

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

25 January 2018

Report of the Strategic Director for Commissioning, Communities and Policy

**FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS
IN 2018-19**

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities to continue payments to voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations from the Policy and Research Voluntary Sector Grants budget for a twelve month period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

2. Information and Analysis

A key priority for the Council and the Policy and Research Division is to develop and maintain good relationships and partnerships with the VCS to ensure that there is a strategic contribution from the sector into the work of the Authority.

There are 16 organisations currently in receipt of funding from the Policy and Research Voluntary Sector Grants budget. Appendix 1 provides details of the organisations supported and how each utilises the funding that they receive. A number of the organisations currently supported are also in receipt of funding from Adult Care to deliver services on their behalf. On 7 December 2017, Cabinet agreed to extend payments to voluntary and community sector organisations in receipt of Adult Care funding for a twelve month period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, whilst the future investment in the voluntary and community sector is considered by the Council.

In order to ensure better coordination of investment across the Council, it is proposed that payments to the 16 organisations continues at their current level for a 12 month period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 to align with the review currently being undertaken by Adult Care. If agreed the Policy and Research Division will continue to monitor the funded organisations on a six monthly basis.

Community and Voluntary Partners Bolsover has provided infrastructure support for Bolsover over a number of years. The County Council has been informed that a Board meeting was held on Thursday 4 January 2018 at the Tangent Centre in Shirebrook where the Trustees of Community and Voluntary Partners Bolsover unanimously decided that it was no longer a viable organisation and should be wound up with immediate effect. It is important to ensure that infrastructure support is provided in areas of the county where it is needed, so discussions about alternative provision in Bolsover will take place over the coming months to ensure that voluntary and community sector organisations continue to receive support.

3. Financial considerations

The proposal to continue payments for a 12 month period to 31 March 2019 will cost £267,641, of which £186,641 will be met from the Policy & Research Voluntary Sector Grants budget. The remaining £81,000 would be met from Policy and Research underspends.

4. Social Value Considerations

The organisations supported through the grants budget contribute to the promotion of social value in Derbyshire communities by delivering services at a local community level or by supporting other local voluntary and community sector organisations to develop and deliver services. In addition they foster positive relationships between and within communities of both place and interest and support the capacity of the sector as a whole. South Derbyshire Citizen's Advice Bureau provides specialist employment advice and the Derbyshire Law Centre provides specialist legal advice, assistance and representation to support vulnerable individuals and families.

5. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, legal and human rights, equal opportunities, human resources, environmental, health and property considerations.

6. Key Decision

No

7. Call-in

The waiver of call in provisions is not required.

8. Officer's Recommendations

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities approves the payment to 16 VCS organisations listed in Appendix 1 for a 12 month period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 as set out in the report.

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APPENDIX 1

Name of Organisation	Funding 2018 – 2019
Amber Valley CVS utilises the funding to support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the county. This includes development, liaison, representation, providing services and strategic partnership working.	£15,378
Asian Association of Chesterfield and North Derbyshire utilises the funding to support the core costs of the organisation and strengthen the capacity of the BME sector as a whole within the county. They undertake variety of functions and organise activities to support their communities of interest.	£3,744
BME Infrastructure network provides a corporate approach to consultation and engagement with BME groups across the county. It supports the two BME Forums operating in the north and the south of the county and engages with hard to reach communities in developing and shaping the authority's services in a coherent way.	£15,400
Chesterfield African Caribbean Community Association Derbyshire utilises the funding to support the core costs of the organisation and strengthen the capacity of the BME sector as a whole within the county. They undertake variety of functions and organise activities to support their communities of interest.	£3,744
Chesterfield Muslim Association Derbyshire utilises the funding to support the core costs of the organisation and strengthen the capacity of the BME sector as a whole within the county. They undertake variety of functions and organise activities to support their communities of interest.	£1,821
Infrastructure Support for Bolsover funding to support core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the county. This includes development, liaison, representation, providing services and strategic partnership working.	£15,378
Derbyshire Chinese Welfare Association Derbyshire utilises the funding to support the core costs of the organisation and strengthen the capacity of the BME sector as a whole within the county. They undertake variety of functions and organise activities to support their communities of interest.	£2,186
Derbyshire Dales CVS utilises the funding to support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the county. This includes development, liaison, representation, providing services and strategic partnership working.	£15,378
Derbyshire Law Centre utilises the funding to support its core	£90,124

costs in providing specialist legal advice, assistance and representation through face-to-face and telephone services at its main office in Chesterfield and other locations throughout the county.	
Erewash Voluntary Action and CVS utilises the funding to support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the county. This includes development, liaison, representation, providing services and strategic partnership working.	£15,378
High Peak CVS utilises the funding to support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the County of Derbyshire. This includes development, liaison, representation, providing services and strategic partnership working.	£15,378
Muslim Welfare Association Derbyshire utilises the funding to support the core costs of the organisation and strengthen the capacity of the BME sector as a whole within the county. They undertake variety of functions and organise activities to support their communities of interest.	£1,821
Links - Chesterfield & North East Derbyshire CVS utilises the funding to support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the county. This includes development, liaison, representation, providing services and strategic partnership working.	£30,755
Rural Action Derbyshire utilises the funding to support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the rural areas of the county.	£15,378
South Derbyshire CAB utilises the funding to support its core costs in providing specialist employment advice in South Derbyshire.	£10,400
South Derbyshire CVS utilises the funding to support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the county. This includes development, liaison, representation, providing services and strategic partnership working.	£15,378
Total	£267,641