

REPORT

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE		Subject: COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUNDING FINANCIAL YEAR 2004/2005	
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION			
Date: 20 February 2004	Ref: GP/MS/EH		

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to recommend a level of financial support for Community Councils for the financial year 2004/2005.

2. Background

2.1. At the General Purposes Committee held on 26 February 2003 consideration was given to a report on funding for Community Council's for the financial year 2003/04. It was agreed at that time that the sum of £450 per Council plus £9 per hundred of electorate, rounded up to the nearest hundred be paid to each Community Council.

2.2. Upon receipt of verification of Community Council's audited accounts by the Director of Finance and confirmation that the Community Council has been submitting their Minutes regularly to this Council, the appropriate grant payment is then forwarded to each Community Council.

3. Corporate Considerations

In terms of the budgeted allowance for Community Councils, a sum has been set aside in the estimates for the next financial year amounting to £40,000. It is recommended that the current levels of grant for administrative support are still sufficient and that the status quo prevail.

4. Recommendations

It is recommended that the status quo prevail in relation to the level of financial assistance to Community Councils for the financial year 2004/05.


Director of Administration

Members seeking further information are asked to contact John Fleming, Head of Central Services on extension 2228.