

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT SERVICE COMMITTEE

21 May 2009

Agenda Item	
Report No	

Council Contribution to 040 Project for Older People

Report by Director of Education, Culture and Sport Service

Summary

This report recommends a way forward in delivering the Council's commitment to the older people for Older People Project.

1. Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on the 8th November 2007, the Education, Culture and Sport Committee approved support for the proposed University of the Highland & Islands project for a review of the potential to develop service for older people in their communities. The Council "in-kind" contribution was to be a day a week of the time of eight Community Learning and Development (CLD) Officers, over three years, a value of about £80,000.
- 1.2 The 040 project has succeeded in its application for European funding, having included the value of the Council's contribution in their application. This value is calculated in euros and dependant on the exchange rate at the time.
- 1.3 The 040 project is ready to draw down the Council's contribution.

2. Budget Source

- 2.1 The Council has agreed that new ways of delivering CLD adult services should be identified. This has resulted in savings of £348,000 and the deletion of 18.5 full time equivalent Community Learning and Development posts. A budget of £280,000 to has been retained for the purpose of continuing to deliver CLD adult services.
- 2.2 An element of the funding will be required in 2009/10 to pay staff whilst the Council's redeployment and redundancy process is implemented. However, there will be a balance which can be used to deliver services in the remaining part of the year.
- 2.3 It would seem appropriate that a significant review of how to improve services to older people by building the capacity of communities is supported through this funding.
- 2.4 The recommendation of this report will be to replace the offer of "in kind" support with funding split over three years, beginning in the current financial year. This is acceptable to the 040 project team. The proposed funding allocation would be:

2009-10	€36,503
2010-11	€36,502
2011-12	€36,502

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Committee is invited to agree that the “in kind” support to the value of €109,502 to the 040 project is replaced with a financial, contribution split over three financial years, beginning in 2009-10.

Signature:

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Background Papers: