

**71. VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR GRANTS PROGRAMME  
2013/14**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) the following themes and percentages of funding be allocated for the 2013/14 voluntary and community sector grants process:**
  - i) Independent Communities = £135,000 – see 3.3.1**
  - ii) Community Development = £ 55,000 – see 3.3.2**
  - iii) Thriving Communities = £ 20,000 – see 3.3.3**
  - iv) Community Welfare = £ 20,000 – see 3.3.4**
  - v) Stronger Communities Grant Programme = £ 15,000 – see 3.3.5**
  - vi) £1,000 be allocated from the Grants budget for the use by the Grants Team to deliver:**
    - a) networking and promotional events;**
    - b) advertising and communication support;**
    - c) newsletters;**

(See paragraph 3.3 of the report for background & full breakdown of theme splits and key project support areas);
- 2) delegated authority for final approval in respect to the Stronger Community Grants to the Head of Community Services be continued; and**
- 3) the changes detailed at paragraph 4.4 of the report designed to strengthen the Voluntary & Community Sector Grants Policy be approved.**