

18. WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL VOLUNTARY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT FUND 2012-13

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Area Services seeking approval for final proposals on the use of the 2012-13 West Lothian Voluntary Sector Development Fund.

The report advised that West Lothian Council created a Voluntary Sector Development Fund (VSDF) with a value of £100,000 in the 2011-12 financial year and had made similar provision in the budget for 2012-13.

It was proposed that the 2012-13 VSDF be used to support third sector organisations to improve their capacity and ability to design, deliver and develop preventative spend interventions. Given that delivery of core services played a part in preventative spend interventions, applications that enhanced core services and led to additional outcomes and impacts would be given consideration.

The report went on to provide details on the process for applications, the timetable and criteria which was detailed in appendix 3 to the report.

In conclusion the report proposed that the 2012-13 VSDF be used to support organisations to develop preventative spend initiatives targeted on the most disadvantaged communities and that the funding be allocated by a similar process to 2011-12, with the clarification that the final decision on funding would be made by the Council Executive. Appendix 2 to the report provided a list of the most disadvantaged data zones.

The report recommended that the council Executive approve the final proposals.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.