

Community Impact Assessment Form

Name of Strategy/Policy:	Consider options inrelation to the allocation of Grants to Outside Bodies	
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1. Impact Assessment – Policy and Target Outcomes

To agree the allocation of grant funding 2011-2012 Quarter 1 at the same level.

To make recommendations for how the process can be changed including recommending an alignment of the grants with the new structure of the LSP, consolidating all third sector grants, and developing robust and transparent criteria for allocating grants based on need which may lead to an increase in total grant allocation..

A further community impact assessment will be required when the new procedure and criteria is being developed.

b) Is the policy or decision under review (please tick)

New/proposed

Modified/adapted

Existing

c) Main or intended groups identified as beneficiaries, targets or users of (or affected in any other way) this strategy, policy, project, procedure or decision?

Main beneficiaries:

Community Groups
Communities

d) Please detail below specific equality groups who will be the main beneficiaries, targets and users of this strategy, policy, project, procedure or decision, or who will be affected in any other way.

Key equality groups as main beneficiaries or affected in any other way (where appropriate):

Financially Excluded People
Children 0-5years

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Women and Families where Domestic Violence is prevalent
Victims of Abuse

- e) To assist with the assessment you may need to consider collecting the following information, before completing the table in Section 2:

Consultation has taken place with all those who have received grants this year on an individual basis.

Financial Data

Monitoring data

Employee feedback

Best practice in other public and private organisations

Existing arrangements within the authority

- f) Is further consultation, data collection or research still required?

Yes

No

(If yes then complete Action Plan)

Key Actions (note responsible officer)

Further consultation is needed to determine statutory responsibilities concerning some functions.

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2. Impact – Evidence

Using the table below please tick whether you have evidence that the policy/strategy/decision has a negative, positive or neutral impact **from an equalities perspective** on any of the equality groups listed below. **Throughout this document please also give consideration to the wider community cohesion impacts within and between the groups identified.**

		Positive Impact – (It could benefit)	Negative Impact – (It could disadvantage)	Reason	Neutral Impact (Neither)
Gender	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Positive: STAR Unit will receive funding in quarter 1 and will be able to apply for funding under the new criteria	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Men	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Race (Ethnicity or Nationality)	Asian or Asian British people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Black or black British people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Chinese or other ethnic people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Irish people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	White people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Chinese people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other minority communities not listed above (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Disability	Physical/learning/mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rossendale Valley Mencap will be able to apply for funding after quarter 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexuality	Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gender Identity	Transgender people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Age	Older people (60+)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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		Positive Impact – (It could benefit)	Negative Impact – (It could disadvantage)	Reason	Neutral Impact (Neither)
	Younger people (17-25), and children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Positive: Bacup Family Centre will receive funding in quarter 1.</p> <p>Negative: A number of other groups offering activities for young people will not receive funding, but will be able to apply for funding when the new criteria has been developed</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Belief	Faith groups *	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Groups (e.g. carers, rurally isolated, gypsies & roma travellers, people on low incomes)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Positive: Financial Excluded people will be supported in quarter 1 through the Credit Union and CAB	<input type="checkbox"/>

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3. Impact – Nature/Type

- a) Could you further improve the strategy, project, policy, procedure or decision's positive or neutral impact? If "Yes", this should be detailed in the Action Plan.

YES NO

b)

Key Actions:

1. Ensuring account is taken of feedback obtained from those organisations which currently benefit from grant funding
2. Ensuring that the process is transparent and prima facie fair
3. Identifying those organisations who deliver statutory functions on behalf of the council and ensuring they are taken account of either by this strategy or elsewhere
4. Ensuring that the process is aligned to the rossendale forum structure and has regard to local need.
4. Providing a support package for those organisations who currently receive grant funding who become ineligible or receive less funding, including identifying other funding options
5. Developing a communication strategy to publicise why the changes are taking place, what the changes are, and who the changes are aimed at.

4. Impact Assessment - Summary

Key Findings

Key Findings:

The proposed changes to the allocation of grants to outside bodies aim to:

- create a fairer more transparent way of allocating grants
- combine existing grants with the potential to increase a pool of funding, as well as ensure a fairer distribution of monies

With the changes there is a risk that:

- those groups who currently receive grant funding may not receive any or as much funding as currently, detrimentally affecting that organisation
- groups within the borough may not be aware of or understand the changes or why they are being made

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5. Impact Assessment – Further Action

Please give the details of the monitoring/evaluation/review process that has/will be set up to check the successful implementation of the policy, project, strategy or decision including improved outcomes/impact and identify the review date.

Evaluation/ monitoring/ review process:

The process of allocation will be developed and discussed/approved by Overview & Scrutiny and Cabinet in March 2011. The process should be reviewed in advance of the strategy being taken to O & S and Cabinet to ensure that the recommendations have been implemented.

Review Date: Feb / Mar 2011

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6. IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACTION PLAN

Please list below any recommendations for action that you plan to take as a result of this impact assessment (refer to Sections 3 & 4).

Issue	Action required	Lead officer	Timescale	Resource implications	Comments
Ensure account is taken of feedback obtained from those organisations which currently benefit from grant funding	Consulting feedback addressing issues raised	MR	By March 2011	Officer time, funding where the feedback impacts on allocation process	
Ensure that the process is transparent and prima facie fair	Utilising examples of best practice, scrutinising the allocation policy, ensuring the process appears clear from start to finish	MR	By March 2011	As above	
Identify those organisations who deliver statutory functions on behalf of the council and ensuring they are taken account of either by this strategy or	Consultation with internal staff e.g. Community Safety and legal department	MR	By March 2011	As above	

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elsewhere					
Ensure the process is aligned to the rossendale forum structure and has regard to local need.	Drafting a procedure which includes the Rossendale Forum structure and consultation with the same	MR	March 2011	Officer time	
Develop a package of support and evaluate the possible alternative options where organisations who currently receive grant funding who become ineligible or receive less funding	Development of a package of options which are able to be delivered, including advice re alternative sources of funding, and who will provide this.	MR	March 2011	Officer time	
Develop a communication strategy	Drafting a communication strategy to ensure that the reason for the changes, what the changes are, and what the impact on organisations is. Also to encourage people to apply for grants where appropriate.	MR	MR	Officer time	

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