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Title	MONITORING OF SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT GRANTS 2015/16 END OF YEAR UPDATE		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of the performance of voluntary sector organisations in relation to their Service Level Agreements for 2015/16

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Council has four year Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with voluntary organisations for the provision of a range of services linked to corporate objectives.
- 2.2 Specifications for 2013 - 2017 and their providers were agreed at the Executive Committee meeting on 11th December 2012.
- 2.3 Service Providers sign Service Level Agreements with Kettering Borough Council which details obligations for both parties. Kettering Borough Council have the option of deferring or reviewing all or part of payment of the agreed grant where requirements in the agreement/service specification have not been met, subject to:
- a report to the Monitoring & Audit Committee and to the Executive Committee
 - consultation with the organisation and other funders
 - the opportunity for the organisation to make a representation to the Executive Committee

3. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND GRANT FOR 2015/16

- 3.1 Where performance is not on target, Lead Officers from across the Council meet with the Service Providers to look at developing an Action Plan to address this.

4. PERFORMANCE UPDATES AND INFORMATION

- 4.1 Performance for each specification for 2015/16 is shown in **Appendix A** with some information extracted below.

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4.1 Performance for each specification for 2015/16 is shown in **Appendix A** with some information extracted below.

- Youth Works worked with 898 young people who were able to access their services
- 240 Health walks were organised and led by Groundwork
- 6,032 households were assisted with essential household items
- £80,678 of debt was paid back to Kettering Borough Council following advice work undertaken by Kettering Citizens Advice Bureau
- 61 potentially homeless households were prevented from becoming homeless either by enabling them to remain in existing homes, or by them being found alternative accommodation.

5. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

5.1 The Service Provider is required to provide detailed information on the performance of the specification against the relevant indicators. Quarterly Monitoring meetings are held between the Service Provider and the Lead Officer to allow the opportunity to not only develop a relationship with the Provider but also to look at emerging issues/priorities and manage and address any performance issues.

5.2 The Service Providers are required to undertake annual service user satisfaction surveys which are returned with the monitoring information.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 SLA funding to the voluntary sector continues to contribute towards the Council's corporate objectives.

6.2 On 12 September, the Executive Committee agreed the specifications and funding against the work streams for 2013 – 2017.

6.3 At its meeting on 12 December 2012 the Executive Committee agreed on which organisations should be awarded Service Level Agreements for the period 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2017.

6.4 The SLAs are as follows:

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Specification	Annual grant	Successful Organisations
Business Support	£30,000	University of Northampton
Debt & Money Advice	£70,000	Citizens Advice Bureau
Housing Options	£30,000	Accommodation Concern
Furniture Recycling	£20,000	KCU Ltd
Independent Living	£12,000	Vine Community Trust
	£28,000	Age UK
Community Watch	£5,000	Neighbourhood Watch
Support for victims and witnesses of crime & ASB	£8,500	Victim Support
Activities for Young People	£26,500	Youthworks CIC
Volunteering Coordination	£11,000	Groundwork Northamptonshire
Green Services	£5,000	Groundwork Northamptonshire
Community Cohesion and Equalities	£11,000	Northamptonshire Rights & Equality Council
Shopmobility	£14,000	Hearing Health & Mobility

6.6 All of the SLAs cover a four year period apart from the Independent Living specification which will run for two years, with a review being held after that time.

7. FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The service providers receive their grant payment with two thirds in April and one third in November of each financial year subject to performance.

8. FUTURE SLA ARRANGEMENTS

8.1 A member working group from the Resources and Development committee has been meeting throughout April in order to make recommendations about funding for the four year period commencing in 2017.

8.2 It is anticipated that specifications will be available during the summer to receive bids with decisions being made by the Executive Committee in November/December 2016.

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8. RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 The Committee notes the 2015/16 performance of the voluntary sector organisations in achieving the outputs in their current service specifications
- 8.2 The Committee notes the arrangements for SLA funding for 2017 – 2021.

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