

APPENDIX C

**ASSESSMENT  
OF GRANT  
APPLICATIONS 2011-12**

HEALTH SOCIAL CARE GRANT APPLICATION 2011-12

Organisation	Description/Client Group	Bid 11-12	LBH Grant 10-11	Total Income 09-10	LBH grant as % total income 09-10	Total unrestricted funds Mar 10	Client Nos	No. of Volunteer	Recommendation
AGE UK	Full range of services for older people with moderate to low needs. These include Information drop in, welfare benefits and debt advice, brokerage service, minority ethnic projects, clubs, befriending, shopping service, nail clipping, gardening etc. Leaders Initiative funding for independent living support.	£129,460 plus £100,000 Leaders Initiative	£129,459 plus £100,000 Leaders Initiative	£1,382,120	9%	£636,322	12,512	256	£220,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> A leading service in the borough with strong links to the Council providing representation and delivery of services for older people. Age UK is preparing to meet any statutory reductions in services for those with moderate needs. Scores highly on the partnerships and efficiency agenda with more plans to deliver services collaboratively with other key organisations. Also scores well on VFM with volunteers who gave 17,244 hours saving the organisation at least £172,000 and preventing individuals needs escalating so they require statutory intervention. A small reduction is recommended.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The grant in 10-11 and 11-12 includes Leader's Initiative which is £100,000. The surplus in 08-09 was £384,117 whereas in 09-10, the charity had a deficit of £17K. This is mainly because they had £350K more in legacies in 08-09. The organisation has large sums of reserves that could be used to fund their activities. However, we feel that the organisation will need a grant allocation this year.</p>									
Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme	Provides respite breaks for carers. Qualified carers provide regular respite which is charged for where appropriate.	£146,598	£146,597	£476,980	31%	£208,267	190 carers + 185 cared for	Board of Trustees	£135,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> This organisation has survived a difficult year with the sudden departure of the CEO and loss of a major tender from ASCHH. It has responded well and is delivering 1600 respite hours per month to Hillingdon residents. There are plans to expand the service as well as explore the long term future, sustainability and direction of the organisation. Respite charging which was brought in two years ago has been a success. However, it could be argued that the grant is now disproportionate to the size of the organisation and a reduction could be considered.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The organisation suffered a drop in income last year and this year from the PCT and loss of a large part of ASCHH carers grant. However, charging income from respite work has increased. Overall the group experienced a £7K deficit this year and a £70K surplus the year previous. It currently has high unrestricted reserves and could therefore manage a reduction in grant this year.</p>									

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<b>Crown Centre for the Deaf</b>	Manages a centre that supports groups and individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. These include deaf groups focused on sporting and social activities, British Sign Language courses (BSL), interpretation services, advocacy and support.	£10,000	£10,000	£37,055	27%	£23,000	280	12 deaf who run various groups	£10,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> The Centre is being supported by DASH who is acting as an umbrella disability organisation and supervising the centre co-ordinator. It is taking a business approach to running the Centre, gaining income for rent for usage and conducting BSL courses in collaboration with Brunel. Hillingdon Community Trust are considering funding a salary for BSL classes. LBH staff benefit from the classes. The Centre is represented on a number of statutory and VCS agency forums and is a specialist agency offering practical support to partners.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> This organisation has made a small deficit this year, whereas they had a large surplus last year. This may indicate a financial management issue. As the grant contribution represents a significant portion of their income, we feel that they should receive the full grant this year.</p>									
<b>Disablement Association Hillingdon</b>	A full range of services for primarily adults with physical, sensory or learning disabilities. Activities include outreach, drop-ins, sports & fitness activities, direct payments support, DDA advice, independent living, disability awareness & training	£102,000	£100,021	£420,450	24%	£138,739	1155 + 3,650 enquiries + 1,200 school children	30 active + 25 Brunel students for allotment work	£85,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> A key disability organisation in the borough and strategic partner for the Council, providing essential services for a range of disabilities. It's response to new policy and external environment is good and it has numerous joint projects with other voluntary sector agencies. It is represented on over a dozen strategic boards and forums. As part of the efficiencies agenda, DASH shares a manager with Age UK for a project and is looking to expand with them and Hillingdon Carers in a joint venture in the north of the borough. The council's contribution to DASH has remained consistent, the proposal to reduce the council's contribution for this financial year is justified given the level of reserves the organisation holds. It is anticipated that the council will continue to be a long term financial supporter.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The charity had a surplus of £15K in 08-09 and a deficit of £35k in 09-10 although they have £138K cash in hand and in bank. As the grant constitutes a quarter of the organisation's funding, we feel that they should receive a grant.</p>									

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Heathrow Travel Care	Provides crisis social work at Heathrow Airport covering a range of issues such as rough sleepers, trafficking, unaccompanied minors, emergency planning etc.	£47,891	£46,952	£377,098	12%	£112,000	1,302	4 plus floating emergency volunteers	£30,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> A small organisation that scores highly in VFM and partnerships with the Council. It fulfils LBH duty under the Civil Contingencies Act with respect to Emergency Planning and humanitarian disaster, diverts many rough sleepers out of the borough, prevents or mitigates homelessness, destitution and social exclusion likely to impact LBH. It is an essential service which deals with a myriad of problems arising from a busy international airport, and thus diverting them away from the Council's responsibility. The accounts dept verified that the organisation's income exceeds expenditure as it has gained more external funding.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The surplus in 2008-09 was £2,400. LBH grant income represents 12% of the charities total income. The rest of the income is from Heathrow Airport Ltd (grant and donations) and Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Only 28% of their reserves are restricted. We feel that the organisation may not need the full grant amount this year, as funding has increased from other sources.</p>									
Hillingdon AIDS Response Trust	Provides practical, emotional, legal advice to people affected by HIV/AIDS. These include befriending, social activities, welfare and benefits advice, transport, treatment information, domestic support, drop-in etc.	£20,000	£20,000	£137,905	15%	£54,578	260 (over 5,000 visits)	12	£15,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> HART provides a holistic response to people affected by HIV/AIDS. Individuals access a range of different services as indicated by their statistics. Due to stigma around the illness, this is a service probably best provided by a third sector organisation operating a one stop shop approach and can provide the confidentiality to make service users feel safe. It takes referrals from ASCHH and works in partnership with Housing, Hillingdon Hospital and the Tudor Centre. VCS partners include the Terrence Higgins Trust for running a Self Management Programme. HART's corporate grant was increased 2 years ago to support the group to access external funding.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The grant that they receive represents 15% of their total income. They have large sums of cash and also have sizeable sums of restricted funds. We feel that they should receive some of the grant requested for this year.</p>									

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Hillingdon Carers	Runs a range of services to support carers including advice & drop-in, advocacy, health liaison, social & educational activities carer support, young carers projects, older carers scheme as well as targeted to BME communities	£110,540	£112,209	£498,168	23%	159,870	4113 (3,744 adults + 369 young carers)	82	105,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> This key carers organisation provide a universal offer to all carers in Hillingdon that make contact with them ensuring that anyone with caring responsibilities is enabled to access a range of high quality services. They proactively develop joint initiatives with voluntary sector and statutory partners (including ASCHH, Youth &amp; Connexions, Adult Education and the Arts service) to improve the VFM of their services. They raised £779,299 in benefits last year for carers, an increase of £300,000, as well as increasing on all main targets despite a drop in income. The group sits on 10 council forums and boards and has fed into 9 Council plans. It has recently tendered for the ASCHH carers project which combines many of the individual grants previously received by Carers. If there is a positive result, it is recommended that Carers is awarded a grant slightly reduced from last year's level.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The accounts reflect that this organisation maintains a consistent balance each year, with income exceeding expenditure. Cash reserves cover 8 months of activities. The organisation may not require the full grant this year.</p>									
Hillingdon Community Transport	Provides cheap accessible transport to a range of community groups, statutory organisations, schools etc, including wheelchair users. Also provides driver training.	£38,500	£38,500	£221,947	17%	£54,674	106 groups, 21,077 passengers	20	£32,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> The group holds contracts to provide transport to local clubs, social services, PCT, Special Needs school etc in the borough. The group use paid and volunteer drivers which keeps costs down but also carries risk in terms of being able to carry out bookings. The group works in partnership with other agencies using its expertise to advice on transport purchases and managing their upkeep in return for usage in their 'downtime'. This is a beneficial efficiency saving for all the parties involved. The finances are healthy and consider need for large capital expenditure such as bus replacements.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> This organisation had a £63k surplus in 09-10, which has been followed by an £8k deficit this year. Their income has reduced this year by 24%. We feel that they should receive a grant, as it appears they are reliant on the Hillingdon contribution to provide their services.</p>									

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Hillingdon MIND	Supports people with serious and enduring mental health needs with a range of targeted projects responding to user needs. It currently offers housing, counselling, a number of social clubs, activity/health related clubs and BME projects.	£72,016	£70,604	£630,562	11%	£162,870	387 receiving a number of different services	110	£70,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> Key organisation providing essential frontline services to mental health users. Includes counselling, housing, befriending and social clubs. Targeted activity and social clubs also run evenings and weekends providing crucial out of hours support in the borough. MIND sits on key mental health strategy forums and is aiming to start up a social enterprise. The funding position while currently healthy could be impacted if there is a reprioritisation and recommissioning from Council directorates.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The charity had a surplus of £13,608 in 08-09 and the cash at bank and in hand has increased by 41% from 08-09. The charity does not have any restricted funds. Cash reserves cover 4 months activities and this very small reduction is manageable.</p>									
Hillingdon Refugee Support Group	Provides support to unaccompanied asylum seeking minors. Includes befriending, activities, signposting, practical support, and information and advice	12,000	12,000	93,929	13%	£2,867	648	32 plus BoT	£0
<p><b>Comment:</b> A small organisation (2 full time staff equivalent) providing quality support to a particularly disadvantaged hard to reach group (significant restricted). It works closely with the asylum team and voluntary agencies to ensure this vulnerable group are integrated sensitively and successfully into mainstream life. Volunteer befrienders are recruited from Brunel and trained by the Red Cross. The organisation is aiming to extend its services to minors leaving care. Its work has a strong community cohesion aspect and fosters a volunteering ethos. The organisation's income exceeds its expenditure and is holding significant restricted £68K reserves including LBH grant carrying over year on year. Therefore recommended that they should take a significantly reduced award for 2011-12.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> This organisation has made a sizeable surplus for the past two years. They also have large sums in reserves and also cash in hand. We therefore feel that they may not need the allocation this year.</p>									

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Hillingdon Shopmobility	Loans mobility equipment to registered users, primarily for shopping in Uxbridge. Other activities inc some assisted shopping, sale of small mobility items etc.	£22,250	£22,129	£65,803	34%	£22,279	3,838 registered 4,756 visits	6	£19,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> Organisation raises funds primarily through donations, charges, LBH grant and local businesses. The group estimates its clients spend £238,000 in Uxbridge as a result of the service. It is represented on Older People's Assembly and mobility forum but has fewer links with other VCS organisations. As it is holding healthy reserves it should be able to manage a slight reduction in grant this year.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> In 08-09 and 09-10 Shopmobility had a deficit. The cash in hand and in the bank will cover approx 5 months expenses and will help to absorb any shortfall in grant.</p>									
Homestart Hillingdon	Specially trained volunteers provide structured support parents in crisis helping to prevent family breakdown and therefore financial consequences for the Council.	£77,000	£76,375	£206,901	37%	£38,692	95 adults, 212 children	49 trained vols, 3 office help	£65,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> Homestart's preventative approach potentially saves the Council significant sums of money by solving problems before they escalate and require statutory intervention. It is closely linked with all relevant Children's and Family services and forums and offers a high quality frontline service often to hard to reach families. While providing good VFM, its response to sustainability, efficiency and modernisation agenda has been slower. It is working to improve this via an external consultant. The £77,000 received in 10-11 included a one off £20,000 increase. Recommend £65,000 in 11-12.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The accounts reflect that this organisation maintains a consistent balance each year, with income exceeding expenditure. The surplus in 2008-09 was £16,719 and £27,284 in 2009-10. LBH grant received in 09-10 represents 37% of the charity's income. The restricted funds are for the provision of support services to the Children's Centres Projects and Hillingdon Community Trust.</p>									
Mencap Jubilee Pool	Provides heated hydrotherapy swimming for the disabled, elderly recovering from illness and children learning to swim	£10,000	£5,000	£31,509	16%	£19,265	520	12	£5,000

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<p><b>Comment:</b> The group is run by volunteers who maintain the pool, boilers, waste etc. Patients can be referred from Hillingdon Hospital for treatment of ongoing problems or recuperation from surgery. A section is maintained for children. The majority of users are disabled people from Mencap. The organisation raises significant income from donations and fees and is holding 9 months running costs in reserve.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comments:</b> The organisation made a surplus this year and also have reserves of over £19k. We feel that they should not get the full grant that has been requested, rather the amount that has been awarded for 10-11.</p>									
MHA - Northwood Live At Home Scheme	Provides a range of support to elderly people in Northwood/Hills to eliminate isolation. Activities include assisted shopping, befriending, advice, weekly lunchclub, transport for appointments etc.	£12,000	£7,000	£52,889	13%	£26,130	130	59 (22 students telephone befriending + 37 1-1 befriending, transport, catering etc)	£7,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> Clients receive a variety of services to support them to live independently and reduce their isolation. Future plans include IT training for online shopping and extending coffee mornings to be held weekly. This would be in partnership with another organisation at minimal rental cost. The organisation has made a concerted effort to increase its BME take up, which is low due to its geography. Staff are linked to the Health and Social Care Forum and Dinner Club Forum. The group actively fundraises on a local basis and received a grant from the Methodist Association. The organisation also receives a £10,500 dining centre grant from Adult Social Care and Housing 2010-11.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> This organisation has made surpluses for the past two years. They have considerable cash balances that would more than cover this grant request. However, as it appears they are receiving other funding from LBH, we feel that they should receive the same amount as last year.</p>									
Radicle	Provides a parent and toddler group for young parents	£9,000	£9,000	£1,208,354	1%	-£413,235	12 adults & 9 children	50 in whole org	£0



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<p><b>Comment:</b> RADICLE provided accomodation-based support services to 6 teenage mothers and their babies who are homeless, in addition to a floating support service at Nestles Avenue Children's Centre and Queen's walk scheme for homeless families. The corporate grant contributed towards a parent and toddler group within this service. RADICLE has established itself in the borough networking with local and statutory agencies to ensure that its service users benefit from a range of services including employment training, health, legal advice etc. A new provider won the tender for accommodation and floating support. Radicle has submitted a bid to corporate grants and is keen to continue providing the P&amp;T group at Nestles Avenue Children's Centre and at Queenswalk (pending agreement with the new provider). However, as Radicle does not now have a presence in the borough, and funding would be purely for a service, it no longer fits the criteria for corporate grants. On these grounds it is not recommended to continue to fund this organisation.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> As the grant required represents only 1% of their income, we feel that they may not need the grant. The deficit in unrestricted reserves mainly relates to a large proportion being put towards their pension deficit.</p>									

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Relate London North West	Provides relationship counselling in order to avert family or relationship breakdown. This includes conflict resolution, family counselling and mediation, and psychosexual counselling.	£13,428	£13,238	£609,437	2%	£377,801	1789	60	£12,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> This organisation spans 5 boroughs in the North West London and receives a large grant from the Legal Services Commission and one from London Councils. Clients also contribute towards the cost of counselling. Hillingdon residents receive all the services run by Relate. It sits on a number of forums and receives referrals from the Council and voluntary sector in Hillingdon. It participates in the Uxbridge Well Being Centre and has started a BME outreach programme. The organisation gives VFM and benefit to residents for a relatively small grant.</p>									
<p><b>Finance Comment:</b> LBH grant represents only 2% of Relate's income. Unrestricted funds include the designated fund of £162,716 which will be used for the purpose of purchase, maintenance or improvement of premises. The organisation maintains balance each year as the income exceeds expenditure.</p>									
Samaritans Hillingdon	Provides free confidential emotional support to people in distress. This is via telephone, email or face to face.	£3,000	£3,000	£11,066	27%	£32,936	9462	60 in LBH	£3,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> The organisation provides a number of preventative initiatives in the borough including a presence at the well-being centre in Uxbridge, schools programmes, Colnbrook deportation centre, work with police, stations and car parks. It is working with the LA to develop a referral to GP's. It relies on donations and the LBH grant for income and is currently holding relatively high reserves.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> This organisation has suffered deficits for the past two years. FY09 deficit is larger as there has been a drop in incoming resources. They have large sums of reserves which would more than cover the amount of the grant. However, as the grant represents nearly a third of their income, we feel that they should receive the grant for this year.</p>									
Westside Support Services - Refuge	Application withdrawn as lost tender to Hestia								
<b>Comment:</b>									
<b>Financial Comment:</b>									

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Uxbridge Contact Centre	Provides a neutral safe supervised environment where children of separated parents can meet the absent parent and rebuild relationships with them.	£2,000	£2,000				192 total, (116 adults, 76 children)	8	£2,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> The only organisation providing this type of service in the borough, the Contact centre provides 6 hours contact per month. They are fully accredited member of the National Association of Child Contact Centres. They share an office space with Relate who manage all their back office services. They are match funded by CAFCASS.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> This organisation is part of Relate. Please see analysis above regarding Relate's funding.</p>									

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Hillingdon & Ealing Citizens Advice	Primarily provides generalist advice at 3 bureaux in Hillingdon covering all social welfare issues. Advice is available by appointment, drop-in, telephone and via projects to particular target groups.	£300,150	300149 plus £25,000 economic downturn	£622,570	48%	-339,787	12,039 clients	42 trained volunteers	£280,000

**Comment:** HECA is the lead advice giving organisation in the borough and continues to provide a high quality and professional service with measurable benefits to residents and the authority. Financial gains to residents topped £1.7m and advisers gave assistance on debt issues totalling over £16m. Non-financial outcomes such as 35 cases of homelessness averted represent a real saving to the Council. Need will continue as spending cuts take effect. The organisation has responded to the need for efficiencies by modernising internal processes. It has lead on voluntary sector response to the economic downturn with the Council and is an essential service for the borough. Its partnerships with the statutory sector appears better developed than with other voluntary sector organisations. HECA have transferred considerable reserves to fund their pension deficit.

**Financial Comment:** HECA is showing a high negative reserve as these have been designated to meet their pension deficit and are being held as cash in the bank. Although they have £358K cash in the bank the grant represents a large proportion of their income and a reduction could impact on provision. We feel they should get the grant but maybe able to absorb a slight reduction in funding.

Hillingdon Association of Voluntary Services	A second tier voluntary sector support agency providing ICT, Training, Representation, HR advice & small groups development. It also houses the volunteer bureau for the borough.	£164,000	£106,486	£404,736	26%	92,744	430 registered groups	8 excluding trustees	£90,000 + £2,000 participation fund
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**Comment:** HAVS provides various forums for representation of voluntary sector groups to statutory bodies and is a partner in terms of co-ordinating response and links to and from the sector and contributes to Council policy. It is not a direct service provider to residents but offers support to the boroughs voluntary sector. It is also developing proposals to modernise and increase efficiency of the voluntary sector. Income has been steadily declining year on year and the organisation is currently using reserves to fund some projects. HAVS organise the boroughs volunteer bureaux - a shared resource for voluntary groups.

**Financial Comment:** The charity's deficit in 09-10 is three times more than it was in 08-09. The statements reveal that their funding has been reduced by 40% since last year. Their expenditure is exceeding their income.

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Hillingdon Asian Women's Group	Provides education and training as well as advice and support to Asian women in the borough. Skills training include classroom assistant, employment skills, IT and customer services. Activities include health workshops, personal development, information drop in and cultural activities. Receives referrals from various quarters primarily around DV.	£45,480	£7,900	£45,412	17%	-£2,356	265	15	£0

**Comment:** The organisation works at a grassroots level supporting women from Asian communities through health, exercise, training and social activities to improve their self esteem and encourage integration into the local community. Future plans include childminder course, fashion/dressmaking and more health sessions. Like most small community groups it has limited funds, and with no applications pending it is not financially robust. The group has tried unsuccessfully to secure significant funding to enable focused development which has limited its role and impact. There is limited value in continuing to fund this service.

**Financial Comment:** The organisation has achieved a small surplus this year, after suffering an £18k deficit last year. Their accounts for this year seem fairly healthy and they have received more voluntary income this year which has recouped some of last year's deficit. It is unclear why they require more than five times as much grant as last year, when this amount almost equates to their total income for 09-10. We feel that they should not receive the full amount that has been requested.

Hillingdon Somali Women's Group	Provides IT, employment and ESOL courses primarily to Somali women. Advice and drop-in for interpretation etc is open weekly and school support and activities are targeted at Somali young people and families.	£22,500	£19,500	£47,763	41%	-£1,160	673	9	£0
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**Comment:** The organisations focus has shifted from being an organisation providing services to Somali women to that of a generic service provider. In addition to support to women, the organisation now provides IT and support for younger members of the Somali community. The type of service the group therefore now provides is also provided by a number of other community organisations particularly in the south of the borough.

**Financial Comment:** The group has achieved a small surplus over the last year. Their income has increased and expenditure dropped considerably.

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Hillingdon Women's Centre	Provides advice and support including a domestic violence service, counselling and legal advice drop-in. The Centre also provides various courses on an ad hoc basis.	£33,123	£19,000	£42,863	44%	£16,503	3044 inc phone enquiries	40	£25,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> The application details that the Centre currently provides 30 women with free or low cost counselling, 10 women with legal advice, and domestic violence support per week. There is also some provision of benefits advice and interpretation service. Space is provided for self help support groups, a photography club and social activities are organised. Further provision is planned with funding applications outstanding for a counselling co-ordinator and ICT training. The organisation's finances continue to be precarious. The organisation is a key Domestic Violence agency working with police and statutory agencies and operates a number of other partnerships for the benefit of local women. LBH Stronger Communities manager is working with the organisation to strengthen its structure and expand its capacity particularly in relation to supporting women from minority ethnic communities. A small increase to cover the additional work (described above) is recommended.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The financial statements do not clearly outline how much of the funds are restricted and unrestricted. Further clarification is needed on this. The amounts input are from the application form. The grant in 09-10 represents 44% of their funding. They have asked for significantly more for 11-12. This may be to cover the deficit that was suffered last year.</p>									
Victim Support Hillingdon	Provides advice and support to victims of crime in the borough. People are referred by police, other agencies or self-referred. Clients are accompanied through the court process if required.	£14,500	£12,000	£51,779	23%	2,062	9336 referrals	23 in Hillingdon	£10,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> Victim Support is now a national charity rather than a federation. However it has a discreet group in each area. The organisation has links with a number of statutory and voluntary agencies including Hillingdon Police, Community Safety and MARAC and HIDVAP (DV forums). It runs outreach work in Uxbridge Well being Centre and has a presence at Uxbridge Magistrates Court. It is increasing efficiency by co-locating with Harrow Victim Support and savings will be diverted to frontline services.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> This organisation has achieved a surplus in the past two years. The extra grant they require for this year could be mostly covered by their surplus. We feel that they should be awarded a reduced grant as they have sufficient reserves.</p>									

ENVIRONMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS 2011-12

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<b>Friends of Ruislip Nature Reserve</b>	Manages 11 acres Council owned nature reserve - Ruislip Nature Reserve providing practical conservation work, guided walks, educational activities and participates in forums concerning the reserve.	£2,200	£1,200	£1,800	67%	£150 cash in bank	174 inc 144 members	12	£1,200
<p><b>Comment:</b> The group is seeking increased funding this year to refurbish its storage space. It is solely dependent on LBH funding but provides VFM through use of volunteers to manage the woods and working with corporates by hosting team building conservation days. They work with the Council sitting on the Lido Management group and Ruislip Woods Management group.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The LBH grant is the only form of income for this organisation. The accounting period is 19 months long as they have changed to a March year end. In this period they received a total of £1.8k. They have requested extra grant this year in order to make improvements to their building.</p>									
<b>Groundwork Thames Valley</b>	Provides a range of services relating to sustainable development including education, local economy, environment, and projects for disadvantaged groups within the Thames Valley area.	£35,305	£35,302	£3,639,932	1%	196,437	18,000 est Regional park & education, 2,200 specific projects	150 across Thames Valley area	£33,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> A sophisticated organisation running two social enterprise subsidiaries - Blue Sky which employs ex offenders was named charity of the year 2010. The group is leading the Rural Development Forum - a partnership of local farmers, VCS groups and local authorities in Thames Valley to improve their sustainability and standards of living in the area. It is a lead member of the LSP. It has recently secured lottery funding to take a Food programme into 15 schools in Hillingdon. It plans to merge with other Groundworks to form a Groundwork South East in a drive to achieve efficiency and increase its return on investment from £15 for every £1 LBH invests to £20. Also hosts the LINK programme for Hillingdon.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> LBH grant only represents 1% of their total income. The organisation gets grants from other Councils. A reduced grant award for 2011-12 would be appropriate, given the capacity of the organisation to secure funding.</p>									

ENVIRONMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS 2011-12

Organisation	Description/Client Group	Bid 11-12	LBH Grant 10-11	Total income 09-10	LBH grant as % total income 09-10	Total unrestricted funds 09-10	Client Nos	Nos. active Volunteers	Recommendation
Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust	Manages 4 Council owned Nature reserves, provide conservation advice, education and volunteering opportunities in Hillingdon	£2,500	£2,500	£1,328,484	0.19%	£1,136,219	494 Hillingdon members	150 LBH work party	£2,500
<p><b>Comment:</b> Although part of a wider organisation, the Hillingdon element is very active. They are currently submitting a bid for Hillingdon to promote conservation and volunteering in the borough. The group is working on a range of initiatives relating to the Colne Valley, is on the Steering group for Green Arc along with the Council and collaborates with a number of other wildlife trusts to reduce duplication. While the Trust's finances are healthy and are holding significant reserves, the grant pays for a specific Hillingdon programme of work.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The grant received from LBH does not represent a high proportion of this organisation's income overall. While the group itself has maintained large surpluses, the grant received from LBH is specifically for Hillingdon reserves. Thus any reduction could negatively impact on the local team being able to carry out their work.</p>									
Hillingdon Natural History Society	Manages 3 Council owned Nature reserves, providing practical reserve management, recording and promoting the study of natural history, and education programmes	£1,000	£1,000	£2,517	40%	0	N/K	24	1,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> This group survives largely on LBH funding and membership fees. It provides excellent VFM as it is entirely voluntary and provides at least 100 work days pa. free to manage the reserves. It is well linked with the Council and other VCS groups and has an active calendar of events throughout the year. The group is holding significant reserves, primarily for replacement of tools and equipment.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The grant represent 40% of the charities income. The expenditure has exceeded the income in 09-10. However they had a surplus the year before. Similar level of funding as that committed last year is recommended.</p>									



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London Wildlife Trust	Manages 11 Council owned nature reserves, to maintain and enhance wildlife and encourage public access.	£15,000	£12,000	£2,583,855	0.49%	£42,280 for LBH programme	N/A	15-20 local volunteers plus work parties 312 vol work days	£10,000

**Comment:** The reserves managed total over 200 acres, including two Sites of Special Scientific Interests sites, for which the Trust has applied for a Higher Level Stewardship Grant to manage them effectively. Hillingdon benefits from various external grants including a proposal to Heritage Lottery for the Crane Valley which if successful will result in substantial improvements. In addition to managing reserves on behalf of the Council, the Trust provides advisory groups, works with Green Spaces and leads on a number of joint projects benefiting Hillingdon. To cover this work, the Trust is applying for an increase in grant. However, accounts show a large carry forward of LBH grant so for this reason, it is recommended that the grant level is reduced from last year.

**Financial Comment:** The grant they receive represents less than 1% of their total income. They may not require the total grant requested this year as they have a large sum of cash in hand and other reserves. However like Herts Wildlife Trust, the LBH grant pays for all the local activities and a reduction in grant may result in reduced activity.

Pinner & Ruislip Beekeepers Association	The group deal with enquiries from the Council, general public and police about swarms of bees and remove and rehouse them. They also promote safe and responsible beekeeping in the borough, training and education as well as early pollination by honeybee (very rare) for local farmers.	£950	£950	£9,235	10%	£2,183	360 visits & enquiries + 3,000 lectures	69	£750
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**Comment:** This group provides excellent VFM as it is entirely voluntary and no charge is made for its services. It relies on a small grant and income from honey sales and membership fees. This represents a significant saving to the Council who would otherwise have to manage the collection of bees and wasps itself. Due to disease the honey bee is under threat of extinction and only domesticated swarms can survive for pollinating the local area. The group conducted beekeeping training for 23 people, and refreshed training for 64. A slightly reduced grant is recommended.

**Financial Comment:** This is the first time in 5 years that the organisation has made a surplus. This has been due to high levels of trade and honey sales. Although the grant is only 10% of their income this year, we feel that they should get a grant, as it is not possible to say whether this will be a one-off occurrence.

HOUSING GRANT APPLICATIONS 2011-12

Organisation	Description/Client Group	Bid 11-12	LBH Grant 10-11	Total Income 09-10	LBH grant as % total income 09-10	Total unrestricted funds 09-10	Client Nos	Nos. active Volunteers	Recommendation
Paradigm Solo	This arm of Paradigm housing has been dissolved and therefore no application was received from them. See New Bids for a new independent group which replaces it.								
P3	Provides a range of support services for young people who are homeless and/or vulnerable. This is a holistic response including supported housing, move on accommodation, housing advice, floating support, outreach service, sexual health, training for unemployed and job shop	£45,000	£25,511 + £45,000 one off grant	714,747	4%	-£192,126	1,477	20	£40,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> P3 is the Hillingdon delivery partner for the West London Sustained Employment Programme which supports clients with health conditions and lone parents back into work. They are currently partners with Community Safety on the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference panel working to divert young people away from violence and with the police on addressing gang culture and knife crime in the borough. It sits on 13 boards and forums and is submitting a joint bid for a young persons Domestic Violence worker. Their efficiency agenda includes focusing on prevention and early intervention with young people, increasing bed space for young people and working in partnership with the Council offering an employment advisor at the Civic and bringing the Beat Bullying programme to LBH. Given they are a key delivery partner around employment, the bid is supported to the level of £40,000 for the 2011-12 financial year. (It is noted that the additional £45,000 the Council committed in 2010-11 served to secure the employment services the organisation provide).</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The organisation made a large loss last year. The profit and loss account shows that expenditure vastly exceeded income in 09-10. Further financial information is required at a local level to assess their situation accurately. However, it appears they made a loss locally of £192K.</p>									

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Trinity Homeless Projects	Provides nine staffed hostels and move-on accommodation in LBH and promotes independent living for the homeless in Hounslow and Hillingdon. This includes supported training and supported employment. It works with the most excluded hard to reach groups including ex-offenders, drug addicts, asylum seekers, and long term unemployed.	£12,000	£12,000	£1,045,614	1%	£142,675	99	30 under contract with Job Centre plus to support long term unemployed	£0
<p><b>Comment:</b> Demand for services far outweighs supply - last year Trinity received 400 referrals for accommodation of which 80 were taken on. Trinity is currently launching two new social enterprises in Hillingdon through traded income to provide further employment for the hard to reach. It is also planning to provide further social housing in collaboration with the Council. It works with the Drug and Alcohol Teams, LBH Housing, Probation, Social services as well as the VCS. The work shows real VFM in achieving enduring change and successful outcomes for this difficult client group. Trinity's accounts however show considerable unrestricted balances and a reduced grant for 2011-12 is recommended. In addition to the core grant - Trinity receive a number of grants from Adult Social Care and Housing, via Supporting People initiative to provide accommodation for young single homeless. This funding totalled £214,000 for 2010-11.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The grant they receive represents only 1% of their total income. The organisation is holding large unrestricted reserves + cash in the bank. Therefore should be able to absorb not receiving a grant in 11-12.</p>									

EDUCATION YOUTH LEISURE GRANT APPLICATIONS 2011-12

Organisation	Description/Client Group	Bid 11-12	LBH Grant 10-11	Total Income 09-10	LBH grant as % total income 09-10	Total unrestricted funds 09-10	Client Nos	Nos. active Volunteers	Recommendation
Bell Farm Christian Centre	Provides a range of services to address the priority needs in the local community. The grant supports the Children and families section. It also works with older people, provides legal advice service, parent support, training and youth service.	£36,411	£12,608	£235,031	5%	£24,442	2383	31 per week	£12,608
<p><b>Comment:</b> Bell Farm works with a hard to reach section of the community in West Drayton. The organisation is planning new projects to serve Sipson and Harmondsworth as well as continuing to improve their facilities to accommodate the expanding services they offer. It has participated in the credit crunch project via their advice service and work collaboratively with a number of other local VCS and council agencies. The bid reflects the need to expand the part time children and Families manager to full time. This is in line with Bell Farm's preventative early intervention strategy to prevent juvenile crime by working to support early years families. The organisation provides VFM in volunteers, existing local resources, partnerships and ensures that all available finances are put to use. Organisation also receives financial support for Dining Centre provision from Adult Social Care, Health &amp; Housing £16,800 2010-11 and £75,000 from Education and Children's Services for Parenting Support, 2010-11.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> Income for the year was lower than the previous year and expenditure was higher which resulted in deficit for the year. The surplus was carried forward from previous year and used in 09-10. They received a total of £116k last year and are expecting the same this year. We feel that the charity should get the same grant as it did on 09-10 if they are getting other income from Hillingdon, not the higher amount.</p>									
Hillingdon Arts Association	The proposal is for the funding (£27,730) previously allocated to HAA to be transferred to the Arts Development team. The fund would still be used to support voluntary arts organisations and also individuals.								
Hillingdon Autistic Care & Support	Provides support for people with or affected by Autism. This includes support for families, a recreation programme, and information & advice	£26,266	£26,266	£119,500	22%	£146,712	381 clients	32 plus	£25,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> The organisation has recently moved to new premises south of the borough and are planning to provide a presence in the north - Ruislip - as well as improve or extend existing services. It is represented on the Children's Youth and Family Forum and receives grants from Early Years and Youth services. It fed into the Local Autism Strategy Consultation and is planning further partnerships with Hillingdon Carers. The organisation has successfully fundraised for services in addition to realising a large cash investment as part of an old tenancy agreement.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> We feel that they should get the grant in 11-12, even though they have large reserves and cash. This is because a large proportion relates to the sale of a building that has been placed into a designated reserve.</p>									

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Hillingdon Chinese School	Provides mandarin classes to students, and ESOL and support to newly arrived members of the chinese community	£3,600	£3,000	£9,034	33%	8,778	250	25	£0
<p><b>Comment:</b> The grant pays for the rent of rooms every Saturday at Haydon School. The group provide a homework club, training programme, ESOL classes and Chinese language classes. They are actively supporting local schools who wish to teach Mandarin. The group rely mainly on fees for income supplemented by the grant. The Council does not support any other supplementary schools and their accounts show significant balances and therefore the grant is not recommended this year.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The LBH grant is their only form of grant income. The rest of their income is generated from fees. They had a deficit this year as their income has dropped as well as their expenses rising. The extra grant that they have requested would not cover the deficit that was made this year but they appear to be holding significant reserves.</p>									
Hillingdon Federation of Community Associations	Provides a small grants programme to 21 community associations in the borough for the improvement of community centres. In addition, it provides information and guidance on legislative and policy issues concerning the management of centres. It also manages the LBH playscheme which take place rent free in the community centres.	£20,000	£20,000	£51,862	44%	-£756	125,000	25 volunteer management committees	£15,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> The organisation runs a small grants scheme which assists community centres to make improvements to their buildings and therefore stay open to the public. It is in the process of gaining community centre accreditation quality standard. It assists centres in finding efficiencies through joint procurement and traders lists and runs an administrators forums to share information. It represents the community centres locally and regionally, and is actively involved with a number of Council and community initiatives. The funding for a paid co-ordinator has finished and the Federation does not plan to recruit again. Whilst this is not a frontline service, it is the only external support currently available in the borough for community centres and therefore recommend a reduced grant this year.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> This organisation made a small deficit this year, whereas they had a large surplus last year. This was due to the temporary employment of an advisor. Of the grants awarded to them last year from LBH (£43k), it appears that £13k has not been spent. This maybe due to the timing of grants rounds given to the various community associations.</p>									

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Hillingdon Federation of Community Associations (Playschemes)	Provides 10 playschemes primarily during the summer holidays at low cost for disadvantaged families.	£25,000	£23,000	£51,862	44%	-£756	631	20	£18,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> The playschemes (running for 16 years) have traditionally been co-ordinated by the Federation on a voluntary basis. However the scheme has recently employed a co-ordinator. Gradually more of the schemes are gaining Ofsted registration and the main task for next year will be to continue this trend. The schemes offer excellent VFM for low income families with the most expensive scheme costing £50 per week (30 hours). A reduction in grant will mean a return to co-ordination via volunteers.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The extra £2k requested by the Federation is for maintaining the number of playschemes at their present level.</p>									
Hillingdon Narrowboat Association	Provides residential and day leisure trips on boats, plus training in waterways and narrowboats	£6,000	£6,000				Approx 900 residents	40	£0
<p><b>Comment:</b> The organisation relies predominately on income from fees supplemented by the LBH grant. It has plans to purchase a specific boat for special needs groups and set up a society for the association. Two of the boats are owned by LBH as is the boathouse which houses them and the group's offices. Given that already in-kind support and that the Association's balances are healthy and as it is not an essential front line service it is not recommended to continue funding this group.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> This organisation has made a large surplus this year, as their expenditure has reduced by almost a third. They also have large reserves and cash, so we therefore feel that they do not need the grant this year.</p>									
Hillingdon Pre-School Learning Alliance	Provides support relating to Early Years Foundation Stage to Alliance member settings. These include full daycare nurseries, baby and toddler groups, Children's centres and out of school clubs	£36,600	£36,604	£40,197 (for LBH)	91%	£10,128	1,527 attending 28 member settings	Volunteer committees manage 28 settings	£0
<p><b>Comment:</b> This is a second tier organisation providing information and guidance to individual member settings, and training providers in collaboration with Early Years Service, based on Every Child Matters. Planned work in 2011 includes developing good practice in 8 baby &amp; toddler groups with the Childcare Development team. It sits on the Hillingdon Training Group and Early Years Strategic Group. The alliance does not bring any external funds to support its work relying 100% on the corporate grant. Therefore its VFM rating is not high, however, its states that if the bid was unsuccessful the local office would close and members would not continue to receive support. It is not a front line service so no funding is recommended for 11-12.</p>									

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<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The local Hillingdon committee accounts indicate that they made a surplus of £10K this year. Further clarification is required to confirm their local financial position. However, the LBH grant pays entirely for the local activity and a reduction in grant would impact on activities.</p>									
Horn of Africa Association	Provides advice, & support drop in to young refugees and single parents from the East African community. Homework support, health advice, & sports activities are also part of the curriculum. It works with young refugees on specific housing and school projects.	£7,000	£4,000	£95,027	4%		500-700	11	£4,000
<p><b>Comment:</b> HAYA provides a range of activities to link and integrate an excluded community of young refugees into the mainstream. This is done through sports, employment assistance, volunteering opportunities, leadership development and linking with mainstream agencies. The project works with 3 schools in LBH to improve literacy and numeracy of their clients and has recently been funded for a Youth Leadership project. It has been actively and successfully fundraising. The group work in partnership with Youth and Connections, Community Safety Team, Education and Crime Prevention. It has identified several other statutory and voluntary groups it is in the process of developing relationships with. This organisation provides VFM and is an asset to the borough. Recommend at same level last year.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The LBH grant represents 4% of their total income. They had a surplus of £12.5K in 09-10. They have asked for another £3K next year. We feel that they do not need extra grant and should only get £4K grant from LBH as this year.</p>									

NEW BID GRANT APPLICATIONS 2011-12

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Hayes & Harlington Older People's Welfare Committee	Provides a contributory dining club for people aged 60+, outings for housebound elderly, a low cost annual holiday, advice and support.	£10,000	0				Approx 200	40	0
<p><b>Comment:</b> This group operating for 60 years provides 3 lunch clubs per week for primarily disabled older people. It charges £3 per head for a two course hot meal. It is currently mainly funded by an LBH Dining Centre grant with all the administration and other activities being resourced on a voluntary basis. The group requires capital items for the Dining centre, transport and an office, plus equipment. No financial information was supplied with the application nor were 10-11 audited accounts available. Given budget restrictions it is not recommended to fund new groups this year. Organisation received a grant of £21,300 from Adult Social Care, Health &amp; Housing 2010-11, for dining centre provision.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> No financial information was received.</p>									
Hestia	Women and children fleeing domestic violence. This new organisation is taking over the domestic violence work that Shepherds Bush Housing carried out in LBH. It includes floating support, 2 safe houses and 1 refuge for families.	£19,495	0	£12,908,730	0	£5,346,134	40 children (for this grant) 350 women in all LBH	40 although not in LBH	0
<p><b>Comment:</b> Hestia has won the Supporting People tender to run a domestic violence service in Hillingdon taking over from Shepherds Bush Housing. It will ensure representation on 5 relevant council forums and contribute to delivering LBH's DV strategy. It has identified a large number of local VCS and statutory agencies that it will work in partnership with. The SP contract covers the running of the floating support and refuge but specifically excludes children's services, hence this bid seeks funding for a children's worker. The organisation has made some additional bids for the children's service but to date only have SP funding confirmed. It is currently holding 6 months operating costs in unrestricted reserves. It is not recommended to fund new initiatives this year.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> They have not received funds from Hillingdon before. They have large reserves and cash in hand, and also made a surplus last year. They have a contract agreed with Hillingdon for £109k for 10-11. The grant required does not represent a significant portion of their income and they have large reserve balances that would more than cover this contribution. We feel that they do not need the grant.</p>									



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Special Connection	Provides drama workshops as a means of integrating special needs or disabled youngsters into mainstream life and promoting understanding from their peers	£5,000	N/A	£10,194	N/A	0	180		0
<p><b>Comment:</b> This organisation works on integration and acceptance by mainstream school children of less able bodied or special needs peers. It works through drama, holding workshops separately and jointly covering age range of 8 -18. It aims to promote friendship and break down the barriers of difference. The new service in Hillingdon aims to work with children with autism. The group already has good relationships with special and mainstream schools in the borough. However, it is not local to LBH and given budget restrictions it is not recommended to take on new groups this year.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> The organisation has provided a profit and loss account rather financial statements. They have not received funds from Hillingdon before. They are expecting £30k in grant funding for 11-12.</p>									
Sol	Aims to provide private sector housing for homeless within LBH who do not fit the requirement for statutory housing.	£25,000	0	0	0	0			0
<p><b>Comment:</b> SOL aim to reform the Paradigm SOLO scheme that was closed by Paradigm in 10-11 due to lack of funding. SOL is setting up as a private and independent social enterprise that hopes to see private landlords making a contribution to the scheme. In return they would provide assistance to tenants to enable them to maintain their lettings. The project would run similar activities to the previous SOLO scheme. SOLO received the majority of its funding from ASCHH with a top up from Corporate grants of £10,000. SOL are now bidding for £25,000 from corporate grants but have no confirmed funding for the rest of the project. Housing are not funding the scheme. Given that new bids are not being funded this year and the scheme is untested, we do not recommend funding.</p>									
<p><b>Financial Comment:</b> There are no accounts as this is a new scheme. There is no confirmed funding and the scheme's need is far greater than the £25k bid for.</p>									