Scoping Document

Name of Review/Project:

Funded Voluntary Organisations

Terms of reference:

Reviewing ongoing revenue funding for nine voluntary organisations currently funded from 2009 – 2012.

Please provide details of relevant Corporate Plan Themes and Priorities:

- Value for Money.
- All themes are relevant, as these organisations help us to deliver our Corporate Plan priorities/themes – Sustainable Growth and Opportunity, Lifestyle Choices and Safe and Secure.

Key Issues and Aim(s) of the Review

To ensure accountability to Council.

To ensure this is a fair and transparent system.

Why should the review take place now?

Economic climate and potential reduction in the Revenue Support Grant.

Potential outcome/s

- To inform the budget process from 2012, when revenue funding for the current 9 organisations will end.
- An annual report back from Members on these outside bodies.
- An annual report back from the 9 funded organisations on outcomes to date, given they have entered Service Level Agreements.

What will not be included:

The current funding regime for the period to 2012.

Risks:

Given the current economic climate, there is no guarantee that current funding levels can be sustained.

Members undertaking the Review (if a sub-group is to be used):

No Councillor who is either a member or is in a position of general control or management on the 9 funded organisations can take part.

Possible co-options:

Which policy committee(s) does it relate to?

- Finance and Management
- Housing and Community Services

Key stakeholders/ consultees:

The 9 voluntary organisations being funded at present:

- Shopmobility
- Rural Action Derbyshire
- Citizen's Advice Bureau
- Council for Voluntary Services
- Next Step
- Asian over 60s
- People Express
- Sharpe's
- Home Start

Potential contributors and research required:

Culture and Community Manager, Head of Leisure and Community and Community Partnership Officer to provide details.

Potential visits:

The 9 voluntary organisations being funded at present.

Are there any Budgetary Implications?

The funding for the period 2009 – 2012 cannot be considered as Service Level Agreements have previously been agreed.

Given the current economic climate, there is no guarantee that current funding levels can be sustained from 2012 onwards.

Officer support required:

Culture and Community Manager, Head of Leisure and Community and Community Partnership Officer

Period for Review:

Start date: Scoping document to be considered in June 2010

Approximate meeting dates: Presentation on October 2010

Proposed completion date: Autumn 2011

Report date(s) to committees: To be confirmed.

Publicity (e.g. of recommendations)

Date Scoping Document Completed: 30th June 2010.