

<b>SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 5</b>
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## Report of the Executive of John Harrison

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### FUNDING FOR RURAL AREAS

#### 1. PURPOSE

1.1 This report has been written at the request of the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Committees.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To note the contents of the report.

#### 3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

3.1 Additional funding would help contribute to the following priorities:

- Creating Opportunities and tackling inequalities
- Creating strong and supportive communities

#### 4. BACKGROUND

The Chairman is concerned that rural areas in the City are missing out on funding; therefore a request was made for information on funding opportunities.

Following an extensive research exercise, a list of potential funding streams is attached. The funding streams listed in the attached report have been identified as being suitable specifically for rural communities. Local Authorities are not directly eligible to apply to all of the funding streams listed but may be able to support rural communities to apply to these funding streams.

The report also contains details of funders whom whilst not having a specific rural community focus, will fund projects in rural areas providing they meet the funder's criteria.

4.1 Please refer to appendices.

#### 5. KEY ISSUES

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- Where applicable, match funding may be an issue.
  - The Local Authority may not be able to apply directly to some funders.

#### 6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 N/A

**7. CONSULTATION**

7.1 *N/A*

**8. NEXT STEPS**

8.1 Commission to make any comments or recommendations on the information provided in this report.

**9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Please see Funding Central which is produced by CFU on a monthly basis and contains an up-to-date list of current funding streams.

9.1 *N/A*

**10. APPENDICES**

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- Please see Appendix A for a list of funding streams.
  - A copy of the June edition of Funding Central is attached.