

4.05 Min 9.03: Governance Review Update. It was noted that actions agreed at the March meeting would be reflected in the 2011/12 Operational Plan.

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5.00 CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

5.01 Membership of the YCNI Audit Committee. Given the Council's reduced membership (currently 6), and in order to maintain appropriate governance and accountability, the option of co-opting a suitability qualified person to the Audit Committee was discussed and agreed at the meeting held on 24 March 2011. The CIPFA network would be utilised to call for nominees in the first instance. The Council Chairperson, Audit Committee Chair and Chief Executive would manage this process so that the co-option could be implemented as soon as possible.

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5.02 A letter from John McCormick, expressing his thanks to the Chair and Council members for their professional and personal support and guidance, was noted. The Chairperson and members of Council placed on record their thanks, and best wishes for his retirement, to Mr McCormick.

5.03 On behalf of Council, the Chairperson expressed condolences to Ms B Sweeney on the death of her father.

6.00 GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

6.01 The Council's Draft Budget 2011-2012 was presented for approval. It was noted that, overall, the budget was less approximately £20,000 in cash terms. Details of the CRED budget figure were still awaited from DE.

Members approved the initial budget as set out for the 2011-12 financial year.

7.00 RVYO FUNDING 2011-2012

7.01 The Grants Manager presented a composite paper for discussion/approval, in relation to:

- (a) Additional Equipment Grants 2010/11 – approved by Council.
- (b) RVYO Funding 2011/12 (Young People Focused Funding Policy). Members were reminded that this new funding policy had been phased in over three years and the 2012-2013 financial year would see its full implementation, with 100% funding provided under this policy. Council approved the 2011-12 Funding Allocations set out in the composite paper for:
 - (i) Infrastructure Support Funding
 - (ii) Thematic Infrastructure Support Funding
 - (iii) Reduced Funding Groups
 - (iv) Programme Funding
 - Strategic Funding - Strand A
 - Capacity Building - Strand D
 - (v) YouthNet
 - Infrastructure Support Funding
 - Outreach funding
 - Child Protection funding

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(vi) NI Youth Forum – It was reported that both the Department and Council had agreed to the extension of the NIYF Transitional Director post until September 2011. It was noted that the allocation shown would be the maximum that would be paid for a full financial year.

7.02 It was noted that, as in previous years, all Service Level Agreements were required to be in place before second quarterly payments would be released in July 2011. As discussed during the Strategic Planning workshop, members emphasised the importance of YCNI setting SLAs to reflect agreed educational / youth work outcomes, including outcomes expected for the grants disbursed by YCNI.

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7.03 New Groups – Prince's Trust XL Programme, BYTES, and Millennium Volunteers. As previously agreed, the funding and management arrangements for these organisations had transferred from DE to the Council. In order to maintain the delivery of programmes, and pending the outcome of this Council meeting, an interim allocation of 2 months running costs has been provided to these agencies. The funding allocation for these organisations, provided by DE for the 2011/12 financial year, was presented for endorsement by Council.

The Chief Executive and Grants Manager reminded members that the figures were transitional for the 2011/12 financial year, and that these groups would have to apply for funding in accordance with the Council's funding policy for 2012/13. This had been clearly spelt out to the organisations concerned in a series of meetings with DE and YCNI staff.

During discussion, members voiced a number of concerns in relation to the funding of these three organisations, including the fact that they would not meet the criteria set out in the Council's current funding policy. The Chief Executive indicated that YCNI was enabled to fund such organisations under other sections of its legislation.

Based on the views expressed by members, staff would draw up a strategy in relation to the management and future funding arrangements for these three groups for further discussion at a Council meeting.

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7.04 Irish Medium Education Proposal. Members were reminded that Council had previously approved funding to CnaG, in 2009/10 and 2010/11, to support the development of Irish Medium Youth Work. This funding had enabled CnaG to employ a Development Officer to support this initiative.

In its total allocation to YCNI for 2011/12, DE had made available earmarked funding to support the further development of Irish Medium youth work. Council approval was sought for the release of this funding in staged payments during the 2011/12 financial year. An appropriate SLA would be established with CnaG for this grant award.

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During discussion, members commented on the range of other organisations working in the Irish Medium sector, and felt that it would be beneficial utilise the SLA to seek to establish a strategic, co-ordinated approach to this area of work.

It was noted that Council staff were also in dialogue with ELB Youth Service colleagues to seek to achieve a complementary approach to the support of Irish Medium youth work at both regional and local levels.

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Council approved the allocation for 2011/12 to CnaG.

8.00 STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

8.01 Following discussion at the Strategic Planning session [4.30 pm], a revised draft Strategic/Operational Plan would be prepared and circulated to members for comment. [A summary of the Workshop discussion is attached.]

8.02 A short meeting would be arranged, late May/early June at which available members and staff would review the draft Strategic/Operational Plan, prior to presentation at the 27th June Council meeting.

9.00 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.01 There were no items of AOB.

10.00 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

10.01 Meeting dates for 2011 were agreed as follows:

• Monday 27 June 2011	• Thursday 22 September 2011
• Monday 07 November 2011	• Thursday 15 December 2011

Signed Date

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