

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked

I would like to establish the extent to which voluntary and community organisations are being affected by public spending cuts. I would like you to provide me with details of the areas you have cut, are going to cut and by how much. My questions fall under two sections: section 1 - the cuts that have already been confirmed; section 2 - the cuts that have not yet been finalised but are likely to be confirmed over the forthcoming weeks and months.

Section 1: Confirmed cuts - between 21 October 2010 and present date

For each area of funding (grant or contract) please provide me with the following information:

- 1. Name of funding pot**
- 2. Is it a grant or contract?**
- 3. Total amount to be cut from this funding pot**
- 4. Was an equality impact assessment conducted? Please provide evidence.**
- 5. Was the Compact considered and applied when making decisions about the cuts? Please provide evidence.**
- 6. Were the VCS (voluntary and community sector) organisations facing cuts given the opportunity to offer alternative proposals? Please provide evidence.**
- 7. Have services run by VCS organisations been reduced or closed as a result. Please provide details as to name, location and focus of each service affected.**

Response – Section 1

With regard to section 1 of your request, information is provided in the attached spreadsheet along with an equality impact assessment in the attached word document. The takes account of formal decisions taken as part of the Council's 2011/12 budget process and further decisions taken since that date.

Section 2: Unconfirmed

Please provide details of the cuts you anticipate being announced in due course:

- 1. Name of funding pot**
- 2. Is it a grant or contract?**
- 3. Total amount to be cut from this funding pot**
- 4. Will an equality impact assessment be conducted? Please provide evidence.**
- 5. Will the Compact be considered and applied when making decisions about the cuts? Please provide evidence.**
- 6. Will the VCS organisations facing cuts be given the opportunity to offer alternative proposals? Please provide evidence.**

[Response – Section 2](#)

[The council is currently considering its 2012/13 budget strategy and therefore there are no formal proposals at present. This letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with this section of the Act, this information is not held.](#)

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Yours sincerely

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