

Suggested City Executive Board response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee on Grant Allocations to Community and Voluntary Organisations 2017/2018

Provided by the Board Member for Culture and Communities and the Board Member for Customer and Corporate Services

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Agreed?</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1. That the unallocated funding for the Advice and Money Management commissioning theme is kept under review with a view to ensuring that all available funding is allocated during the year.	Y	
2. That workshops aimed at encouraging and supporting under-represented groups to bid for small grants are offered in a wider range of locations across the city.	Y	With a specific focus on reaching regeneration areas which grants target, yes.
3. That details of the criteria used to assess applications received through the Annual Open Bidding programme are made available to applicants (e.g. on the application forms).	Y	Details are already made available. The proposal to include on application forms and perhaps give a sense of weightings, would be particularly useful. We have also committed to start providing feedback on any trends amongst the quality of applications assessed to OCVA after each grant round. This will allow attendees at workshops to benefit from focused support in any areas of potential weakness
4. That in future grant allocation reports a consistently transparent approach is taken to explaining the rationale for the levels of grants awarded through the Annual Open Bidding programme.	Y	

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