

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**24 May 2016**

**Report of the Chief Executive**

**DERBYSHIRE TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE AWARD  
(STRATEGIC POLICY AND BUDGET)**

**1 Purpose of Report**

To inform Cabinet of recent allocations made from the Transformation Challenge Award (TCA) to support the North Midlands One Public Estate Programme (OPE) and Derbyshire Collection Funds Project.

**2 Information and Analysis**

The Transformation Challenge Award 2015-2016 is funded by a grant from the Department of Communities and Local Government to support local authorities to transform their operations, make changes to their business processes and work with the wider public sector to improve services for local people. It is intended to help implement new ways of working and new approaches rather than to supplement existing practices. Key objectives include:

- Encouraging councils to re-engineer their business processes through sharing all or some of their corporate services, workforces, information technology systems and assets.
- Encouraging and supporting councils and places to re-design the way that services are delivered.
- Supporting transformative projects.

The ten Derbyshire Local Authorities were allocated £0.745m in revenue grant to support transformation projects which are delivered in partnership. As the holders of the grant DCC, is responsible for coordination, delivery and evaluation of this transformation programme on behalf of the partners.

Individual projects are required to produce a business case that is assessed according to set criteria, prior to any recommendations for support being made to the Derbyshire Chief Executives' Group who act as the governance group for this programme.

Business cases for the D2 OPE Programme and the Derbyshire Collection Funds Project have been assessed and the Derbyshire Chief Executive's Group have allocated £50,000 and £154,882 respectively to these two projects.

The OPE Programme funding will be used to accelerate the development and implementation of the OPE Programme across Derbyshire.

The funding allocated to the Derbyshire Collection Funds Project will enable the eight District and Borough Councils to build up counter fraud capacity, to protect the public purse and maximise income from Council Tax.

The following projects are currently being supported by funding from the Transformation Challenge Award:

- Transformation Challenge Award Coordinator
- Development of a Combined Housing Register and Choice Based Letting System
- Creation of a Housing Enabling and Development Team
- Customer Segmentation and Mapping
- Transforming Building Control
- Development of a Young Persons Pathway
- Disabled Facilities Grant Review

Subject to final approval of the above submissions, it should be noted by Cabinet, that £50,000 will remain available within the Derbyshire Transformation Challenge Award.

### **3 Financial Considerations**

Contained within the body of the report.

### **4 Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: Legal and Human Rights, equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, property and crime and disorder considerations.

### **6 Background Papers**

Business Cases are held on file.

**7 Key Decision**

No.

**8 Is it necessary to waive the call-in period?**

No.

**9 Officer's Recommendation**

9.1 That Cabinet note the allocations made to the following;

- North Midlands One Public Estate Programme - £50,000
- Derbyshire Collection Funds Project - £154,882

9.2 That Cabinet note that £50,000 will remain in the TCA fund.

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