

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD 1 FORM

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**Decision Reference No:** 2022/27/PH/VAD

**BOX 1**

**DIRECTORATE:** Public Health

**DATE:** 17/06/2022

**Contact Name:** Michael McBurney

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**Subject Matter:** The allocation of £200,000 from the Better Care Fund to extend funding for Voluntary Action Doncaster to improve third sector representation and bolster a voluntary community and faith sector provider market. The overall aim is a move towards addressing the 'representation gap' that currently exists within the Team Doncaster strategic partnership and to provide a platform for the sector to exert strategic influence.

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

To award Voluntary Action Doncaster £200,000 until May 2023 to support the voluntary community and faith sector as a cooperative approach and provide strong voice and representation, and a point of access for commissioning/ partnership working. The case for change is to build on all the hard work and dedication of Voluntary Action Doncaster to aid them to support the VCFS out of the huge challenge, which COVID-19 has created, seeing many small grassroots organisations struggling to continue. It is recommended to utilise BCF funding in order to continue to support a cooperative led approach for the VCFS and to fund the Fairness and Inclusion Forum.

To fund the proposed project from the Better Care Fund earmarked reserve

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

VAD has developed from a start-up charitable organisation with cooperative principles into an established voluntary community and faith sector infrastructure project. During the initial two years funding through BCF there has been increased activity to improve communications, build partnerships and develop wider Team Doncaster representation.

**BOX 4****ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

In accordance with S75 agreement Doncaster Council has established a grant funding scheme to support Better Care Fund projects. Not to approve the application in accordance with the requirements of the Better Care Fund scheme would reduce the level of support that can be provided. Time sensitivities means if grant funding was not issued this would lead to services being delayed.

**BOX 5****LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

1. Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides the Council with a general power of competence, allowing the Council to do anything that individuals generally may do.
2. Section 1 of the Care Act 2014 places a number of duties on the Council to promote an individual's wellbeing.
3. Section 3 of the Care Act 2014 states that the Council must ensure that care and support provision is integrated with other health provision and health related provision where it will promote wellbeing.
4. Section 6 of the Care Act 2014 states that the Council must co-operate with each of its partners and each relevant partner must co-operate with the Council in exercise of their respective function relating to adults with needs for care and support.
5. The Funding of the Inclusion and Fairness Forum meets each of the above statutory duties by ensuring representation across health and social care sectors for potentially marginalised groups.
6. The provision of the grant funding to Voluntary Action Doncaster must comply with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules and ensure that a formal written agreement is in place setting out all the terms of the grant funding.
7. Legal Services should be consulted as soon as possible in respect of the preparation of the grant agreement.

**Name: Phil Crawley Signature: By E-mail Date: 29/06/22**

**BOX 6****FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

A business case to fund Voluntary Action Doncaster (VAD) was presented and approved at the Joint Commissioning Operational Group (JCOG) meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and subsequently approved virtually by Joint Commissioning Management Board (JCMB). The £200k allocated will be funded from the Better Care Fund earmarked reserve.

Should this funding be awarded as a grant to VAD Financial Procedure Rules E15 – E18 must be adhered to.

It is not expected to fund this service over and above the approved allocation from this earmarked reserve, therefore the service will need to have secured an alternative funding source in order for it to continue beyond May 2023.

On approval of this decision the Better Care Fund plan will be updated and shared with JCOG and JCMB.

**Name: Helen Rowlands**

**Signature:**

**Date: 24/06/22**

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

#### **BOX 7**

#### **OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS**

None identified

**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 project aims to increase resident's choice in community services and contribute to agendas such as loneliness, social isolation and the reduction of non-elective hospital admissions, these are representative of the 3 Life Stages – Starting Well, Living Well and Ageing Well. Strategic representation at the 7 key meetings in Doncaster:

- Safer Stronger Doncaster
- Children's and Families Strategic Partnership Board
- Enterprising Doncaster
- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Joint Commissioning Management Board
- Doncaster Integrated Care Partnership Board
- Team Doncaster

#### **BOX 9**

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

Subsidy implications have been reviewed by Well Doncaster Public Health Lead with no legal implications raised as a Doncaster project working that has an enabling and facilitating role through commissioning arrangements.

There is no exit strategy in place beyond ongoing fundraising with the project scheduled to end in May 2023.

The risk of not receiving the support of the wider third sector, Elected Members and the Team Doncaster Strategic Partnership. This risk is mitigated against as the project has been developed with a true partnership ethos, around shared values and co-production.

**BOX 10  
CONSULTATION**

Prior to formal approval of applications at Joint Commissioning Management Board there is an assessment process undertaken by the Joint Commissioning Operational Group, ratified by the chair and associate membership.

Previous consultation includes Voices of Doncaster which involved a borough wide approach to identify opportunities for collaborative commissioning arrangements with third sector partners. From the consultation they carried out with the wider VCF sector, it sets out the design principles and values that the structure should be built upon and the cooperative structure it should take. The formative engagement work which has led to this cooperative proposal to form trusting working relationships which underpins the partnership structure.

**BOX 11  
INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

None identified

**Name: Claire Hewitt      Signature \_\_\_\_\_      Date: 21/06/2022**

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**

**Name:** Dr Rupert Suckling **Signature :** **Date:** 01/07/2022

Director of Public Health

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

**No**

**If yes please authorise below:**

**Name:** **Signature:** **Date:**

**Consultation with Relevant Member(s)**

**Name:** **Signature:** **Date:**

**Declaration of Interest**

**If YES please give details below**

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