

TO: **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 9 June 2015

FROM: **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 28 May 2015

5. **REVIEW OF GRANTS**

The Committee considered a report of the Deputy Town Clerk concerning the outcome of the cross-cutting review of the City Corporation's grant giving activities.

It was noted that the proposals had been considered by the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee and were recommended for approval subject to responsibility for strategic oversight and performance management of the City Corporation's grant giving activities being given to the Finance Committee rather than to the Finance Grants Sub-Committee.

It was also noted that staff and other costs associated with the administration of the City Corporation's grant activities would be met by the relevant grant programme.

A Member stated that whilst she welcomed the consolidation of the City Corporation's grant activities, it was hoped that grants would be considered in a timely manner as currently some grants were taking up to six months to process.

The Committee acknowledged that a de minimis limit would need to be established as part of the governance process.

Reference was made to the Signor Pasquale Favale Bequest and the level publicity it attracted each year in return for a very modest sum. A Member also requested information relating to the Vickers Dunfee Memorial Benevolent Fund.

RESOLVED - That:-

1. the proposed change of approach to grant giving as in the report and in Appendix 2 be approved;
2. responsibility for strategic oversight and performance management of the City Corporation's grant giving activities be given to the Finance Committee rather than to its Finance Grants Sub-Committee;
3. the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee be authorised to:-
 - set the annual quantum for each City's Cash and City Fund grants programme (including for City's Cash funded open spaces grants); and
 - consider annual performance reports for all grants programmes from the Finance Committee.
4. subject to the approval of (2) above the Sub-Committee's terms of reference be altered accordingly.