



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Development Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	BCC/DSD Supplementary Advice Services Funding
<b>Date:</b>	June 2010
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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 which was established in 2005/06.

The 2009/10 level of BCC Advice grant for £355,729.00. Committee approved allocation arrangements for the 2010/11 allocation of £366,400.00 to the consortiums as follows:

North Belfast : 27.33%  
South Belfast : 13.51%  
East Belfast: 16.82%  
West Belfast: 32.34%  
City centre: 10.00%

BCC administer a programme for supplementary Advice funding to enable the consortiums to expand the advice services in their areas. This programme is agreed annually with DSD subject to BCC providing a level of additional match funding.

Committee have previously agreed to allocation this programme to the consortiums at the same percentages as the BCC standard grant. The 2010/11 DSD grant offer has been maintained at £469,902.00.

### Key Issues

The 2010/11 DSD grant offer of £469,902.00 is conditional on Council confirmation of a willingness to match fund to the minimum amount of £355,729.00. This amount has been included in the 2010/11 budget and has already been allocated to Advice services in line with committee approval in January 2010.

Award of grant for 2010/11 to applicants currently in receipt of advice funding will be subject to compliance with all monitoring requirements for the 2009/10 grant.

**Resource Implications****Financial**

The total spend on Advice Services in 2010/11 will be £836,302 which is within our revenue estimates and above the DSD requirement of £825,631.

**Recommendations**

The Committee is asked to note the level of DSD Advice supplementary funding for 2010/11 and the BCC conditional match funding requirement which is within agreed budget.

**Decision Tracking**

Further to agreement and ratification, organisations will be informed whether or not they have been recommended for and awarded funding by letter. Successful applicants will be required to enter into a funding agreement with Council.

Timeframe: July/August 2010

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**Key to Abbreviations**

DSD – Department for Social Development

BCC - Belfast City Council