

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	7.
Date:	12 th December 2011	Status	Open
Category	Part of the Budget and Policy Framework		
Subject:	Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield Core Funding, Report on Activities During 2010/11		
Report by:	Chief Executive's and Partnership Manager		
Other Officers Involved			
Director	Chief Executive Officer		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor A.F. Tomlinson, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities

Develop vibrant town centres. Develop flourishing rural communities. Encourage inward investment and a local entrepreneurial culture to maximize sustainable employment opportunities.

SOCIAL INCLUSION – Promoting fairness, equality and lifelong learning

Promote the development of skills and learning within communities.

ENVIRONMENT – Promoting and enhancing a clean and sustainable environment

Protect, enhance and improve the natural and built environment in a sustainable way.

CUSTOMER FOCUSED SERVICES – Providing excellent customer focused services

Strengthen community consultation and involvement.

TARGETS

Contained within the Service Level Agreement, and to be illustrated as part of the presentation to Executive

VALUE FOR MONEY

The Council's core funding continues to help to lever in additional investment, across a range of regeneration activities and training programmes

THE REPORT

The Council continues to provide annual core funding to Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield and the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration sits on the Groundwork Board. A full report will be given by the Chief Executive of the Trust at Executive outlining achievements for the previous year, and proposed activity for 2011/12 and 2012/13, which will also more detail more specific outputs and outcomes.

ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The targets set for the previous years have been met. Groundwork continues to work in key areas across the full span of the Council's Regeneration strategy and add timely interventions to employment training particularly in relation to housing and environmental schemes. They are also a key partner on the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative and directly employ several staff. Finally they play a significant role in developing funding bids, working in partnership with the Council , other key agencies and sectors via Bolsover Partnership (LSP).

IMPLICATIONS

- Financial: As part of the Council's agreed Savings Strategy and the application of a 23% budget cut to all Grants to Voluntary Organisations for the 2010/11 budget core funding of £13,900 has been allocated to Groundwork . There are no additional financial implications.
- Legal: The grant is subject to Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield complying with the conditions outlined in the Council's Service Level Agreement with them.
- Human Resources: Additional benefits in terms of human resources are gained by the Council by Groundwork acting as managing hosts to several projects and in acting as a 'consultancy' that the Council can call on in developing funding bids.

RECOMMENDATION

That subject to a satisfactory report, the payment for 2011/12 totalling £13,900 is released to Groundwork Creswell Ashfield & Mansfield.

REASON FOR DECISION

To release the payment to Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield in accordance with the service level agreement.

- ATTACHMENTS: Y
FILE REFERENCE: Service Level Agreement
SOURCE DOCUMENT: Various reports and project files from Groundwork