

RESPONSE REGARDING INFORMATION REQUESTED AT BUDGET SCRUTINY IN RESPECT OF GRANTS

This brief document forms a response to the following query, raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board of 15th February 2010.

What Grants has the Authority not applied for in the last year and how much are they worth?

As an Authority, we are made aware of a number of Grant Initiatives through various sources, including Grant Finder ,for which we have had a licence now for 11 months. Details of any potential grants that we are eligible to apply for are regularly forwarded on to Directorates for consideration. Before a bid can be submitted, the relevant Directorate must ensure that following criteria are satisfied;

- The funding opportunity enhances PCC's ability to meet its Corporate Priorities & Strategic Direction.
- Appropriate resources exist to enable the individual Directorate to meet its objectives and obligations relating to the funding opportunity and that they can be delivered within a realistic timeframe. In particular if a significant amount of revenue or capital match funding is required from PCC.
- The risks involved in the undertaking are fully understood and acceptable.

As a result of such criteria, a small number of larger initiatives have not been taken forward, these can be found in the table attached.

The complexities around Grant result in a high degree of financial and non-financial risks for the authority, which have to be managed effectively and in line with Corporate Priorities. As a result, greater focus has been placed on smarter, improved processes around the attracting of and bidding for external funding.

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