

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Voluntary Sector Grants item
Comments from Councillor Pearce.

Councillor Pearce has a number of concerns about the Voluntary Sector Grants Applications 2010/11 which leads her to believe that this item is suitable for call-in.

- Councillor Pearce is concerned that the Grants Policy does not appear to have been approved by the voluntary and Community Sector. This is a requirement of the Worcestershire Compact to which Redditch borough Council is a signatory.
- Councillor Pearce is concerned that the qualifying criteria in this 'policy' are not the same as those agreed by the Executive on 13th March. The policy gives no stipulations about new projects and states that money can be used for core costs. The Executive agreed criteria state that they must be new projects.
- There are discrepancies in documents different groups were allegedly working from, which is why the decision needs to be called in.