

Briefing notes on Issues included in the Forward Plan 2004/05

SERVICE AREA: SOCIAL SERVICES

Report ref	Report title
	Grants to Voluntary Sector Organisations for Social Care

Summary:

The report outlines the continuing development of the Social Services Department's working partnership with the voluntary sector. This is more in tune with a modern Brent and better meets the needs of our diverse community.

The department has successfully moved towards a relationship with the voluntary sector based upon partnerships and contractual arrangements and away from a relationship based upon annual grants. The report highlights the need to continue with this direction and asks for the "interim" grant funding of 6 voluntary sector organisations as follows in Table 1.

Table 1

Voluntary Organisation	Current Grant Awarded	Proposed grant to be awarded
	2004/05 £	2005/06 £
Brent Bereavement	15,055	15,356
Brent Triangle	110,364	112,571
Mission Dine	11,016	11,236
New Testament CoG	65,597	66,909
WISE	58,731	59,906
Brent Crossroads	122,400	124,848
TOTAL	383,163	390,826

It also highlights the intention to continue work with all of these organisations in order to develop longer term contractual arrangements where appropriate. It is envisaged contractual arrangements will be finalised by October 2005.

Nature of Decision to be taken/Intended Outcome

- That the Executive approve the continuation of one year grants to the voluntary groups detailed at Table 1 in paragraph in 3.14 for the year 2005/6.
- That the Executive note progress in respect of partnership working with the voluntary sector

Timescale for decision:

March 14th 2005

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