

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD 1 FORM

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**Decision Reference No: AHWB.082.2018 Community Investment Programme**

**BOX 1****DIRECTORATE:**

Adults, Health & Well being

**Date** 15.12.2018

**Contact Name:**

Fay Wood, Strategic Lead,  
Community Led Support

**Tel. No.:** 01302 737817

**Subject Matter: Community Investment Programme.**

**BOX 2****DECISION TAKEN**

To seek approval to go out to the voluntary, community, faith sector and social enterprise market with a Community Investment Grant Funding Programme which has a primary focus on supporting the enhancement, capability and sustainability of the sector through a grant making process.

The Programme has two funding streams – Capital Fund 200k and Community based activity Fund 200k.

Once bids have been approved ODR's will be completed to draw any capital money down and to provide transparency as to which groups have secured funding.

**BOX 3****REASON FOR THE DECISION**

**Give relevant background information.**

Background.

The challenges facing both Health and Social Care are well documented. Local and National evidence suggests that not only are we facing demographic demands there are health and wellbeing inequalities across the Borough underpinned by unprecedented financial constraints.

The Doncaster Place Plan describes the transformation approach being undertaken to completely re model adult social care, health and wellbeing systems and services. The local Place Plan contains a compelling vision where “care and support will be tailored to community strengths to help Doncaster residents to maximise their independence, health and wellbeing”. At the heart of this, the neighbourhood approach gives a focus on the individual, family, friends

and communities and primary care with a shift to more early intervention prevention rather than a reliance on statutory provision. The expected impact of increased strengths and assets of communities is to reduce demand on services and build stronger more mutually supportive communities, who look after each other, reduce social isolation and enable people to stay in their own homes.

There is increasing emphasis on local authorities becoming more effective in their use of resources and the need to invest more in solutions that deliver real outcomes for individuals and communities. Doncaster Borough Council is committed to supporting local Voluntary, Community, Faith Sector Organisations and Social Enterprises; because we believe that a vibrant sector is crucial in having a beneficial impact on the local community. The Council through the Community Investment Programme have an opportunity to reinforce its community leadership role in the investment of grant funding to develop further the capacity and skills of the sector and strengthen frontline community groups/organisations to deliver value for money services/activities and provide a platform for the delivery of projects that strengthen and support communities.

We know that many organisations/groups do not have the scale and capacity to compete or to deliver large scale public sector contracts but, we know that a grant, can make significant contributions to improving wellbeing outcomes. We also know that locally based grassroots community groups/organisations have close trusted relationships with people who access their services and have local knowledge and intelligence of where there are gaps in support provision and can define the needs and local solutions.

Through the Community Investment Programme we would like community groups and organisations to express their new ideas and developments so we can explore how best we can support them. This programme provides a real opportunity for generating significant community activity and positive impact. Equally important the two funding streams within the programme offer a real opportunity to support the capability, capacity and sustainability of the sector. Additionally, the three key themes in the Community Investment Programme can make a substantial contribution to the delivery of policy objectives particularly in supporting community wellbeing.

**The key themes are:-**

- Tackling loneliness and social isolation**
- Maintaining Independence**
- Early Intervention and Prevention**

With an aging population people's expectations of how they want to live changes, Health and Social care partners in Doncaster are all too aware of the need to re-examine their collective roles, balancing statutory duties to deliver services with giving more choice and control to individuals and their families.

We want to continue to aid communities' response to the transformation agenda that is taking place and the Community Investment Programme is one element of a much wider approach that recognises that investment and resources in the sector are required. The Community Investment Programme will build on and develop further the community offer of flexible,

responsive and timely support activities alongside supporting independence, thereby allowing people to get help when they need it, in the way they want it.

The strategic intent of early intervention, prevention and community led support is to release personal, community, state, private and third sector assets to increase community self-help and increase the effectiveness of coproduction to improve health and wellbeing and build stronger more inclusive communities.

Successful bids will be responsive to and address local need and the solutions they put forward will be realistic and achievable. Organisations will be supported to look at their long term sustainability and how they can evidence the impact and difference their activity has made.

#### **BOX 4**

##### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

There were no alternative options considered

#### **BOX 5**

##### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 gives the local authority the power to do anything that individuals may generally do.

S111 Local Government Act 1972 states that a local authority shall have power to do anything (whether or not involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights) which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions.

There are no specific legal implications in agreeing the draw down from Service Transformation Fund earmarked reserve.

Funding Agreements should be entered into with grant recipients to ensure that the Council's interests are protected and that there is a contractual commitment to the delivery of outputs.

When awarding grants, the report author must comply with financial procedure rule E14.

**Name: Paula Coleman Signature: By e-mail Date: 17.12.18**

Signature of Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services (or representative)

#### **BOX 6**

##### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The Community Led Support Programme has secured £500k capital from Corporate resources and £500k BCF to aid the transformation of community based services both were approved as part of the 18/19 Budget setting process.

To date the only Capital commitment from this allocation is £5k for Bentley Library (ODR AHWB/041/2018), there is therefore an available balance of £495k to support this initiative and the £200k revenue has been committed from the £500k Community Led Support allocation.

Grants awarded from this allocation will need to meet the definition of capital expenditure and further ODR's will need to be approved to draw down this funding once successful recipients have been confirmed.

Following confirmation of successful bids funding agreements will need to be drawn up to ensure recipients adhere to the terms and conditions of the grant funding awarded. Any grants £50k and above will need Cabinet approval as per the Financial Procedures Rules E.14.

**Name: Helen Rowlands Signature: H Rowlands Date: 19/12/18**

Signature of Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance (or representative)

#### **BOX 7**

##### **OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS**

 N/A

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Assistant Director (or representative)

**ANY IMPLICATIONS SENT TO DEPARTMENTS SHOULD GENERALLY BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 5 WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE THESE CAN BE GIVEN THE RELEVANT CONSIDERATION.**

#### **BOX 8**

**EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:** (To be completed by the author).

The successful bids will be required to deliver the services/activities in such a way that does not discriminate against any of the protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation) other than service users must be aged 18 years and over. The service will not tolerate behaviours that are prohibited by the Equality Act 2010 and will actively work to advance equality of opportunity and the fostering of good relations.

#### **BOX 9**

**RISK IMPLICATIONS:** (To be completed by the author)

Successful bids will have a grant agreement put in place and monitoring proportionate to funding secured. The focus will be on offering a supportive environment whereby any concerns are raised before they escalate. It is in the Council's best interest to support this Programme.

#### **BOX 10**

##### **CONSULTATION**

The Community Investment Programme has been considered by the Portfolio holders for Communities, Public Health Children's and Adult Social Care. Councillor R Blake will be signing the Forward.

**BOX 11  
INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it is in the Public's interests for this decision to be published in full, redacting on the signatures.

Name: Gillian Parker Signature \_\_\_\_\_ by email \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 21/12/2018

Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

**BOX 12  
BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Please confirm if any Background Papers are included with this ODR NO

(If YES please list and submit these with this form)

**BOX 13  
AUTHORISATION**

redaction

Name: Karen Johnson Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 31/12/2018

Assistant Director of Adult Social Care and Safeguarding

**Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or other Officer**

**YES/NO**

**If yes please authorise below:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Director/Assistant Director of \_\_\_\_\_

**Consultation with Relevant Member(s)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration of Interest YES/NO**

**If YES please give details below:**

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