

Extract of Executive Board Minutes Relevant to the Employment, Learning and Skills Policy and Performance Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2012

EXB112 VOLUNTARY SECTOR FUNDING – GRANT ALLOCATION 2012/13

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Communities, on the Voluntary Sector Grant Awards for 2012/13.

The Board was advised that voluntary sector organisations had been invited to submit applications for funding in 2012/13. Applications were assessed and recommendations agreed by a Panel consisting of the Executive Board Portfolio holder with responsibility for the Voluntary Sector and Officers from the Commissioning and Complex Care service in the Communities Directorate.

The report contained details of the recommended annual allocation for the financial year 2012/13. It was noted that the proposed budget saving of £12,000 for the year resulted in two organisations – Halton and St Helens VCA and Halton Citizens Advice Bureau –receiving a reduced allocation.

RESOLVED: That the recommended grant allocations, as detailed in the report, be approved.

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**EXB123 OFSTED 2011-12 SURVEY INSPECTION PROGRAMME:
EMPLOYABILITY - THE IMPACT OF SKILLS PROGRAMMES FOR
ADULTS ON ACHIEVING SUSTAINED EMPLOYMENT**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Children and Enterprise, on the outcomes from the recent Ofsted Survey Inspection of the Employment, Learning and Skills Division.

The last full Ofsted inspection in June 2009 awarded the service a Grade 2 – Good. The current inspection took place over three days between November 2011 and January 2012, with evidence collated in a number of ways, including staff and participant interviews, scrutiny of relevant documents and observation of four learning sessions.

The Board noted the key findings and areas for improvement from the

Survey Inspection, as detailed in the report.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the successful Ofsted Inspection of the Employment, Learning and Skills service be noted; and
- 2) the actions arising from Inspector be endorsed.