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22nd November 2013

Dear Consultee,

As part of its Statutory Equality Duties under Section 75 and Schedule 9 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, Derry City Council is carrying out an equality impact assessment on the following draft policy and would invite you to take part in our consultation process.

Derry City Council Review of Grant Aid

The following principles are suggested to underpin any future grant aid and to inform the development of grant programmes:

- Needs Based – there should be a clear rationale for any grant assistance. Ideally this will flow from a full analysis of need. While deprivation indicators are an important indicator, Council must address need across the area.
- Strategic – Grant Aid should follow Council's strategy for a programme area
- Stakeholder Involvement – those who may benefit from or be affected by any grant programme should have a mechanism for influencing Council's plans for grant
- Open and Accountable – Grant funding mechanisms should be open and accountable, i.e., the basis for making funds available and for determining how these should be spent should be transparent
- Efficient – Grants should be used in the most efficient way to achieve desired outcomes. This should also apply to administrative and grant governance mechanisms which should reflect proportionate effort relative to the scale of grant. All grant activity should be adequately monitored to ensure effective use of Council funds.
- Innovation and Managed Risk Taking – A proportion of grant assistance will focus on new activities/projects or groups and will encourage innovation within defined limits of risk. An element of seed funding for new activity should be encouraged
- Sustainability – where appropriate, groups and projects should be encouraged to consider and pursue long term sustainability. Grants might taper over time to encourage and support sustainability.

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Re: Derry City Council Grant Aid Review

In order to request further information on this policy and a copy of the Council's equality impact assessment questionnaire, please complete and return the attached reply slip.

Please note that the draft policy and consultation response questionnaire are also available on the Council's web site: www.derrycity.gov.uk and are available in other formats on request.

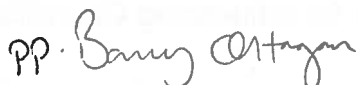
Your contribution to the consultative process is important and will be taken into consideration in finalising our policy proposals.

All comments/completed questionnaires should be forwarded to, Barry O'Hagan, Head of Culture, Leisure and Community Services, 98 Strand Road Derry~Londonderry, no later than 14th February 2014.

Alternatively, you can contact Mr Barry O'Hagan and seek a face to face meeting to relay any comments you wish to make.

Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



Stephen Gillespie
Strategic Director of Development

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Reply Slip

Please note that the Council has prepared an equality impact assessment questionnaire to help collate consultation responses. The Council is willing to accept comments in other formats such as e-mail or by telephone. We are also willing to facilitate meetings on request. The draft policy documents and questionnaires are also available in a range of formats, upon request.

Please forward a copy of the following draft policy and equality impact assessment questionnaire: (Please tick all required)

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Please indicate in which format you would like to receive the policy information:

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