



**Committee: Corporate Policy
& Resources Committee**

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Subject: Supporting Vulnerable Communities Place Based Strategy 2017 (Release of Supporting Vulnerable Communities Earmarked Reserve)

Report by:

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Purpose / Summary:

(Subject to approval of the proposed 'Supporting Vulnerable Communities – Placed Based Strategy' by the Council's Prosperous Communities Committee on 30/1/18):

This report requests the release of £220,000 from the Supporting Vulnerable Communities Earmarked Reserve to enable a number of work programmes and initiatives to be delivered.

This request is made in the context of a 'Supporting Vulnerable Communities – Placed Based Strategy' which provides a framework to progress, resource and oversee delivery of work programmes to support social regeneration in the most vulnerable communities across West Lindsey. This work sits closely alongside, aligns with and supports the Council's Housing Strategy and wider regeneration objectives, in recognition that addressing socio-economic and environmental risks is integral to supporting regeneration potential and aspirations.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. In line with the recommendation from Prosperous Communities Committee; to approve the release of £220,000 from the Supporting Vulnerable Communities Earmarked Reserve (EMR) to resource projects approved as part of the Supporting Vulnerable Communities – Placed Based Strategy. It is requested that budget approval to spend is given for the following initiatives, of which £170k is revenue and £50k Capital:
 - a. SVC 01 Continuation of Community Payback (18/19 & 19/20 Revenue)
 - b. SVC 04 Private Sector Landlord Support (18/19 & 19/20 Revenue)
 - c. SVC 05 Vulnerable Communities Enforcement Officer (18/19 & 19/20 Revenue)
 - d. SVC 06 CCTV Expansion (One Off - Capital)
 - e. SVC 07 Lincolnshire Action Trust: Young Oasis (18/19 Revenue)
2. In approving Project Reference SVC 07, members agree to the issue of a grant of £40k to Lincolnshire Action Trust to allow delivery of this project.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None arising from this report

Financial: FIN/138/18TJB

The financial implications in this report relate to the request to draw down £220,000 from the 'Supporting Vulnerable Communities Earmarked Reserve'.

A resource allocation of £300,000 was approved by Council within the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2013/14. This allocation was not accompanied at the time by a plan to allocate the resource to specific interventions to support vulnerable communities and the fund ('Supporting Vulnerable Communities Earmarked Reserve') remains largely unspent with only £12,000 having been utilised at this stage.

The remaining reserve amount after the allocations proposed within this report will be £18,000. It is proposed that the remaining funds are retained to support the objectives of the Supporting Vulnerable Communities – Placed Based Strategy.

Note 2: The Supporting Vulnerable Communities – Placed Based Strategy was presented to the Councils Prosperous Communities Committee on 30/1/18
FIN/136/18/SL

Staffing: The allocation of the EMR as proposed will allow for two officers to be appointed by West Lindsey District Council on two year fixed term contracts:

1. Enforcement and Fixed Penalty Notice Officer
2. Private Rented Sector Officer

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights: None arising from this report.

Risk Assessment: None arising from this report.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

None.

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with chairman)

Yes

No

x

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

1. Background and Context

- 1.1 This report follows approval of a 'Supporting Vulnerable Communities – Placed Based Strategy' by the Council's Prosperous Communities Committee on 30/1/18.
- 1.2 It requests the release of £220,000 from the Supporting Vulnerable Communities Earmarked Reserve to enable a number of work programmes and initiatives within the strategy to be delivered.
- 1.3 This request is made in the context of the above strategy which provides a framework to progress, resource and oversee delivery of work programmes to support social regeneration in the most vulnerable communities across West Lindsey. This work sits closely alongside, aligns with and supports the Council's Housing Strategy and wider regeneration objectives, in recognition that addressing socio-economic and environmental risks is integral to supporting regeneration potential and aspirations.
- 1.4 Adopting a 'place based' approach to social regeneration in this way, with its focus on stabilising and normalising vulnerable communities is integral to the success of the Council's Growth Agenda.
- 1.5 This strategy, its associated ward specific strategies and delivery plans are placed alongside, align with and support the Council's growth and regeneration objectives with the recognition that addressing socio-economic and environmental risk is integral to supporting regeneration potential and aspirations.

2. Supporting Vulnerable Communities Earmarked Reserve

2.1 A resource allocation of £300,000 was approved within the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2013/14 to 2017/18 by the Council in March 2013.

2.2 This allocation was not accompanied at the time by a plan to allocate the resource to specific interventions to support vulnerable communities. The Supporting Vulnerable Communities Earmarked Reserve remains largely unspent at this stage.

2.3 The 'Supporting Vulnerable Communities – Place Based Strategy' provides a plan and framework for the allocation of this resource to enable direct intervention for the vulnerable communities within West Lindsey.

2.4 Through this strategy, coordination of the interventions combined – including those already funded, will allow for improved outcomes and a more proactive response in these areas. The associated delivery plans for the interventions are included within the respective strategies for both Hemswell Cliff and Gainsborough South West Ward.

2.5 The table below provides an overview of the projects / initiatives completed and committed to date, followed by an overview of the proposed initiatives that are recommended for approval as part of the strategy:

Supporting Vulnerable Communities - Earmarked Reserve							
Ref	Title	Description	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	TOTAL
			Budget agreed		Budget awaiting		
SVC01	Community Payback*	To deliver a Community Payback scheme across West Lindsey	£10,000	£10,000	£5,000	£5,000	£30,000
SVC02	X-Church SLA	Grant funding to support community activities delivered by X-Church in South West Ward	£15,000	£15,000			£30,000
SVC03	Hemswell Cliff Vulnerability	To enable an understanding of the vulnerability issues affecting the community at Hemswell Cliff and the opportunities to align environmental and socio-economic improvements		£12,000			£12,000
SVC04	Private Sector Landlord Support Worker (2yr pilot)	Specific staffing resource to provide support to Private Rented Sector (PRS) landlords within the Councils' Selective Licensing area and other vulnerable			£35,000	£35,000	£70,000
SVC05	Enforcement Officer Vulnerable Communities	Specific staffing resource focussing on fixed penalty and PSPD enforcement in vulnerable communities			£25,000	£25,000	£50,000
SVC06	CCTV Expansion	Install new CCTV cameras in key locations to increase coverage in vulnerable communities and help increase prevention and detection of crime and anti-social behaviour			£50,000		£50,000
SVC07	Lincolnshire Action Trust: Young Oasis	Grant funding to enable delivery of project to support children of substance misusers in vulnerable communities - focussing on building resilience, coping mechanisms, safeguarding and			£40,000		£40,000
		TOTAL	£25,000	£37,000	£155,000	£65,000	£282,000

* Any remaining budget from previous years will be carried forward to continue delivering this scheme.

2.6 In line with the recommendation from Prosperous Communities Committee, members of Corporate Policy & Resources Committee are asked to approve the release of £220,000 from the Supporting Vulnerable Communities Earmarked Reserve (EMR) to resource the following projects approved as part of the Supporting Vulnerable Communities – Placed Based Strategy:

- SVC 01 Continuation of Community Payback (18/19 & 19/20 Revenue)
- SVC 04 Private Sector Landlord Support (18/19 & 19/20 Revenue)
- SVC 05 Vulnerable Communities Enforcement Officer (18/19 & 19/20 Revenue)
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2.7 These specific initiatives recommended for approval at the current time are considered to be integral to the necessary stabilisation and improvement across West Lindsey's vulnerable communities.

End of Report