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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP,  
CULTURE, TOURISM AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**16 September 2022**

**Report of the Director - Finance and ICT**

**Community Leadership Scheme**

**1. Divisions Affected**

County-wide.

**2. Key Decision**

2.1 This is not a key decision

**3. Purpose**

3.1 The report seeks to approve the allocation of additional resources to the Members' Community Leadership Scheme (the Scheme) by providing an additional £3,860 to each Elected Member from 1 October 2022.

**4. Information and Analysis**

4.1 The Scheme allocates to each of the 64 county councillors an annual fund of £3,860 which can be used to support local projects and activities in their divisions.

4.2 At the end of each financial year (except an election year), any unspent balance is carried forward to the next financial year and the new year balance of £3,860 is allocated.

- 4.3 On 23 April 2020, Cabinet considered and approved a report which provided an additional allocation of £3,860 to Members to support their local communities throughout the covid 19 pandemic, assisting with the recovery and delivery of social, economic, health, environmental and cultural services to support quality of life in communities.
- 4.4 The Council recognises that communities had a pivotal role during the pandemic and the Council Plan ambition is to ensure that the Council continues to work with communities, sharing responsibility for improving their areas and supporting each other. The Council is also aware of the pressures that people in our communities are currently facing with the rising cost of living. Therefore, it is important that the Council provides support where it is most needed.
- 4.5 It is proposed that each Elected Member is provided with an additional £3,860. This will be added to the existing balance, making the total allocation for this year £7,720. The Scheme provides vital funding to communities, targeted to where it is most needed by local councillors who have a close and deep understanding of the people, places and communities they represent.
- 4.6 To ensure that communities continue to be supported through the cost-of-living crisis, any unspent balance of the additional £3,860 will be carried forward into the 2023-24 financial year.

## **5. Consultation**

- 5.1 No consultation is required.

## **6. Alternative Options Considered**

- 6.1 Do Nothing – our communities need support to get through the forthcoming winter, therefore it is important to provide additional funding to support initiatives delivered by community, voluntary and youth groups.

## **7. Implications**

- 7.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

## **8. Background Papers**

- 8.1 None.

## **9. Appendices**

9.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

## **10. Recommendation(s)**

That Cabinet Member:

- a) approves additional resources to the Members' Community Leadership Scheme by providing an additional allocation of £3,860 to each Elected Member from 1 October 2022.
- b) approves the carrying forward of any unspent balance of the additional £3,860 into the 2023-24 financial year.

## **11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

11.1 The additional allocation of £3,860 provides vital funding to initiatives delivered by community, voluntary and youth groups across the county.

11.2 Carrying forward the balance into the next financial year will help to support communities through the prolonged period of the cost-of-living crisis.

## **12. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?**

12.1 No.

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**Implications**

**Financial**

- 1.1 The additional allocation of £3,860 to each of the 64 elected members totals £247,040, the costs of which will be met from the General Reserve.

**Legal**

- 2.1 None.

**Human Resources**

- 3.1 None.

**Information Technology**

- 4.1 None.

**Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 N/A.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 6.1 Supports the Council's value of working with partners and local communities to ensure that the Council can tackle complex problems together. It also supports one of the Council's key priorities for effective early help for individuals and communities.

**Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)**

- 7.1 None.