

Funding Advisors Network West Of England (FANWOE)

Terms of Reference

1. Name:

The name of the organisation is the **Funding advisors Network West Of England** (referred in this document as the Network)

2. Vision: Promoting information sharing and support for West of England sub-region funding advisors

3. Aims:

- a. To provide a place for funding advisors in the West of England to co-ordinate and share information, practical ideas, and expertise on funding advice
- b. To identify training to assist funding advice to be more effective, and to work towards best practice in funding advice based on a commonly agreed quality standard
- c. To develop more effective ways of delivering funding advice
- d. To lobby on behalf of groups, and influence funding/community investment policy and decision makers

4. Objects & powers

The objects of the Network are to:

- a. To establish a web-based resource and database of support for members
- b. To publicise and raise awareness of the Funding Advice Network West of England, and to encourage membership

c. To develop a sustainable partnership between the Network, Funders and statutory agency structures in order to provide up to date and correct information on funding/community investment issues

d. To monitor progress and evaluate the impact of the network

in the West Of England and sub-region area

5. In furtherance of the above objects the Network shall have the power to:

a. Co-operate with and bring together in conference representatives of voluntary organisations, Government departments, statutory agencies and authorities and individuals

b. Raise funds, invite and receive donations and contributions for the continuation of the group

c. Arrange and provide for services for the benefit of the client group, either alone or with others

d. Raise funding to set up a website for the network for members to share information

e. Hire rooms/ halls for meetings and conferences

g) Do all such other lawful things as are necessary to further the objects of the Network

6. Membership

a) Membership shall be open to all Funding advice workers in the West Of England sub-region region

b) Voluntary and statutory agency workers whose work entails the supporting groups or individual with applications for funding from charities etc.

c) Membership will be open to all Funding advisors who support the aims and objectives of the Network

7. Subscriptions

There will be no subscription for membership of the FANWOE

8. Meetings

- a. The network members will meet quarterly
- b. The network will hold annual conference to celebrate its achievements for the year.
- c. The network will rotate the chairing of the meeting and the taking of minutes in order to share the work of the co coordinating agency
- d. Special meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Chair

9. Finance

- a. All money raised by the Network shall be applied to the furtherance of the Objects of the Network and for not other purpose, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member of the Network or the repayment of reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the Network by members
- b. The funds of the Network shall be paid into an account in the name of the lead agency at the agency Bank.
- c. All expenses will be paid by the leading agency holding the Network's funds.

10. Alterations to the Terms of Reference

Alterations to these Terms of Reference shall require the assent of two-thirds of the members of the Network present at the meeting

11. Dissolution

If the Network decide at any time that on the grounds of expense or otherwise that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Network, it shall

call a meeting of all members of the Network (giving enough notice) to finalise decision.

Approved by the FANWOE members on: _____

Chair

Secretary
