

Report to: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 9th January 2017

Report Title: Community Partnership Funding 2017 - 2019

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Purpose of Report

To set out the recommendations for Community Partnership Funding (CPF) 2017 - 2019 programme.

Recommendation(s)

- 1) Cabinet approves the CPF Grants Panel's recommendations as set out in this report subject to the decisions of the Budget Cabinet meeting in February 2017.
- 2) Delegation is given to the Director of Operational Services or his nominee in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing, Communities and Equalities, to agree final contractual outputs, outcomes and grants.

Reasons for Recommendations

The current round of CPF comes to an end in March 2017. The proposals set out in this report follows a new commissioning approach for new priorities, developed in consultation with the community and voluntary sector during the summer of 2016.

Background

1. The current round of CPF comes to an end in March 2017. The previous round was agreed and commissioned in 2014 covering the 2015-16 & 2016-17 programme.
2. With continued pressures on the Council's budget over the next two years, and the need to focus on the most vulnerable in our community, the council reviewed the 2017 – 19 programme priorities to establish its future for the next two years.
3. The review was conducted in consultation with the local community and voluntary sector between 20th June 2016 and 8th August 2016.
4. Following the consultation process the Cabinet adopted a new approach to delivering the CPF Programme (5th September 2016) which would involve commissioning services from the community and voluntary sector for specifically identified outcomes.
5. The new CPF Programme priorities are as follows:
 - a. Housing, legal, welfare and debt advice
 - b. Support for victims of domestic violence
 - c. Advice and support to organisations (voluntary sector infrastructure support)
 - d. Rough sleepers outreach support
 - e. Advice and support to migrant and newly settled communities

HBC CPF Funding Levels (2017-19)

This CPF grant programme will cover the period starting in April 2017 and ending in March 2019. The amount available for the 2017 – 19 programmes will be consulted upon during the annual budget setting process. The final amounts will be confirmed in February 2017 and again in February 2018. However, it should be noted that the council is committed to minimising the impact of the budget cuts on the provision of CPF funded services.

Application Process

6. Specification for services to address the above priorities were drawn up and broad range of potential providers were invited to submit proposals.
7. The CPF application process opened on 26th September 2016 and closed on 11th November 2016.
8. In total eight proposals were received for the five priority services identified above.
9. The CPF Grants Panel was established to review and evaluate all proposals. The Panel included the Lead Member for Housing, Communities and Equalities,

the Housing Needs and Enabling Manager, the Regeneration Manager and the programme compliance officer. Other council officers were also consulted.

10. All proposals were subject to an objective, consistent and rigorous appraisal, and scored against the criteria set out below:

- Project proposal
- Fit with priority
- Project costs
- Difference made
- Beneficiary monitoring

11. The recommendations of the Panel in respect of grant allocations are based on the outcome of this process. The organisations recommended for funding are set out in **Appendix A** to this report.

12. The amount of grant and specific outputs and outcomes will be subject to further detailed negotiations with each organisation conducted by officers over the next two months.. The total amount awarded will not exceed the budget, which will be determined as part of the Council's annual budget setting process.

Policy Implications

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness

The CPF programme funds a wide range of services which supports improved equality of service and community cohesion.

Crime and Fear of Crime

The CPF programme intends to fund a Domestic Violence reduction service which helps to reduce crime and fear of crime.

Economic/Financial Implications

The Community Partnership Fund supports the work of the community and voluntary sector.

Organisational Consequences

The final programme will have an impact on the level of resources required to manage and monitor CPF funded projects.

Local People's Views

A seven week consultation process was conducted between 20th June 2016 and 8th Aug 2016.

Anti-Poverty

The CPF programme maintains prioritised free services for the benefit of local people.

Wards Affected

All

Policy implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	Yes
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	Yes
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes
Local People's Views	Yes
Anti-Poverty	Yes

Background Information

Appendix A – **Community Partnership Funding 2017-19**

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