



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Royston Area Committee**2. Date: **2 Jun 2016**3. Summary of application: **Funding support to assist with running costs during 2016**Name of organisation: **Royston & District Volunteer Centre**Sum requested: **£3,750**Total project cost: **£8,140**

Brief details:

Royston & District Volunteer Centre are seeking funding support from Royston & District Area Committee to assist them with the running costs for providing the Volunteer Centre service in 2016.

Matched / linked funding: **£4,398**Funder: **Volunteering man hours**Matched /linked funding : **£0**
or DRR

Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

The Royston & District Volunteer Centre is a registered charity that has been operating since 1995. It is made up of 8 Committee Member Volunteers, one paid part time member of staff and 5 volunteers.

Royston & District Volunteer Centre provides support for volunteers and volunteer-involving organisations in Royston and the surrounding villages.

The group was in receipt of an annual Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for 4 years, which came to an end on 31st March 2016.

The group is seeking funding to assist with staffing costs and running costs of the volunteer centre. The funding request, mirrors the terms of the previous MoU and it must be stressed that the award of grant funding for staffing / running costs is only permitted for one year only under the current grant policy terms.

The group is seeking £3750, which exceeds the amount that can be recommended by an officer under the current grants policy.

The officer recommendation is an award of £1,500.

Members should note that this year is Hertfordshire Year of Vounteering which will put more demand on the Centre and its resources.

Amount recommended: **£1,500**