

# FORWARD PLAN SELECT COMMITTEE

27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2004

## INFORMATION UPDATE

### **TRANSPORT GRANT TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

This report provides an update on the actions taken by the Department regarding the organisations that did not provide information for the Review of Social Services Transport Grant to Voluntary Organisations.

#### Background to the Review

In order to ensure that Social Services is targeting grant funding appropriately a review of all transport grants to voluntary organisation was undertaken earlier this year.

Letters were sent in April 2003 asking organisations to provide details of the transport arrangements by 30<sup>th</sup> May 2003 (see letter attached as Appendix 1). Of the 22 organisations in receipt of the grant 15 organisations provided the information requested and 7 did not. Of these 7, 2 responded but did not provide the information requested and 5 did not respond to the letter.

Information from the review was presented to the Forward Plan Select Committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2003. At the meeting members requested further details on the organisations that did respond to the Review and the actions to be taken by the Department in respect of these organisations. As a result a further request was made to these organisations and letters were sent in October asking them to provide the information needed for the review by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003. Letters were sent to the following organisations.

- Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Wembley Friendship Club
- Kilburn Salvation Army
- North Kensington Stroke Club
- Brent Association for Disabled People (BADP)
- Brondesbury and Willesden Friendship Club

#### Update

Of the 7 organisations, 5 have replied and a summary of the information provided by each is attached. These organisations will be included in the review and a report will be presented to the Executive in February regarding the future funding of all organisations receiving transport grants. Members will be asked to approve the following criteria:

- The service is provided to Brent residents

- The service user falls into one of the social care categories for which services are provided by Social Services
- The service assists the user to maximise his or her independence
- The grant is spent only for transport
- Evidence of expenditure can be produced and that this can be justified by the numbers transported

The Executive report will contain officer recommendation concerning future transport grant funding as judged against the criteria set out above.

Despite reminders for details of their transport expenditure two organisations have not provided the information requested. They are The North Kensington Stroke Club and Brent Association for Disabled People. Both these organisations have not made a claim against their grant allocation for the past 2 years and therefore for the purpose of the review we will assume they no longer require funding.

REVIEW OF TRANSPORT GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS – RESPONSES RECEIVED 31<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2003

NAME	GRANT 2002/3 (£)	CLIENT GROUP	MEMBERS	BRENT MEMBERS	ACTIVITIES	ALTERNATIVE FUNDS	COST PER PERSON PER ANNUM	EFFECT OF WITHDRAWING GRANT	TRANSPORT PROVIDED BY
<b>Brondesbury &amp; Willesden Friendship Club</b>	3000.00	Older people	13	13	Meet on Mondays 1.30 – 3.30 for social activities and provide members with afternoon tea	Don't know, but the organisation is supported by the League of Jewish Women	£230.00 per person per year	Users may have access to dial a ride, computer cars or other forms of community transport	Don't know
<b>Brent Multiple Sclerosis Society</b>	2130.00	Physical Disability	21	21	Meet once a month at have occasional outings to museums, art galleries, park etc	Don't know	£101.42	Don't known	BTS
<b>Wembley Care Society</b>	4040.00	Older People	33	33	Operates day centre which opens 2 days a week within the ground of Edinburgh House Club	Don't know	£122.42	Users may have access to other forms of transport such as dial a ride, computer cars etc.	Don't know
<b>Kilburn Salvation Army</b>	6060.00	Don't know	24	10	Luncheon clubs held each week – Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Activities include games quizzes and other social activities	Don't know but the club is also open residents Camden & Westminster who may also provide funding	£606.00	The grant is used to provide transport for Brent residents 3 out of 4 Wednesdays each month	Don't know

<b>The North Kensington Stroke Club</b>	Did not provide information for the review	
<b>Brent Association for Disabled People</b>	Did not provide information for the review.	