



**Belfast City Council**

**Report to:** Development Committee.

**Subject:** Belfast City Council/Department for Social Development Advice Services Funding

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**Relevant Background Information**

Belfast City Council is a major funder of Advice & Information Services with a consortium approach to funding and advice delivery having been established in 2005/06.

The current level of BCC Advice grant for 2009/10 is £339,837.96, this is allocated to the consortiums as follows:

North Belfast	27.33%	£92,877.71
South Belfast	13.51%	£45,912.11
East Belfast	16.82%	£57,160.74
West Belfast	32.34%	£109,903.59
City Centre	10.00%	£33,983.80

In addition, for the last 4 years DSD and BCC have also provided funding to enable the consortiums to provide outreach advice services in areas of little or no provision.

The level of funding provided has been

	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/09
DSD Match	£152,725	£152,725	£309,725	£309,725
BCC Match	£0	£152,725	£152,725	£152,725
Total	£152,725	£305,450	£462,450	£462,450

This was allocated to the consortiums at the same percentages as the BCC standard grant.

Advice Services in 2008/09 therefore received £329,939.77 (BCC Standard Advice grant) plus £462,450.00 (BCC/DSD Supplementary Advice grant) giving a total of £792,387.77

### **Key Issues**

DSD have now indicated their support for Advice Services for 2009/10 will no longer be split into two funding streams, rather an amount for Advice Services will be offered to BCC with match funding from BCC being required.

The amount available from DSD for 2009/10 is £469,902.00. This will only be accessible once the Council confirms its willingness to match fund to the minimum amount of £355,729.00. This figure includes the amount already allocated to Advice Services.

### **Resource Implications**

#### Financial

The total spend on Advice Services in 2009/10 is £825,631.00 ( see Appendix 1) which is within our revenue estimates

North Belfast : 27.33%

South Belfast : 13.51%

East Belfast : 16.82%

West Belfast: 32.34%

City centre: 10.00%

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that

1. BCC accept the DSD funding offer and continue to administer the DSD grant resources for Advice Services.
2. That agreement is given to provide the required match funding contribution of £355,729.00. This is available within the revenue estimates and includes the amount allocated to the present BCC Advice grant £339,837.96

### **Decision Tracking**

Further to approval and ratification, acceptance of the DSD funding offer and continued administration of the DSD grant resources for Advice Services.

Time line: 17 July 2009

Reporting Officer: Catherine Taggart

### **Key to Abbreviations**

DSD – Department for Social Development

BCC - Belfast City Council

## APPENDIX 1

<b>Consortiums and Organisation</b>	<b>Total BCC/DSD funding 2009/10</b>
<b>North Consortium</b>	<b>£225,644.95</b>
Citizens Advice Belfast	
Lower North Belfast Com. Council	
<b>South Consortium</b>	<b>£111,542.74</b>
Ballynafeigh Com. Dev. Association	
<b>East Consortium</b>	<b>£138,871.13</b>
Citizens Advice Belfast	
East Belfast Indep. Advice Centre	
<b>West Consortium</b>	<b>£267,009.06</b>
Neighbourhood Dev. Association	
Springfield Charitable Association Ltd	
Falls Community Council	
Corpus Christi	
Greater Turf Lodge Residents Association	
Shankill CAB	
Suffolk & Andersonstown CAB	
<b>Central Consortium</b>	<b>£82,563.10</b>
Citizens Advice Belfast	
Belfast Unemployed Res. Centre	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£825,630.98</b>

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