

Community Partnership Agreements

Consultation Results

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Grants: why the system needed to change...

- Cost of administering the system disproportionate to funds available for grant-giving
- Difficult to assess such a diverse range of requests e.g. Margate Flower Club v Sea Scouts v Broadstairs Folk Week v Wantsum Savers
- Annual cycle created problems for all parties
- Severe economic downturn creates new challenges
- Changing role of the third sector and its relationship with the public sector



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New and different working relationship

- Enables the Council to show its support through different ways and in a consistent manner
- Support is based on a **logical, transparent** methodology and seeks to rationalise activity across the island
- **Single point of contact** for community partners
- Aligned with Thanet Compact principles and puts the relationship on a professional footing
- Recognises the value of the third sector as an equal partner



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Proposed changes

- Events are considered separately
- Concessionary rents are phased out
- Support the third sector in a more structured way through Service Level Agreements or Community Partnership Agreements instead of cash grants
- Work directly with organisations such as CASE and TVCSF in creating the new model environment
- Improve engagement with the third sector across the Council



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The Consultation

- Consultation on the proposed Community Partnership Agreements began in September at the TVCSF and continued until the end of October.
- 19.4% of the feedback forms were returned.
- Feedback from the consultation has been used to further shape the proposed policy which will be going to Cabinet on 12th February 2009 for decision.
- If agreed, the first year will be a pilot and then the process will be reviewed.



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Summary of results

- Feedback has been positive from the organisations that have responded.
- The Council's current financial limitations have been understood by the majority.
- There were many questions regarding rental grants and match funding that have all been answered in full in the report.
- There was confusion regarding the separation of events from the grants budget.
- Clarification was needed as to what constituted an event.



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What happens next?

- If the policy is agreed at Cabinet on the 12th February, it will come into effect immediately.
- If the process is not agreed a new grants procedure will be looked into.
- Help in finding grant-giving organisations is already on the Community Portal.
- The consultation will be discussed in a breakout group today, so please feel free to ask any questions that you feel have been left unanswered within the consultation report.



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Feedback, questions and answers

Over to you...



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