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Cabinet

6th November 2000

Continued On-going Funding to African Caribbean Citizens Forum

Report of the Chief Executive

1. Purpose of Report

To seek the approval of Members for the on-going support to the African Caribbean Citizens Forum under Section 137.

2. Summary

The meeting of the African Caribbean Working Group on 4th October 2000 agreed in principle to support the attached report from the African Caribbean Citizens Forum requesting additional support of £22,261 to continue its work as a support group aimed at maximizing the development of Leicesters' African Caribbean Community. This support to continue through LUCA's Grant Aid Contract with the Arts & Leisure Department.

The support was subject to:

- a. Comparisons being sought with similar posts in the Education Department for the post set out. This has now been carried out and the post re-evaluated against comparable posts.
- b. The Chief Executive checking the Councils' legal powers under 137.

The post has had to be re-evaluated to PO1-PO2 APT&C Grade (spinal point 38 raising to spinal point 39 in April 2001). This has increased the additional support being requested by £114, and is set out below (costs include NI and cost of living increases estimated at 3%): -

- £2,912 for the period May 2000 to December 2000
- £13,765 for the six months January 2001 to June 2001
- £5,698 administrative duties

3. Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to agree that Councils' supports the additional cost of £22,375, funded under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, to the African Caribbean Citizens Forum through LUCA's Grant Aid Contract.

4. Financial and Legal Implications

The required sums will be met from the one off development funds identified in the report to the Councils Policy & Resources Committee in September 1997 and the uncommitted underspend from the African Caribbean Youth Project (Chief Executive's Office).

In accordance with the Financial Regulations, Cabinet approval is required for expenditure for which legal authority is S.137 of the Local Government Act 1997. Legal Advice confirms that this is the authority under which the grant will be made.

5. Report Author/Officer to Contact

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