

To: City Executive Board

Date: 9th. October 2013

Report of: The Scrutiny Committee

Title of Report: Grants Programme Commissioning Review

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To report the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee on the Grants Programme Commissioning Review.

Key decision: Yes

Scrutiny Lead Member: Councillor Mills

Executive Lead Member: Councillor Curran

Policy Framework:

Recommendation(s): For the City Executive Board to say if it agrees or disagrees with the following recommendation.

Recommendation

That a member of the Scrutiny Committee has a seat on the Welfare Reform Members Panel. This would be Councillor Coulter until May 2014.

Introduction

1. The Scrutiny Committee considered the proposals for the re-commissioning of grants. They were supported in their debate by Councillor Curran, Julia Thompson, Helen Bishop and Ian Brook. The Committee would like to thank them for their time and advice.

Conclusions and Recommendation

2. The Committee was supportive of proposals to use the coming year to consider with the Voluntary Sector how best to commission services that matched our shared ambitions and requirements. The Committee considered the most effective way to be in touch and take a view on

the progress of this and it was proposed to the Board Member present that the Committee Lead Member in this area, Councillor Coulter, becomes a member of the Welfare Reform Members Panel. In turn he would report to the Committee on progress and represent their views. The Board Member agreed with this suggestion and asked that a formal request was made to the City Executive Board for confirmation.

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Comments from the Director and Board Member

3. I support this request.

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