

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**28 February 2019**

**Joint Report of the Strategic Directors for Adult Social Care and  
Commissioning, Communities and Policy**

**PAYMENTS TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY  
ORGANISATIONS 2019-20**

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND COMMISSIONING, COMMUNITIES & POLICY**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

To seek Cabinet approval to extend recurrent payments to voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations for a twelve month period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 and to approve the award of an additional short term, interim payment to support Derbyshire County Council's (DCC) ongoing contractual delivery of two rural transport services and agree that a review of the Council's grant investment is undertaken.

**2. Information and Analysis**

A key priority for the Council 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 Council currently invests in 61 VCS services and over 110 small local voluntary groups each year. Many of the organisations funded by the Council have been supported for a number of years and there are a variety of approaches across the organisation for allocating funding and responding to local need. The funding and delivery landscape for the sector has become increasingly complex and the Council's Corporate Management Team has agreed that clarification of the Council's grant investment is necessary. To provide clarity as to what the Council will support in the future, they therefore recommend a joint audit of grants to the sector during 2019-20 be undertaken to develop a clear strategy and policy for the support of voluntary sector organisations across Derbyshire.

In response to the challenges of the current VCS funding model, work has been taking place to establish the scope, governance arrangements and timeline for undertaking a countywide review. Ensuring that resources allocated to the VCS in the future support the Council's ambitions and encourage the long term sustainability of the sector are key priorities. Underpinning these priorities is the need to secure improved outcomes for Derbyshire which reflect the level of investment whilst having a cost effective, coordinated and sustainable approach for the future.

Whilst a review takes place, it will be important to ensure the security and stability of the sector given recent developments around proposed reductions in funding from partner agencies such as Clinical Commissioning Groups in Derbyshire. It is therefore proposed that the funding for each organisation as agreed for 2018-19 be maintained during 2019-20 whilst a review takes place. Organisations supported by the Council will continue to be monitored to ensure that funding is used appropriately, positive outcomes are evidenced and performance targets are met.

## **2.1 Infrastructure Services**

Generally, VCS infrastructure organisations offer information, support, guidance, training, funding advice for groups, promote good practice and provide a voluntary sector perspective to the statutory sector at strategic level forums. Many of the infrastructure organisations across the county also develop and deliver services.

Across the county Adult Care has 12 grant arrangements for infrastructure support listed in Appendix 1. Policy and Research has 9 grant arrangements across the county, which are set out in Appendix 4.

## **2.2 General Voluntary and Community Sector Service Funding**

Adult Care has a further 34 grant arrangements with VCS providers that are subject to yearly renewal to assist them to deliver a range of preventative services that complement other funded care and support services. Appendix 2 sets out details of the grants including the grant fund allocation for small groups and clubs.

Policy and Research has a further seven grant arrangements with VCS providers across the county who provide specialist legal and employment advice or offer support to BME communities. Appendix 4 sets out details of the grants to these organisations.

## 2.3 Interim Allocations - Voluntary and Community Sector Transport

In December 2018, the Derbyshire CCGs approved cuts to a number of voluntary sector grants. This included two rural community transport services that DCC also contracts with. The cut of the CCG element to this service reduces their capacity to deliver to vulnerable and rural communities which is likely to increase operational costs for Adult Care direct care teams. It is proposed that an interim payment is made to these two DCC contracted services to ensure their sustainability and capacity whilst wider reviews are undertaken during 2019-20.

These services have provided 12,287 journeys (including 1,019 for people who use wheelchairs) during the period April to November 2018.

This temporary enhancement will be managed through the current Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) contract for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 only. These increases are not substantially different from the original contract awards and it is therefore possible to make these additional payments as minor variations.

Appendix 3 sets out the details of the contracted services that are proposed will receive additional short term funding whilst reviews are undertaken.

## 3. Financial Considerations

The table below summarises the budget allocation against each service type.

<b>Adult Care/Economy, Transport and Environment</b>		
<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Number of Services</b>	<b>Spend</b>
2.1 Infrastructure Services (Adult Care)	12	£268,622
2.2 General Voluntary and Community Sector Service Funding (Adult Care)	33	£686,176
2.3 Interim Payment - Voluntary and Community Sector Transport (Economy, Transport and Environment)	2	£27,005
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>£ 981,803</b>

All the proposed Adult Care allocations are based on funding agreed in respect of the 2018-19 year and can be met from the appropriate Adult Care budgets. Interim Payment (2.3) will also be met from the Adult Care budget and will be transferred from Adult Care to Economy, Transport and

Environment to cover the additional contract payments to the Community Transport schemes.

<b>Policy and Research</b>		
<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Number of Services</b>	<b>Spend</b>
2.1 Infrastructure Services	9	£167,026
2.2 General Voluntary and Community Sector Service Funding	7	£113,840
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>£280,866</b>

The proposal to continue payments for a 12 month period to 31 March 2020 will cost £280,866, of which £186,641 will be met from the Policy & Research Voluntary Sector Grants budget, £13,225 from the Corporate Budget and the remaining £81,000 will be met from Policy and Research reserves.

#### **4. Human Resources Considerations**

As all the above are voluntary and community organisations, none of the staff involved are employed by Derbyshire County Council. However, with regard to any organisation providing services to children or vulnerable adults, approval of financial support is conditional on the existence within these organisations of appropriate procedures assessing suitability to work with children or vulnerable adults.

#### **5. Legal Considerations**

The Council is permitted to make such payments under the “General Power of Competence” set out in the Localism Act 2011. A grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grant is made. The recipient of the grant is not contractually obliged to deliver the services, although the Council would seek to claw back the grant in appropriate circumstances where there was significant non-compliance of any grant conditions.

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. Background Papers**

None

## **8. Key Decision**

Yes

## **9. Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report?**

No

## **10. Officer's Recommendation**

It is recommended that Cabinet:

1. Approves the proposed grant allocation of £1,235,664 to VCS organisations for 2019-20 as detailed in the Appendices to this report; and
2. Approves the award of additional £27,005 interim funds to support the ongoing contractual delivery of two rural transport services, as detailed in this report at Appendix 3; and
3. Agrees to a jointly led Council wide review of DCC's grant investment programmes.

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## Appendix 1 – Adult Care Grant Payments for Infrastructure Support and VCS Grants

Name of organisation and grant information	Funding 2019-20
<b>Amber Valley CVS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer training, support and brokerage</li> <li>Infrastructure Support and Self Help Group Funding</li> </ul>	£10,571 £21,947
<b>Infrastructure Support for Bolsover (no current provider – allocated funding is currently held in Adult Care Grant Budget )</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups.</li> <li>Development, liaison, representation, providing services and strategic partnership working.</li> </ul>	£7,110
<b>Derbyshire Dales CVS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of information, support, guidance, training and funding advice to new and existing local voluntary and community groups, engagement with local voluntary groups and VCS organisations to represent their views with statutory partners, and administration of a small grants programme.</li> </ul>	£21,515
<b>Derbyshire Voluntary Action – DVA</b> (formerly North Derbyshire Voluntary Action) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of support to health and social care voluntary and community sector groups and organisations, in particular the administration of the small grants scheme.</li> </ul>	£18,166
<b>Erewash Voluntary Action and CVS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure support and volunteering activity, including fund for self-help groups.</li> </ul>	£60,095
<b>High Peak CVS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of generic and specialist voluntary and community sector infrastructure support to local groups, including administration of local self-help budget to support local group development.</li> </ul>	£4,124
<b>New Mills Volunteer Centre</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of a range of activities for older housebound people, including the provision of volunteering.</li> </ul>	£21,763
<b>South Derbyshire CVS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contribution towards the provision of infrastructure support and volunteering service.</li> </ul>	£36,884

<b>The Bureau</b> (formerly Glossop Volunteer Centre) • Contribution towards the provision of volunteer led activities.	£19,175
<b>The Volunteer Centre – Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire</b> • Elder friends befriending project and volunteer support.	£17,036
<b>Voluntary and Community Services Peaks and Dales</b> • Contribution towards the provision of volunteer led activities and befriending services.	£30,236
<b>Total</b>	<b>£268,622</b>

## Appendix 2 - Adult Care Grant Payments to Voluntary and Community Organisations for Services

Name of organisation and grant information	Funding 2019-20
<b>Amber Valley CVS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Befriending Services for older disabled people</li> </ul>	£6,457
<b>Erewash Voluntary Action and CVS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shopping Service for older people and vulnerable adults.</li> </ul>	£31,711
<b>South Derbyshire CVS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contribution towards provision of a social car scheme.</li> <li>Provision of a volunteer befriending service for all adults in South Derbyshire (known as The Connect Befriending Service).</li> </ul>	£7,406 £33,848
<b>The Bureau</b> (formerly Glossop Volunteer Centre) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contribution towards the provision of the Time Out shopping service.</li> </ul>	£21,936
<b>Voluntary and Community Services Peaks and Dales</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contribution towards the provision of a Volunteer Car Scheme.</li> </ul>	£16,306
<b>Eckington and District Monday Club</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a voluntary service each Monday for adults with learning disabilities. It is a social meeting but included in the club are Independent living skills, mentoring, befriending, advice and a different activity each week.</li> </ul>	£3,216
<b>Greenaway Workshop</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greenaway Workshop provides therapeutic care in a meaningful structured day for people with long term health conditions be it physical disabilities, sensory impairment or mild learning difficulties, for those who reside in Mid-North Derbyshire, with printing and cane chair renovation being the main activities.</li> </ul>	£10,161
<b>Mencap Gateway Club</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone who attends is an adult with learning disability. A range of activities are provided that meet people's interests and support their wellbeing e.g. sports and crafts activities.</li> </ul>	£2,675



<b>Our Vision Our Future</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A self-advocacy group run for and by adults aged 18 and over with learning disabilities, which including visual, sensory, physical disabilities, autism, Asperger's, limited mobility, memory and communication problems.</li> </ul>	£30,375
<b>Derbyshire Autism Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of services for vulnerable adults with autism spectrum conditions.</li> </ul>	£26,084
<b>Derbyshire Dales Careline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telephone befriending service to elderly, disabled and vulnerable adults living in the south Derbyshire Dales locality</li> </ul>	£2,010
<b>Glossopdale Furniture Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide good quality affordable furniture and other household items to people on low incomes. Providing free furniture packs to people who have previously been homeless and are given a new tenancy, but who are not eligible for any financial help.</li> </ul>	£32,133
<b>Heanor Salcare</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contribution towards services, in particular the provision of recycled furniture and other household items to people on low income living in the Amber Valley area. General service info: Salcare provides a range of support and services incl.: Food bank, Community kitchen, Charity shop, Furniture warehouse, Drop in for welfare and benefit advice, Community laundry, Confidential space for clients to meet with other agencies, Work placements and volunteer opportunities.</li> </ul>	£54,054
<b>Barlborough Darby and Joan Luncheon Club</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide lunch each week to older people living in the Barlborough area. Financial support assists with transport and general running expenses.</li> </ul>	£1,568
<b>Borrowbrook Home Link</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offers support to older adults living in the Borrowash / Ockbrook area. Including the provision of advice and info., regular home visiting service for housebound older people, monthly community lunch club, outings, two drop in coffee mornings each month and a monthly Friendship / Befriending Club for older people.</li> </ul>	£2,800

<b>Dronfield Welcome Club</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly Club for older people where they can meet and socialise, and includes the provision of lunch. The majority of the people who attend Dronfield Welcome Club are housebound and / or live on the own. Funding is used towards the cost of transport and carers.</li> </ul>	£629
<b>Eventide Luncheon Club</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides luncheon club facilities for older people living in the Stanley Common area. Financial support is to assist with the club's running expenses.</li> </ul>	£10,000
<b>Ripley Neighbourhood Care Scheme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delivers a once weekly day service for older people and their carers living in the Ripley area, providing lunch and social activities. Funding provided is assist with the cost of room hire and other running expenses.</li> </ul>	£2,369
<b>Age UK</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobile Information Service/Information Roadshow</li> <li>Hulland Ward Day Care</li> <li>Bakewell Day Care</li> <li>Bakewell/Buxton Befriending Service</li> <li>Erewash Careline Service</li> <li>First Taste – arts education workshops in Derbyshire Dales, mainly in care settings.</li> </ul>	£19,547 £25,272 £166,902 £48,099 £4,500 £5,200
<b>Age Concern Chesterfield</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information, advice and befriending services for older people.</li> </ul>	£10,741
<b>Glebe Field Centre</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of day services to older people.</li> </ul>	£12,000
<b>Ilkeston and District CVS Flamsteed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contribution towards Centre Manager salary</li> <li>Funding to support the provision of day care</li> <li>Sunday Luncheon Club Room Hire</li> </ul>	£5,021 £15,346 £2,280

<b>Stanley Common Eventide Community Hall</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of a range of activities for vulnerable people living in the Stanley Common and surrounding area, in particular the employment of a Community Development Worker</li> </ul>	£10,000
<b>Home Comfort Team Erewash</b> (current provider has given notice however the service may transition to an alternative provider for the most vulnerable services users for 2019-20 therefore the allocated funding will remain in the Adult Care grant budget until the outcome has been agreed.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic house and garden tasks or moving of furniture to enable hospital discharge.</li> </ul>	£11,699
<b>Stepping Stones</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of day care for older people.</li> </ul>	£15,549
<b>Chesterfield and District African/Caribbean Community Association</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a range of activities for the African Caribbean community, with funding provided acting as a contribution to the Organisers salary and the provision of a range of activities, which includes a luncheon club for older African / Caribbean people.</li> </ul>	£20,282
<b>Luncheon Clubs, Older People Clubs and clubs for disabled people</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A range of small community groups/clubs providing preventative community services.</li> </ul>	£18,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£686,176</b>

### Appendix 3 – Economy, Transport and Environment Interim Allocations

Name of organisation and funding information	Funding 2019-20
<p><b>Transport services across High Peak, North and South Derbyshire Dales and South Derbyshire.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two services delivered through consortia contracts. The High Peak and North Derbyshire Dales service is operated by a consortium of four organisations which are Voluntary and Community Services Peaks and Dales, Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport, New Mills Volunteer Centre and the Bureau Glossop. The lead organisation for the contract is Voluntary and Community Services Peaks and Dales. The South Derbyshire and South Derbyshire Dales service is operated by a consortium of two organisations South Derbyshire Community Volunteer Service and Voluntary and Community Services Peaks and Dales.</li> </ul>	£27,005
<b>Total</b>	<b>£27,005</b>

#### Appendix 4 – Policy and Research Grant Payments for Infrastructure Support and VCS organisations

Name of organisation and grant information	Funding 2019-20
<b>Amber Valley CVS</b> 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
<b>Asian Association of Chesterfield and North Derbyshire</b> 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
<b>BME Infrastructure network</b> 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.	£28,625
<b>Chesterfield African Caribbean Community Association Derbyshire</b> 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
<b>Chesterfield Muslim Association Derbyshire</b> 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
<b>Infrastructure Support for Bolsover</b> 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
<b>Derbyshire Chinese Welfare Association Derbyshire</b> 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
<b>Derbyshire Dales CVS</b> 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

<b>Derbyshire Law Centre</b> 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
<b>Erewash Voluntary Action and CVS</b> 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
<b>High Peak CVS</b> 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
<b>Muslim Welfare Association Derbyshire</b> 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
<b>Links - Chesterfield &amp; North East Derbyshire CVS</b> 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
<b>Rural Action Derbyshire</b> 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
<b>South Derbyshire CAB</b> utilises the funding to support its core costs in providing specialist employment advice in South Derbyshire.	£10,400
<b>South Derbyshire CVS</b> 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£280,866</b>