



**Prosperous Communities  
Committee**

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**Subject: Community & Voluntary Sector Funding Review 2018**

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Purpose / Summary:

To report on the CVS Funding Review 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

1. Members approve the CVS Funding Review report and agree to funding decisions recommended by the Member Community Grants Panel as detailed in Review Report and summarised at Section 4.1 of the report.
2. Members approve to undertake a more detailed Community & Voluntary Sector Funding review during the next 3 years.

## IMPLICATIONS

### Legal:

The CVS Review process ensures compliance with the Compact principles which are designed to ensure transparency of working between Local Authorities and Third Sector Organisations.

### Financial : FIN/121/19

The MTFP currently includes budget for CVS grants totalling £137,200pa (£411,600 over the 3 years from 2019/20 to 2021/22).

The Funding Review report proposes funding of £363,600 over the 3 years, resulting in a contribution to reserves of £48,000, to be returned to General Fund Balances.

### Staffing :

N/A

### Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

N/A

### Risk Assessment :

All grant funding agreements have relevant clauses covering safeguarding, health & safety and insurance requirements to ensure minimum risk to the Council.

### Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :

N/A

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

### 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 C&I chairman)

Yes

No

### Key Decision:

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

Yes

No

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 As part of the Council's on-going commitment to support and work with the community and voluntary sector, we provide a range of core funding grants. This type of funding is awarded to organisations that delivery key services that benefit residents, local communities and help support our Corporate Plan priorities.
- 1.2 The Council undertakes a CVS Funding Review every 3 years. The review ensures the council continues to support organisations delivering key outcomes for communities in West Lindsey.
- 1.3 Our review process enables the Member Community Grants Panel to assess work being delivered and make decisions about the continuation of any funding based on need, outcomes and resources.
- 1.4 The CVS Review leads to the completion of a CVS Funding Review Report. This report details the process, scope of review, review findings and recommended outcomes. The report once approved is published and shared with partners.
- 1.5 The proposed CVS Funding Review Report 2018 is attached as **APPENDIX A**.
- 1.6 The CVS Funding Review Report 2018 includes:
  - Introduction
  - Current Agreements
  - Review Process
  - Review Timeline
  - Review Panel Decisions
  - Financial Profile for 2019-2022

## **2. Impact of CVS Funding**

- 2.1 As part of on-going monitoring each organisation that receives CVS Funding provides regular updates which as reviewed by officers. This includes details of outcomes achieved, volunteer hours, client numbers and case studies.
- 2.2 Due to the size of all the supporting monitoring information these reports have not been included at Appendices with this report. Annual monitoring information is available to view on request.
- 2.3 Organisations will continue to provide monitoring information as detailed in their grant funding agreements. Organisations receiving CVS Funding may also be requested to attend future meetings including Committee Meetings to report on work being delivered.

### 3. Corporate Plan Themes

3.1 CVS Funding is part of our wider Community Grants Programme and helps support our Corporate Plan Themes. The approval of any CVS Funding will continue to support the following themes:

- Theme 1: Open for Business
- Theme 2: People First
- Theme 3: Asset Management
- Theme 5: Partnerships/Devolution
- Theme 6: Excellent Value for Money Services

3.2 Our CVS Funding is widely recognised both locally by voluntary sector organisations and regionally by other Local Authorities and partner agencies. Whilst the council continues to face financial pressures, our ability to actively support the voluntary and third sector has a significant impact on improving local communities and outcomes for residents.

### 4. Financial Profile for 2019-2022

4.1 The table below shows the allocated funding and these amounts are budgeted within the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). The Council reserves the right to look at this further in future years, but this review has been sufficiently rigorous to ensure that we are supporting organisations appropriately and in line with our Corporate Plan Themes.

Organisation	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	TOTAL
Act Now	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£3,000
Citizens Advice (Lindsey & Lincoln)	£60,200	£60,200	£60,200	£180,600
Community Lincs	Explore continued funding support for Neighbourhood Planning work			
Gainsborough Adventure Playground Association	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000	£45,000
Lincoln Area Dial-a-Ride	£11,000	£12,000	£13,000	£36,000
Voluntary Centre Services	£25,000	£25,000	£25,000	£75,000
West Lindsey Churches Festival	£8,000	£8,000	£8,000	£24,000
	£120,200	£121,200	£122,200	£363,600

4.2 Based on the above financial profile this will create a total underspend over the 3 year period of £48,000.

## **5. Community & Voluntary Sector Review – 2022 onwards**

- 5.1 Officers will undertake a Community & Voluntary Sector Funding Review during the next 3 years of core grant funding. This review will be more detailed than the funding review completed this year and include wider analysis of priorities, needs and demands and gaps in service.
- 5.2 The last Community & Voluntary Sector Funding Review that explored current services and other factors was completed in 2012. It is now timely to complete this level of review again as we approach 10 years of grant funding based on the model currently being used.
- 5.3 This review will be conducted with Member involvement and wider engagement with the community & voluntary sector, partner agencies and local communities.

## **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 Members approve the CVS Funding Review report and agree to funding decisions recommended by the Member Community Grants Panel.
- 6.2 Members approve to undertake a more detailed Community & Voluntary Sector Funding review during the next 3 years.