

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods which outlined how grant funding had been allocated for the period 2014 to 2016 and the proposed approach for 2016 to 2016 and the proposed approach for 2016 to 2017.

Councillor Dallimore reported that the landscape for grant funding had changed owing to the financial constraints the Council was facing, noting that the City Council was still the largest grant provider in the district. She advised that a grass roots approach had been adopted, with Officers working to develop communication with partners to consider the possibility of sharing funding. She reported that the budgetary implications had been discussed at a workshop on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015 which had been well attended by voluntary and community groups; she noted that the service level agreements with advice centres would remain the same.

Councillor Dallimore expressed her disappointment at an article in the local media regarding the Members Allocation Fund, noting that a majority of the monies had already been spent.

Cabinet Members endorsed the proposals, commenting that Members were in an appropriate position to recognise groups and projects that require funding within their individual wards.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the allocation of grant funding for the period to March 2016, as set out in Appendix 1, be noted.
2. That the process and criteria for the allocation of grant funding, as outlined in appendix 2, be approved for 2016-17
3. That the grant monies are split as detailed in paragraph 3.8.
4. That the remaining ABCD (Your Gloucester) budget is carried forward to 2016-17.