

ITEM 13

GRANT AID COMMITTEE

15 JUNE 1999

OFFICER'S NOTE

In response to Councillor Irene Henderson's Member's Item the following comments are made:

- (a) The Chair decided, in common with Grant Aid applications across the Council, to determine applications using delegated powers as there were no applications from new organisations. This was the only business to be transacted and, accordingly the agreement of the majority of the Sub-Committee to cancel the meeting was sought and duly given. No decisions were called in.
- (b) A list of the grants awarded to the Sub-Committee's organisations are appended. Satisfactory monitoring reports were completed for all organisations and all applications were scrutinised by relevant officers. The decisions made were consistent with previous years although inflation was awarded to four year plan groups immediately. No demographic growth was awarded but the structure of payments was adjusted to allow organisations to invest some of their grant at an earlier stage of the financial year. The effect of these decisions was to leave £7,200 as a contingency for the coming year, subject to the Policy and Resources Committee's decision.
- (c) The Head of Legal Services advises that the Strategic Director has delegated authority to exercise all the powers of the Community Learning Committee and, therefore, its Sub-Committee. These powers do not need to be exercised in accordance with agreed policy. Any delegation to a Strategic Director can be exercised on their behalf by any officer authorised on their behalf, orally or in writing. It should be noted that, subsequently, the calling-in procedures have been reviewed to ensure they are accessible, and can be called-in, by the general public.