

Eich cyf/Your ref  
Ein cyf/Our ref  
Dyddiad/Date 19 January 2011  
Rhif union/Direct dial 01824 706652  
e-bost/e-mail [Amy.weir@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:Amy.weir@denbighshire.gov.uk)

Dear

### **Voluntary Organisations - Children and Family Services Grant Applications 2011/12**

You are without doubt aware of the current financial climate. We have yet to hear the impact of the Government's cost cutting proposals on Welsh authorities and on Denbighshire in particular. We believe, however, that the cuts will be significant and have already started to discuss restructuring our services to meet the anticipated shortfalls. We cannot avoid passing the cuts on to all our providers and feel that we have to give you as much notice as possible of our intentions.

In order to achieve the cuts required, we will be obliged to cut the Voluntary Organisations grant funding for Children and Family Services totally from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. We will however still be funding Voluntary Organisations during next financial year, in order to cushion this cut, and also allow you to seek funding from alternative sources.

The Voluntary Organisation Grant application process is now open to voluntary organisations to apply for 2011/12 funding to enable the Children and Family Service to provide services according to the priorities identified within our 2011-2012 Business Plan.

Included with this letter is information outlining our funding and service priorities for 2011/12, on which we will base our decisions relating to allocation of the Voluntary Organisation Grant.

You may, of course, also wish to make additional or alternative bids to other organisations and the DVSC have advised us that they would be happy to advise and assist in this endeavour. John Watkin, the Chief Executive Officer of the Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council is offering the DVSC's advice and assistance. The DVSC telephone number is 01824 702441

and John Watkin's email address is [john@dvsc.co.uk](mailto:john@dvsc.co.uk).

There is no guarantee that grant applications will be accepted and where organisations no longer meet our priorities; we may be obliged to cease funding.

I have included an application form that should be completed and returned to me by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011. We will be informing organisations of the outcome by the end of February 2011.

Yours faithfully,

Amy Weir  
Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Plant a Theuluoedd  
Head of Children & Family Services

Social Services Department  
64 Brighton Road, Rhyl, Denbighshire. LL18 3HN  
Tel 01824 712900 Fax 01824 712888  
Website: [www.denbighshire.gov.uk](http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk)