

Agenda Item No.3

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC POLICY, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET**

14 March 2017

Report of the Chief Executive

**FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS
IN 2017-18**

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget to continue payments to voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations from the Chief Executive's Voluntary Sector Grants budget for a twelve month period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

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.

The 16 organisations listed in Appendix 1 are currently in receipt of funding from the Chief Executive's Office grant budget. The appendix also details how each of these organisations utilises this funding. It is proposed that this payment continues for a 12 month period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018. If agreed Policy and Research Division will continue to monitor the funded organisations on a six monthly basis.

3. Financial considerations

The proposal to continue payments for a 12 month period to 31 March 2017 will cost £267,641, of which £186,641 will be met from the Chief Executive's Voluntary Sector Grants budget. The remaining £81,000 would be met from General Reserves.

4. Social Value Considerations

The organisations supported through the Chief Executive's Voluntary Sector Grants budget contribute to the promotion of social value in Derbyshire communities by delivering services at a local community level or by supporting other voluntary and community sector organisations to develop and deliver services at a local community level. 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 Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget approves the payment to 16 VCS organisations listed in Appendix 1 for a 12 month period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 as set out in the report.

**Ian Stephenson
Chief Executive
Derbyshire County Council**

APPENDIX 1

Name of Organisation	Chief Executive's Funding 2017 – 2018
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
Community & Voluntary Partners 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 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	£15,378

the county. This includes development, liaison, representation, providing services and strategic partnership working.	
Derbyshire Law Centre utilises the funding to support its core 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.	£90,124
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