

Appendix B – Proposed amendments to Part 3F Financial Procedure Rules of the constitution

4. Grant Income

4.1. Approval prior to submitting a grant bid:

(a) Where the submission of the bid requires that it must be match funded ~ joint approval in writing by the relevant Director and the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) or Head of Finance (in the absence of the Director of Finance and Resources) and following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member;

(b) Where there is no requirement of the submission of the bid to be match funded ~ approval by the relevant Director and relevant Finance Manager in writing or their respective nominees and following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member.

4.2. ~~Approval prior to signature of grant agreement (total grant value):~~ Approval prior to entering into any agreement which requires signature (total grant value):

(a) Where a successful bid up to the value of £1,000,000 includes the requirement that it must be match funded by the Council, the approval of the relevant Cabinet Member to accept the grant must be obtained before signature;

(b) Up to £500,000 ~ approval in writing by relevant Director with notification to Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) or nominees;

(c) Above £500,000 up to £1,000,000 ~ approval in writing by the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) or Head of Finance (in the absence of the Director of Finance and Resources);

(d) Over £1,000,000 and up to £2,500,000~ to Cabinet, if time permits; if no time to go to Cabinet, joint approval in writing by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) or nominee following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and relevant Scrutiny Chair (or in the absence of the relevant Scrutiny Chair to the Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee) to be reported to Cabinet retrospectively;

(e) Over £2,500,000 ~ to Council, if time permits; if no time to go to Council, joint approval in writing by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and Leader to be reported to Council retrospectively, and each following consultation with legal and financial services.

4.3. The relevant Director will be responsible for ensuring that a copy of the completed grant agreement entered into with the Council is forwarded to Procurement Services at Procurement.Services@coventry.gov.uk in order for the details of the grant agreement to be updated on the register of grants.

4.4. Acceptance and expenditure of grant allocation(s) (where no agreement is required to be signed and irrespective of value) – approval in writing by the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) or Head of Finance (in the absence of the Director of Finance and Resources).

4.5. Grant Expenditure

4.5.1. *Approval to award grants to an external body (total grant value per external body):*

- (a) Up to £500,000~ approval in writing by relevant Director following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member with notification to Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) or nominees;*
- (b) Above £500,000 up to £1,000,000 ~ approval in writing by the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) or Head of Finance (in the absence of the Director of Finance and Resources) following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member;*
- (c) Over £1,000,000 and up to £2,500,000 ~ to Cabinet, if time permits; if no time to go to Cabinet, joint approval in writing by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) or nominee following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and relevant Scrutiny Chair (or in the absence of the relevant Scrutiny Chair to the Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee to be reported to Cabinet retrospectively;*
- (d) Over £2,500,000 ~ to Council, if time permits; if no time to go to Council, joint approval in writing by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and Leader to be reported to Council retrospectively, and each following consultation with legal and financial services.*

4.5.2. *The relevant Director will be responsible for ensuring that a copy of the completed grant agreement entered into with the Council is forwarded to Procurement services at Procurement.Services@coventry.gov.uk in order for the details of the grant agreement to be updated on the register of grants.*

NOTE: Where Grant Income is being received and it is known that Grant Expenditure to third parties will result from the utilisation of such Grant Income, approval should be sought for both the acceptance of the Grant Income and delegated authority to facilitate the Grant Expenditure at the same time.