

Report to: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 7th January 2019

Report Title: Community Partnership Funding 2019 - 2021

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Purpose of Report

To set out the recommendations for Community Partnership Funding (CPF) 2019 - 2021 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 2019.
- 2) Delegation is given to the Director of Operational Services or his nominee in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration, Planning & Culture, to agree final contractual outputs, outcomes and grants.

Reasons for Recommendations

The current round of CPF comes to an end in March 2019. The proposals set out in this report follow the current commissioning approach for the existing priorities.

Background

1. The current round of CPF comes to an end in March 2019. The previous round was agreed and commissioned in 2016 covering the 2017-18 & 2018-19 programme.
2. The current 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 (2019-21)

3. This CPF grant programme will cover the period starting in April 2019 and ending in March 2021. The amount available for the 2019 – 21 programmes will be consulted upon during the annual budget setting process. The final amounts will be confirmed in February 2019 and again in February 2020.
4. For the purposes of the application process, indicative amounts have been given to the successful applicants, as the awards are less than previous years. The amounts also differ to those that organisations originally requested, and preferred applicants have been supported to refine their service offer appropriately.

Application Process

5. Specification for services to address the above priorities were drawn up and a broad range of potential providers were invited to submit proposals.
6. The CPF application process opened on 3rd September 2018 and closed on 18th October 18.
7. In total eight proposals were received for the five priority services identified above.
8. The CPF Grants Panel was established to review and evaluate all proposals. The Panel included the Lead Member for Regeneration, Planning & Culture, the Housing Policy and Performance Officer, the Economic Development Manager, the External Funding Manager and the Programme Compliance Monitoring Officer.
9. 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
 - Impact
 - Beneficiary monitoring

10. As part of the process the successful applicants were notified of the indicative funding amounts available for this programme. The panel agreed this process to allow the applicants the opportunity to confirm or modify their service offer based on the lower available funding in relation to their funding request. The panel re-assessed any applicant revisions and have considered these as part of their approval process.
11. The recommendations of the Panel in respect of grant allocations has been based on the outcome of this process. The organisations recommended for funding and their indicative amounts are set out in **Appendix A** to this report and shown in summary in the table below.

Organisation	CPF priority	CPF amount 2019-2021	% of total fund allocated (£371,341)
Change Grow Live	Support for victims of domestic violence	£44,703	12.0%
Citizens Advice 1066	Housing, legal, welfare and debt advice	£80,466	21.7%
Hastings Advice & Representation Centre (HARC)	Housing, legal, welfare and debt advice	£121,292	32.7%
Hastings Voluntary Action	Advice and support to organisations	£35,763	9.6%
Seaview	Rough sleepers outreach support	£62,295	16.8%
The Links Project/HVA	Advice and support to migrant and newly settled communities	£26,822	7.2%

12. Under the Housing, legal, welfare and debt advice priority the current (17/19) CPF contract is with a partnership of HARC, BHT and CA1066 providing a one-stop support service at Renaissance House. This partnership has not jointly reapplied and the panel understand CA 1066 is vacating Renaissance House. The panel however received two separate bids for the advice service provision, one by HARC and BHT and one by CA1066.
13. After negotiations, funding has been allocated to both advice proposals, with conditions to provide for shared triaging of clients and embedded referral processes to keep the client experience unchanged from the current service. CA1066 are located at The Magnet Centre, which is next to Renaissance House. Both advice service proposals complement each other and avoid duplication.

14. The vacant space at Renaissance House also allows for the opportunity for other service providers (such as Sussex Community Development Association (SCDA) and the Hastings and Rother Credit Union (HRCU)) to be on-site and the CPF service will benefit from this added value.
15. The confirmation of grant and specific outputs and outcomes will be subject to further negotiations with each organisation conducted by officers for agreement by March 2019. The total amount awarded will not exceed the budget, which will be determined as part of the Council's annual budget setting process.

Timetable of Next Steps

Please include a list of key actions and the scheduled dates for these:

Action	Key milestone	Due date	Responsible
Council approval of new service contracts to ensure continuation of service provision	Cabinet	7 January 2019	Councillors
Formal Council approval of CPF budget	Cabinet	February 2019	Councillors

Wards Affected

All

Policy Implications

Relevant project tools applied? No – ongoing business

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

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness

Current CPF priorities contributes to equality and community cohesiveness

Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)

Current CPF priorities contribute to crime prevention

Risk Management

The CPF programme currently delivers services which reduce demand on internal council services. This would likely increase if this external provision was removed and would also have greater impact on local communities

Environmental Issues

CPF programme is currently delivering housing advice, including fuel poverty and energy reduction/efficiency advice

Economic/Financial Implications

The CPF programme is being reduced during this period and 20/21, which may impact service delivery. Allocation of £195,669 for FY 19/20 and £175,671 for FY 20/21.

Human Rights Act

Included in current CPF priorities

Organisational Consequences

Limited internal resource to deliver programme other than servicing contract.

Local People's Views

The CPF programme priorities went to local consultation in 2016 for the new priorities which remain the same for this period.

Anti-Poverty

Covered under the current CPF priorities.

Additional Information

Appendix A – **Community Partnership Funding 2019-21 recommendations**

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