2. Grants process for decision making
3. Current & recent grant commitments:
 - Three Year Strategic Grants 2010-13
 - Annual Grants 2010-11
 - Annual Grants rounds 1, 2 & 3 2011-12

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. n/a

Background Documents

1. B&H Community & Voluntary Sector Forum Briefing 13 Update August 2011
2. "Sustaining Grants" National Association for Voluntary & Community Action 2007
3. "Taking Account": B&H Social & Economic Audit September 2008



Brighton & Hove Discretionary Grant Programme 2013-16 Three-Year Strategic & Annual Grants (inc. 2012-13) Vision, Criteria & Practical Examples

Vision

The new vision for Brighton & Hove City Council is about:

“Supporting a thriving third sector that promotes engagement and equality by encouraging cohesive communities to have active voices”

The vision is directly derived from “Our Corporate Plan 2011-15” & “Creating a City of Opportunities: a sustainable community strategy for Brighton & Hove” and recognises the third sector’s capacity to design & deliver high quality services efficiently & effectively.

- *Economic & Social Audit of the CV sector in B&H: 2008*

As such it embeds **value for money** at the earliest stage of grant giving. In addition the vision encompasses key cross-cutting themes for council around promotion of **citizen participation** through **active volunteering**

- *“Joining the Dots” a Triple Impact Strategy 2010-15*

The vision is defined by established & emerging priorities in terms of **engagement & equality**.

- *“BHCC Equality & Social Inclusion Policy 2012” early draft*
- *“Community Engagement Framework” 2009*

The vision complements the work of the City Engagement Partnership (SCP) and the Community Development Strategy for Brighton & Hove (emerging) and therefore ensures new discretionary grant eligibility criteria reflect **city outcomes, corporate priorities** and our **intelligent commissioning** approach.

Thus the work / activities of all grant recipients will address council’s corporate plan whilst generating data of direct relevance to our commissioners.

Similarly the criteria will help those grant recipients generate matching data to maximise any future commissioning opportunities whilst maintaining the accessibility & openness for which our grants service is acknowledged.

Eligibility Criteria & Practical Examples

Successful grant applications must contribute towards at least one of the four criteria:

(1) Strengthening Communities and Involving People

Tackling Inequality, Working to Create a Fairer City & Engaging more Groups across the City

- Pre-school / out of school activities, adventure pursuits for teenagers, health education & counselling support for young people
- Social / support groups for communities of interest or identity eg. Black & minority ethnic, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender, younger, older or disabled people etc
- Community associations, centres & 'anchors'
- Advice services & centres

(2) Improving Well-Being & Promoting Learning

Culture & Leisure Opportunities for All, Promoting Healthy Lifestyles & Supporting Vulnerable People

- Community arts projects such as audience development workshops or performances
- Sports clubs, activity / recreational initiatives or social groups
- Local history & heritage initiatives eg photo /oral archive, community museums / libraries etc
- Not-for-profit social / creative enterprise etc
- Support for residents with physical or mental health difficulties
- Developing the skills of residents to enhance their employment prospects eg. volunteer training programmes or helping service users acquire new competencies or knowledge

(3) Reducing Crime and Improving Safety

Encouraging 'responsibility'... delivering effective & accessible early interventions... involving communities in reducing crime & antisocial behaviour

- Responsible parenting, education or crime prevention initiatives
- Provision of diversionary activities for those at risk of offending
- Tackling domestic violence / substance misuse
- Child protection awareness, supporting victims of crime etc

(4) Enhancing the Environment

Creating a more Sustainable City, Living within Environmental Limits & Promoting Sustainable Transport

- Improving the built or natural environment
- Recycling / re-use projects, green fuel / affordable transport initiatives
- Conservation, tree planting & seed banks, community gardens
- Raising awareness about local and healthy food
- Not-for-profit social / environmental enterprise etc

**Process for Decision Making:
Three Year Strategic & Annual Grants**

“OSC 27 November 2009 specifically commended the rigour of process, scope of consultation and robust reporting... MAG met on 22 November 2011 and acknowledged and commended established process”

- 1) Brighton & Hove City Council delivers an open and accountable grants programme.
- 2) Thus all applicants complete an associated application form documenting:
 - Governance Arrangements (not-for-profit)
 - Accounts / Finances
 - Aims & Objects
 - Organisational Capacity & Scope
 - Evidence of Need
 - Proposed Outcome Measures
 - Commitment to Equality & Inclusion
- 3) The application form provides information & guidance on the vision for grants & associated eligibility criteria (please see Appendix 1). This means all applicants must ensure they demonstrate how their service / activities are of value to councillors, commissioners & local people by addressing identified city outcomes & corporate priorities.
- 4) On receipt, all applications are subject to an initial technical appraisal by the Communities & Equality Team. This ensures only eligible organisations progress to a full appraisal.
- 5) The Team then consults with specialist officers across delivery & commissioning units to ensure the proposals complement service objectives.
- 6) A final Narrative Report is then written describing the applicant organisation, its work & making a recommendation around grant. The report also provides an opportunity to outline any specific conditions attached to the recommendation.
- 7) The report is considered on behalf of Cabinet by the Lead Member for Communities, Equality & Public Protection alongside the council's Commissioner: Communities & Equality. In addition all recommendations for grant over £3,000 are provided to the cross-party Members Advisory Group (MAG) for comment.

nb. Quarterly meetings for MAG are proposed for 2012-13 to assist in this regard & agreed recommendations for allocation of Three Year Strategic Grant 2013-16 will also be subject to full Cabinet reporting

8) Upon decision the report & its recommendation / rationale is shared with the associated applicant accompanied by standard conditions of funding.

9) Once both standard & any specific conditions (including a commitment to evaluate use of grant by end of financial year) are met payment is authorised by the Grants Officer / Commissioner and released.

10) A quarterly All Councillor Report is circulated documenting all grant allocations made for that period. Simultaneously the council's website is updated for colleagues & external partners.

11) Grants vary from a few hundred pounds up to £100,000. It is therefore appropriate that the application, appraisal & subsequent evaluation reporting requirements are commensurate to the size of grant and scope of recipient.

12) There is one Outline Bid deadline every three years for Three Year Strategic Grant applicants. Those applicants prioritised through the above process are invited to submit a substantially more detailed Full Bid application. Others are offered an alternative support package including consideration for Annual Grant and wider fundraising support.

nb. Full Bid applications will again be subject to the above process for decision making

13) There are four quarterly deadlines for Annual Grant applicants and those unsuccessful, but eligible for future consideration, supported in submitting a revised bid later in that financial year.

Brighton & Hove City Council: Three Year Strategic Grants 2010-13

Organisation Name	Awarded pa 2010-13
Adventure Unlimited	£10,000
Age Concern	£30,000
Albion in the Community	£15,000
Allsorts Youth Project	£22,000
Basement	£12,000
BHT Legal Services	£70,000
Bike For Life	£10,000
Black & Minority Ethnic Community Partnership	£8,000
Black and Minority Ethnic Young People's Project	£15,000
Brighton & Hove Inclusion Project	£5,000
Brighton Peace & Environment Centre	£5,000
Brunswick Older People's Project (Impact)	£8,000
Business Community Partnership	£15,000
Carers' Centre for Brighton & Hove	£11,000
Carousel	£32,000
CEDP Chinese Centre	£5,000
Cinecity	£10,000
Citizens Advice Bureau	£100,000
Community and Voluntary Sector Forum	£27,000
Cornerstone Community Centre	£10,000
Credit Union (East Sussex)	£10,000
Early Childhood Project	£8,000
Extratime	£10,000
Fabrica	£20,000
Fareshare (City Gate Community Projects)	£12,000
Federation of Disabled People	£20,000
Festival Fringe	£10,000
First Base Day Centre (BHT)	£20,000
Food Matters Partnership Ltd	£6,000
Fun in Action for Children	£10,000
Hangleton & Knoll Project	£5,000
Jewish Community Foundation	£3,000
Komedia Productions Ltd	£10,000
LGBT Switchboard	£28,000
Lighthouse Arts and Training Ltd	£5,000
Mediation Service	£5,000
Mind	£15,000
Money Advice and Community Support	£10,000
Mosaic Black & Mixed Parentage Family Group	£27,000
Moulsecomb Neighbourhood Trust	£11,000
Neighbourhood Care Scheme (Impetus)	£25,000
Oasis	£20,000
Off The Fence Trust	£10,000
Poets Corner Community Society	£5,000
QueenSpark Books	£5,000
R.I.S.E	£95,000
Resource Centre (BHSWET)	£90,000
Same Sky	£35,000
Somerset Day Centre	£5,000
South East Dance	£15,000
Speak Out	£10,000
Spectrum	£12,000
St Luke's Advice Service	£8,000
Stopover (Impact)	£12,000
Survivors' Network	£20,000
Sussex Interpreting Services	£8,000
Tarnerland Children and Young People's Project	£10,000
The Deans Youth Project (formerly Woodingdean Youth	£20,000
Threshold (BHT)	£20,000
Trust for Developing Communities	£10,000
Unemployed Centre Families Project	£43,000
Volunteer Centre (Impetus)	£23,000
Whitehawk Inn	£7,000
Women's Centre	£10,000
Working Together Project	£16,000
Young People's Centre (Impact)	£19,000
Youth Advice Centre (Hove YMCA)	£15,000
Youth and Sport Project (Hove YMCA)	£11,000

Awarded pa 2010-13	£1,244,000
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Brighton & Hove City Council Discretionary Annual Grants Programme 2010-11 Grants to Smaller Organisations		
Organisation	Project	Award
50+ Tai Chi Group	Running Costs & Outings	1500
Amigos Pre-School	Capacity Building & Admin	3000
Aqua Seniors	Older People's Swimming Club	2500
Artifish	Fishy Tales event	1000
B&H Arts Council	Quarterly Newsletter	1000
B&H Filipino Community	Running Costs & Events	2000
Brighton and Hove Black History	Running costs	5000
Brighton Festival Youth Choir	Development Programme	2500
Brighton Live CIC	Music Festival & Seminars	750
Brighton Male Voice Choir	Premises Hire	1000
Brighton Ourstory	LGBT Archive Running Costs	3500
Brighton, Hove District Schools Rugby Assoc	Administration & Running Costs	350
Christian Arabic Club	Running Costs & Social Events	3000
Clickers Community Photography Club	Start Up Costs & Kit	1000
Coldean Residents Association	Community Notice Boards	1100
Community Support Drop In	Running Costs	1500
Craggers	Running costs & equipment	2000
Forward Facing CIC	Make Up' Therapy Programme	3000
Gay Elderly Men's Society (G.E.M.S.)	Running costs and activity	3000
Grey Matters Productions CIC	Older Peoples' Radio / Media	500
Hangleton and Knoll Multi-Cultural	Running costs	3000
Hangleton Community Association	Community Centre Running Costs	4000
Hollingdean Yoga Group	Running costs	1000
Kalinka	Russian Speaking Community Events	2000
Knoll Advice Centre	Running Costs	600
Knoll Community Association	Running Costs for Centre	5000
Livestock	Women's Creative Arts	3000
Lunch Positive	Running costs	4890
Mad Hatters	Social Events Programme	2500
Manor Road Gym Sports Club	Running Costs & Publicity	3000
MDF The Bipolar Organisation	Running Costs	1000
Mediterranean Resource Network	Running Costs	1500
Moulsecomb Bangladeshi Women's Group	Running costs & equipment	500
New Horizons	Older people's club: running costs,	1000
North Laine Community Association	Community newsletter and area	2000
Preschool Learning Alliance	Running costs & development	2500
Sierra Leone Brighton Association	Running costs and independence	3000
Silver Sounds	Purchase of banner & costumes	970
South Hawk Tenants & Residents Association	"Plot 10" Community Allotment	1500
Sudanese Arabic Speaking Elderly Association	Running Costs & Outings	3000
Sudanese Women and Children Group	Running costs	3000
The Circus Project	Rigging & Safety Kit	2500
The GOAL Group	Substance Misuse Support Programme	1600
The Justin Campaign	Tackling homophobia in football	2600
The Kimbap Club	Multicultural Play & Education	1000
The Men's Network	Running Costs	1000
The Space	Creative networking events	2000
Third Eye Arts & Media	Art Workshops	1000
Whitehawk Women & Girls FC	Running Costs & New Kit	1000
Awarded rounds 1, 2, 3 & 4		£100,860

**Brighton & Hove City Council Discretionary Annual Grants Programme 2010-11
Arts Partnership Awards**

Organisation	Leverage	Award
Actors of Dionysus	Arts Council England (ACE)	1500
Bandbazi	Arts Council England (ACE)	1000
Brighton Carnival Association CIC	Arts Council England (ACE)	2000
Brighton Early Music Festival	Esmee Fairbairn	2500
Brighton Photo Biennial	Arts Council England (ACE)	4000
Carousel	Australian A.N.D.	3000
Disability Arts Online	Arts Council England (ACE)	2000
Dream Think Speak	Arts Council England (ACE)	7000
Farnham Maltings Ltd	Arts Council England (ACE)	8000
Movement 12	Arts Council England (ACE)	2000
New Music Brighton	PRS Foundation	300
Nightingale Theatre Ltd	Arts Council England (ACE)	5000
Permanent Productions CIC	Swedish Embassy	500
Ragroof Theatre	Arts Council England (ACE)	4000
Soundwaves Festival	Arts Council England (ACE)	3000
Still Point Theatre	Arts Council England (ACE)	1000
Unemployed Centre Families Project	Gannet Foundation	400
Awarded rounds 1, 2, 3 & 4		£47,200

**Brighton & Hove Discretionary Grants Programme 2010-11
Community Festival Grants**

N = Neighbourhood Based
Col = Community of Interest

Code	Festival	Locality	Award
N	Action for Bevendean Community	Summer Fun Day 2010	900
N	All Different All Equal	Turner World Festival	1000
Col	B&H Federation of Disabled People	International Day Disabled People	1500
N	Bristol Estate Community Association	Neighbourhood Festival	750
N	Brunswick Community Festival Group	Neighbourhood Celebration	1500
Col	CEDP Chinese Centre	Chinese New Year	1500
N	Clifton Montpelier Powis Community Alliance	Neighbourhood Celebration	1500
N	Coldean Community Festival	Neighbourhood Celebration	810
N	Friends of St Ann's Well Gardens	Spring Festival	1500
N	Hangleton & Knoll Community Festival	Neighbourhood Celebration	1500
Col	Iranian Community Centre	Nooroz Cultural Festival	1500
N	Round Hill Society	10th Anniversary Street Party	1500
N	The Easthill Park Group	Picnic and Play in the Park	1500
N	West Saltdean Local Action Team	Saltdean Youth Festival	1480
Awarded rounds 1, 2, 3 & 4			£18,440

**Brighton & Hove City Council Discretionary Annual Grants Programme 2010-11
Environmental Sustainability Grants**

Organisation	Project	Award
African French Speakers Community	Environmental Conference	935
B&H Food Partnership	"Harvest": B&H Get Growing	2500
B&H Organic Gardening Group	Allotment Maintenance Costs	750
Brighton & Hove 10:10 CIC	Events & Engagement Programme	5000
Bristol Community Allotment Group	Community gardening equipment	1500
Brunswick and Regency Neighbourhood	Brunswick & Adelaide in Bloom	2000
Friends of Bevendean Down	Running Costs & Tools	1000
Friends of Waterhall	Conservation Programme	600
Gladrags Community Costume Trust	Project Manager Salary Costs	2490
Hangleton Community Association	Community Garden Project	2500
Hanover Action for Sustainable Living	Community Horticulture Project	500
Low Carbon Trust	Earthship & Eco Open Houses	2500
Magpie Environmental Trust	"Learning Allotment" Project	2500
Moulsecoomb Forest Garden & Wildlife Project	Woodland Fair Open Day	1280
New Roots	Purchase of new tools & plants	650
Rottingdean in Bloom	Running costs	1000
Triangle Community Group	Maintenance of Street Planters	1500
Awarded rounds 1, 2, 3 & 4		£29,205

**Brighton & Hove City Council Discretionary Annual Grants Programme 2010-11
Building Inclusive Organisations Grants**

Organisation	Project	Award
Brighton & Hove Speak Out	"Whats to Do" disability empowerment	2500
Brighton Women's Centre	Women's Services Strategic Network	5000
International Day: Women's Centre	Celebratory Event Programme	3000
Preschool Learning Alliance	Organisational Development	2500
Trust for Developing Communities	Equalities Engagement Programme	3000
Vertigirls	Climbing Club Kit & Costs	1500
Awarded rounds 1, 2, 3 & 4		£17,500

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Organisation	Project	Award
Annual transfer to CYPT Charitable Trusts	School outings low-income families	4000
Brighton Bulldog Taekwondo	Martial Arts Running Costs	750
Brighton District Scout Council	Citywide Merger Costs	2000
Circle of Experienced Elders	Social Events & Outings	750
Falmer Falcons FC - under 11's	Purchase of Playing Kit	500
Friends of St Andrews Church	Purchase of Piano	1000
Friends of the Pepperpot	Profile Raising Event	500
Gay Elderly Men's Society	AIDS Memorial Concert	1500
Golden Oldies	Exercise Class	1000
Hove Park Colts FC	Coach Training	500
Jubilee Court Tennant Association	Social Events & Outings	500
Kensington Place Residents Association	Summer Street Party	500
Kinescope New Europe Art Collective	BME Creative Workshops	500
Martlet Court Club	Garden furniture for courtyard	500
Mixed Blessings Theatre Group	Performance Programme	500
South Portslade Community Group	Running Costs	300
Stanmer Preservation Society	Purchase of Equipment	500
The Friendly Outing Club	Older People's Event Programme	900
The Orchards Social Club	Christmas Party & Social Events	1000
The Young Hanoverians	Hanover Poetry Festival	500
Three Cornered Copse	Arboreal Commemoration	900
Warleigh Residents Association	Summer Street Party	500
Woodcraft Folk - Beacon Elphins	Weekend activity trip	200
Awarded rounds 1, 2, 3 & 4		£19,800

**Brighton & Hove City Council Discretionary Grants Programme 2010-11
Pride Grants 2010**

Organisation	Activity Detail	Award
B&H Bus Company Pride Group	Float on Parade	300
The Carers' Centre: Brighton & Hove	Information Stall on Park	300
Mind in Brighton & Hove - Mindout	Access Bus on Parade & Park	450
Allsorts Youth Project	Young People's Safe Space	425
Rainbow Chorus	Float on Parade	300
B&H LGBT Switchboard	Float on Parade	300
Brighton Women's Centre	Women's Performance Tent	3000
Cheek2Cheek Ballroom & Latin Dance Club	Dance Tableau on Parade	300
Brighton Gay Men's Chorus	Float on Parade / Stall on Park	300
Federation of Disabled People	Access Tent on Park	1000
Brighton Theatre Group	Float on Parade	300
Lunch Positive	Parade & Community Café	300
Calabash	BME Performance Tent on Park	2400
Awarded 2010		£9,675

**Brighton & Hove City Council Discretionary Annual Grants Programme 2011-12
Grants to Smaller Organisations**

Organisation	Project	Award
Acorn Woodchip Woodcraft Folk	Young People's Activities	300
Aqua Seniors	Older People's Swimming	2500
B & H Association of Gambian Citizens	Project Launch & Events	2000
Belltree Music Therapy Centre CIC	Fundraising Salary Costs	1000
Brighton & Hove Arts Council	"Arts Diary" & Publicity Costs	1000
Brighton & Hove Black History	Running Costs	3800
Brighton & Hove Chinese Society	Tai Chi Project plus publicity	3000
Brighton & Hove Filipino Community	Running Costs & Events	3000
Brighton City Table Tennis Club	Coaching & Mentoring Programme	1000
British Christian Orthodox Association	Language Classes & Activities	3000
Christian Arabic Club	Running Costs inc Summer Camp	3000
Community Support Drop In	Running Costs	1000
Gay Elderly Men's Society	Running Costs & Activities	5000
Grey Matters	Running Costs - Community Radio	500
Hangleton Fun for Families	Family Outings Programme Costs	3000
Iranian Community Centre	Running Costs, Events & Outings	1500
Jasmine Club	Older Women's Activities	3000
Kaleidoscope	Disabled Children's Activities	2000
Kalinka Russian Centre	Running Costs	2510
Kidzone	Children's Art Programme	1000
Knoll Advice Centre	Running Costs	600
Knoll Community Association	Community Centre Running Costs	5000
Lunch Positive	HIV/AIDS Support Group Costs	2723
Mad Hatters	Older People's Activities	1900
MDF: 'The Bi Polar Organisation B&H'	Running Costs	1000
Mediterranean Resources Network	Running Costs & Events	3000
Mini Chef in Kitchen	Community Kitchen Start Up	2000
Oromo Community in Brighton & Hove	Support & Events Programme	3000
Radio Reverb	Running Costs & LGBT Project	3000
Reflexions Academy	Winterguard Dance	500
Sierra Leone Brighton Association	Projects & Events Programme	3000
Sudanese Coptic Association	Running Costs	3000
Sudanese Women & Children Group	Social Support & Education	3000
Sussex Symphony Orchestra	Performance Programme	3000
Synergy Creative Community	Mental Health Support Project	2000
TAG The Art Group	Arts for Disabled People	1000
TS Valiant NTC	Running Costs	1000
Viva Art Ltd	Young People's Art & Healthy Eating	1000
Total awarded at October 2011		£82,833

**Brighton & Hove City Council Discretionary Annual Grants Programme 2011-12
Arts Partnership Awards**

Organisation	Leverage	Award
Bandbazi	Arts Council England (ACE)	2000
Boca2mouth	Arts Council England (ACE)	500
Brighton Early Music Festival	Arts Council England (ACE)	2500
Brighton Photo Fringe	Arts Council England (ACE)	4000
Collected Works	Arts Council England (ACE)	2800
Home Live Arts Ltd	Arts Council England (ACE)	2000
Hydrocracker Theatre Company	Arts Council England (ACE)	2500
Nightingale Theatre Ltd	Arts Council England (ACE)	4000
Open Music	Arts Council England (ACE)	1300
Permanent Projects CIC	Arts Council England (ACE)	4000
Phoenix Brighton Ltd	Arts Council England (ACE)	2500
Ragroof Theatre Company	Arts Council England (ACE)	5000
The Future is Unwritten Ltd	Arts Council England (ACE)	2500
Videoclub	Arts Council England (ACE)	1000
Total awarded at October 2011		£36,600

**Brighton & Hove Discretionary Grants Programme 2011-12
Community Festival Grants**

N = Neighbourhood Based
Col = Community of Interest

Code	Festival	Locality	Award
N	All Different All Equal	Turner World Festival	1000
N	Bates Estate Residents Association	Family Fun Day	500
Col	Brighton Malayalee Association	'Onam' Cultural Festival	1250
N	Brunswick Community Festival Group	Neighbourhood Celebration	1500
N	Clifton Montpelier Powis Community Alliance	Neighbourhood Festival	1000
N	Easthill Park Group	Picnic & Play in the Park	1100
N	Friends of St Annes Well Gardens	Celebration of Spring	1000
N	Friends of William Clarke Park	"Patchfest" 2011	1200
N	Hangleton & Knoll Community Festival	Neighbourhood Celebration	1500
N	Hanover Day Association	Hanover Day Event	1500
N	Hollingbury Park Avenue Street Party	Neighbourhood Celebration	1500
N	Kemptown Carnival Association	Neighbourhood Festival	1500
N	North Laine Community Association	Summer Fete	500
N	Old Boat Corner Community Association	Summer Open Day	440
N	Portslade Community Forum	Portslade "Marafun" Day	1000
N	Rottingdean TBP Association	"Smugglers Night" Event	1500
N	Round Hill Society	Neighbourhood Celebration	1000
Col	Sussex Day Limmud	Jewish Community Celebration	1000
Col	West Saltdean Local Action Team	Saltdean Youth Festival	1456
Total awarded at October 2011			£21,446

**Brighton & Hove City Council Discretionary Annual Grants Programme 2011-12
Environmental Sustainability Grants**

Organisation	Project	Award
B & H Fair Trade Steering Group	Publicity, Promotion & Website	2428
Bevendean Community Garden	Horticulture & Healthy Eating	2500
Brighton Scything	Set Up Costs inc Equipment	1000
Friends of Queens Park	Publicity & Park Conservation	1729
Friends of Saunders Park	Spring Gardening Festival	1000
Friends of Sheepcote Valley	Volunteer Training Programme	250
Hanover Action for Sustainable Living	Running Costs & Publicity	1390
Keep the Ridge Green	Educational Signage & Publicity	2500
Low Carbon Trust	"Eco Open Houses" project	5000
Moulsecoomb Forest Garden Wildlife Project	"Friday Cookery Group" project	2500
New Roots	Garden Group Costs	600
St Nicholas Church & Green Spaces Assoc	Publicity & Facility Audit	1000
The Green Centre CIC	Running Costs inc premises hire	2500
Total awarded at October 2011		£24,397

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Organisation	Project	Award
50+ Tai Chi Group	Tutor Salary & Premises Hire	500
Bevendean Bulletin Newsletter Group	Laptop & Running Costs	750
Brighton & Hove Community Radio	Accessibility Software & Kit	900
Friends of Preston Park	Banner, publicity & PA hire	950
Friends of the Level	Publicity & Volunteer Programme	1000
Golden Oldies	Older People's Exercise Programme	1000
Jubilee Court Residents Association	Social Events Programme	500
New Music Brighton	Performance Programme	1000
Orchards Social Group	Older People's Events Programme	500
People Who Share Ltd	Crowdshare Event	500
Plot 22	"Pick & Cook" Workshops	1000
Radio Free Brighton	Running Costs	1000
Rottingdean in Bloom	Running Costs & Materials	1000
St George's Hall Management Committee	Royal Wedding Celebration	500
St Kenya Residents Association	Royal Wedding Celebration	350
Tarner Yoga Group	Running Costs	900
Three Trees	Royal Wedding Celebration	500
Woodcraft Folk: Galleon Elfin	Premises Hire	250
Woodcraft Folk: Malangu Venturers	Premises Hire	250
Woodcraft Folk: Seagull Elfin	Premises Hire	250
Woodcraft Folk: Sunrise Pioneers	Premises Hire	250
Total Awarded at October 2011		£13,850

Pride Summer Day Grants 2011

Organisation	Activity Detail	Award
Brighton Lesbian & Gay Sports Society	Walking Tableau / Stall on Park	459
Cheek 2 Cheek	Ballroom & Latin Dance Float on	500
B&H Bus Company Pride Group	Float on Parade	420
The Carers' Centre Brighton & Hove	Information Stall on Park	370
Allsorts Youth Project	Walking Tableau on Parade	375
Zhoosh LGBTQ Community Network	Volunteer Development	500
B&H Federation of Disabled People	Access Tent on Park	1000
Cidade Brillhante Ltd (Brighton School of	Dance Tableau on Parade	350
Brighton Gay Men's Chorus	Float on Parade	500
Total awarded 2011		£4,474

Overview and Scrutiny Commission Draft Work Plan 2011 - 2012

Issue	Overview & Scrutiny Activity	Outcome & Monitoring/Dates
1 November 2011		
City Plan – Consultation on Policy Options (Employment)	As requested by OSC	Comments to refer to the Executive
Annual Complaints Report	As requested by OSC	Further information requested
Final LAA report	Scrutiny performance monitoring	Request for additional information on performance reporting
Dual Diagnosis Update	Monitoring outcomes of scrutiny reviews	Further update requested
Update from Chair of CTEOSC	Coordination of Scrutiny function	Noted
13 December 2011		
Strategic 3-year Grants	Outline of objectives, process	
Intelligent Commissioning	Progress update	
Update from Chair of CYPOSC		

31 January 2012	
Scrutiny of Budget Proposals	
People Strategy	Progress report for scrutiny comment
City Performance Plan and Organisational Health Report	
Monitoring scrutiny outcomes Climate Change Adaptation;	
Monitoring scrutiny outcomes; Staff Disabilities	
Update from Chair of HOSC	
27 March 2012	
Community Engagement Framework monitoring	
ICT Strategy	
Council's Property Portfolio	

Potential Items to be added to OSC Work Plan

Budget Scrutiny Panel Update
Invitation to Local Strategic Partnership Chair
Statement of Community Involvement following rfs consultation re planning
Monitoring the Staff Disability Scrutiny review
Housing & Council Tax Benefit Changes

