

# Move for review of funding

MULLUM Mullum Ward councillor Graeme Macmillan has urged Manningham Council to be stricter with its funding for community services.

Cr Macmillan said that in an effort to make council spending more transparent, the merits of local charities and service providers given council assistance, such as Doncare and the YMCA, should be "rigorously reviewed".

"I'm not saying cut spending. I just think we need to be allocating it where it's due," he said.

"I think making sure we know where our money goes is crucial, and that the appropriate work is being done with it."

Mayor Geoff Gough dismissed the move as "unnecessary".

"It's definitely not something that needs to be reviewed," Cr Gough said. "Each organisation council gives money to does great things."

Doncare's acting chief executive Carmel O'Brien said any suggestion that grant recipients were not worthy of funding was offensive.

"It's public money, so we give council constant feedback on how it's used," she said.

"But I think for all organisations it's an amazing thing to achieve what we do with the funding we get."



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