

# **DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

## **CABINET**

**21 November 2019**

### **Joint Report of the Executive Directors for Adult Social Care and Health and Commissioning, Communities and Policy**

#### **VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR GRANTS**

##### **Adult Social Care, Health and Communities, Strategic Leadership, Culture and Tourism**

### **1. Purpose of the Report**

To seek Cabinet approval extend recurrent payments to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations for a period of six months from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020.

### **2. Information and Analysis**

At Cabinet on 28 February 2019, the County Council agreed plans to undertake a council wide review of VCS grants. It was agreed that the review would:

- Consider all grants provided by the Council to VCS organisations in Derbyshire and subsequently develop a coordinated and consistent council wide approach to allocate future resources
- Consider the support provided by the Council to VCS infrastructure organisations across Derbyshire, in collaboration with partners, and develop a new model for allocating funding moving forward which supports the Council's ambitions and priorities.

During the review process, it will be important to ensure that all current grant funded organisations are not adversely affected and that the security and stability of the sector is maintained. Details of payments to VCS organisations during the 2019/20 were approved by Cabinet on 28 February 2019. It is therefore proposed that funding for all 2019/20 grant funded organisations as set out below, is maintained for the first six months of the 2020/21 financial year, i.e. until 30 September 2020, whilst the review continues.

It is recommended that further details of the grants review will be presented to Cabinet in January 2020.

## **2.2 Extension of Grant Funding to VCS Infrastructure Providers**

VCS Infrastructure provider organisations offer information, support, guidance, training, funding advice for groups, promote good practice and provide a voluntary sector perspective to the statutory sector at strategic level forums.

Adult Care currently has 12 infrastructure support grant arrangements, whilst Policy and Research have eight grant arrangements across the county. These are set out in Appendix A. It is recommended that funding is provided to the identified organisations for a period of six months from April 2020, in line with current grant allocation arrangements.

It is recommended that a report setting out the VCS infrastructure support proposals is presented to Cabinet in January 2020.

## **2.3 Extension of General VCS Grants**

The Council currently funds a range of voluntary and community sector organisations across the county. A full list of these is set out in Appendix B. Adult Care has 41 grants arrangements with VCS providers that are subject to yearly renewal to assist them to deliver a range of preventative services that complement other funded care and support services. This also includes a grant allocation of a £18,000 combined budget which provides a contribution to around 90 luncheon clubs per year (the number varies as it is a yearly application and award process). These awards, and a brief description of each grant are set out in Appendix B Table 1.0.

Adult Care has a further nine grant arrangements with VCS providers that are now part of Public Health preventative services. These awards, and a brief description of each grant is set out in Appendix B Table 2.0.

Policy and Research have a further eight grant arrangements with providers across the county who offer specialist legal and employment advice or offer support to BME communities, including providing a forum for BME residents to consult with Council representatives in relation to issues affecting their members. These awards and a brief description of what each grant supports is set out in Appendix B Table 3.0.

The Arts Service has ten grant arrangements with VCS provides that are subject to yearly application and award, with nine community arts organisations in receipt of annual funding for a number of years. These organisations receive funding for different arts based activities, including contributions towards core running costs, purchase of specified assets, and the running of specific events. These awards and a brief description each grant is outlined in Appendix B Table 4.0.

### 3. Financial Considerations

The table below summarises the budget allocations for the six month period April to September 2020 against each grant area.

<b>Adult Care VCS Grants</b>		
<b>Grant</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Cost</b>
VCS Infrastructure Providers	12	£134,134
General VCS Funding	29	£374,416
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>£508,550</b>

<b>Public Health Grants</b>		
<b>Grant</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Cost</b>
50+ Forums	9	£3,243
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>£3,243</b>

All the proposed Adult Care allocations are based on funding agreed in respect of the 2019-20 year and can be met from the appropriate Adult Care budgets.

<b>Corporate VCS Grants</b>		
<b>Grant</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Cost</b>
VCS Infrastructure Providers	8	£69,212
General VCS Funding	8	£63,534
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>£132,746</b>

With regard to the Corporate VCS Grants, the proposal to extend payments for a six month period to 30 September 2020 the costs of which be met from within existing budgets.

<b>Arts Service Grants</b>		
<b>Grant</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Community arts groups	9	£62,116
Live and Local rural and community touring	1	£6,791
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>£68,907</b>

The Five Year Financial Plan, agreed by Cabinet on 11 September 2019, identified a budget saving of £208,000 from April 2020 by examining alternative ways to deliver the arts service and also reviewing the current arrangements for awarding grants to organisations. Therefore there will be no revenue budget to cover the cost of arts grants from April 2020 and any budget shortfall will be met from existing reserves.

#### **4. Human Resources Considerations**

The voluntary and community sector organisations included as part of this report are independent of Derbyshire County Council and therefore there are no human resources considerations. However, with regard to any organisation providing services to children or vulnerable adults, approval of financial support is conditional on the existence within these organisations of appropriate procedures assessing suitability to work with children or vulnerable adults.

#### **5. Legal Considerations**

The Council is permitted to make such payments under the “General Power of Competence” set out in the Localism Act 2011. A grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grant is made. The recipient of the grant is not contractually obliged to deliver the services, although the Council would seek to claw back the grant in appropriate circumstances where there was significant non-compliance of any grant conditions.

#### **6. Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: Legal and human rights, equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, property and crime and disorder considerations.

#### **7. Background Papers**

None

#### **8. Key Decision**

Yes

#### **9. Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report?**

No

#### **10. Officer’s Recommendations**

It is recommended that Cabinet:

1. Notes progress on the review of voluntary and community sector grants.

2. Receive a further report on VCS infrastructure proposals and Grant review update in January 2020.
3. Approve the proposed grant allocation of £713,446 to VCS organisations for six months from April 2020 to September 2020 for activity as set out in this report.
4. Receive a further report outlining the proposals for how VCS organisations will be funded beyond September 2020 be brought to Cabinet for approval in July 2020.

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## Appendix A – Grant payments for Infrastructure Support

<b>Adult Care grant payments for Infrastructure support</b>		
<b>Organisation Name</b>	<b>Brief description of what the grant is provided for/activity it supports, including the type of service</b>	<b>Funding 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020</b>
Amber Valley CVS	Provision of infrastructure support and self Help Group funding.	10,974
Amber Valley CVS	Volunteer training, support and brokerage.	£6,457
Infrastructure support for Bolsover	<b>No current provider – allocated funding is currently held in Adult Care Grant Budget</b>	£3,555
Derbyshire Dales CVS	Provision of information, support, guidance, training and funding advice to new and existing local voluntary and community groups, engagement with local voluntary groups and VCS organisations to represent their views with statutory partners, and administration of a small grants programme	£10,578
Derbyshire Voluntary Action	Provision of support to health and social care voluntary and community sector groups and organisations, in particular the administration of the small grants scheme	£9,083
Erewash Voluntary Action CVS	Infrastructure support and volunteering activity, including fund for self-help groups	£30,048
High Peak CVS	Provision of generic and specialist voluntary and community sector infrastructure support to local groups, including administration of local self-help budget to support local group development	£2,062
New Mills Volunteer Centre	Provision of a range of activities for older housebound people, including the provision of volunteering	£10,882
South Derbyshire CVS	Contribution towards the provision of infrastructure support and volunteering service	£18,442
The Bureau (Volunteer Centre Glossop)	Contribution towards the provision of volunteer led activities	£9,588

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The Volunteer Centre (Chesterfield)	Elderfriends befriending project and volunteer support	£8,518
VCS Peaks and Dales	Contribution towards the provision of volunteer led activities and befriending services	£15,118
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£134,134</b>

<b>Policy and Research grant payments for Infrastructure support</b>		
<b>Organisation Name</b>	<b>Brief description of what the grant is provided for/activity it supports, including the type of service</b>	<b>Funding 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020</b>
Amber Valley CVS	To support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the county. This includes development, liaison, representation, providing services and strategic partnership working.	£7,689
Derbyshire Dales CVS	To support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the county. This includes development, liaison, representation, providing services and strategic partnership working.	£7,689
Erewash Voluntary Action CVS	To support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the county. This includes development, liaison, representation, providing services and strategic partnership working.	£7,689
High Peak CVS	To support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the county. This includes development, liaison, representation, providing services and strategic partnership working.	£7,689
Links CVS	To support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the	£15,378

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	county. This includes development, liaison, representation, providing services and strategic partnership working.	
South Derbyshire CVS	To support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the county. This includes development, liaison, representation, providing services and strategic partnership working.	£7,689
Rural Action Derbyshire	To support its core activities in developing local voluntary and community groups and strengthening the capacity of the sector as a whole within the rural areas of the county.	£7,689
BME Infrastructure	Provides a corporate approach to engagement with BME groups across the county. It supports the two BME Forums operating in the north and the south of the county and engages with hard to reach communities in developing and shaping the authority's services in a coherent way.	£7,700
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£69,212</b>

## Appendix B – Grant payments to VCS organisations

<b>1.0 - Adult Care grant payments to VCS organisations</b>		
<b>Organisation Name</b>	<b>Brief description of what the grant is provided for/activity it supports, including the type of service</b>	<b>Funding 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020</b>
Amber Valley CVS	Befriending service for older disabled people	£3,229
Age Concern (Chesterfield)	Information, advice and befriending services for older people	£5,371
Age UK Derby & Derbyshire	Countywide Mobile Information Service / Information Roadshow	£9,774
Age UK Derby & Derbyshire	Hulland Ward Day Care	£12,636
Age UK Derby & Derbyshire	Bakewell Day Care	£83,451
Age UK Derby & Derbyshire	Erewash Careline Service	£2,250
Age UK Derby & Derbyshire	Bakewell / Buxton Befriending Service	£24,005
Age UK Derby & Derbyshire	First Taste - Provision of arts education workshops for older people in residential establishments and day care centres located in the Derbyshire Dales area.	£2,600
Barlborough Darby and Joan Luncheon Club	Luncheon Club	£784
Bolsover Woodlands Enterprise	Provides opportunities for people with learning disabilities to gain practical training and work experience in conservation and woodland management as well as managing Derbyshire's countryside.	£29,356
Borrowbrook Home Link	Offers support to older adults living in the Borrowash / Ockbrook area. Including the provision of advice and info., regular home visiting service for housebound older people, monthly community lunch club, drop in coffee	£1,400

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	mornings, a monthly Friendship / Befriending Club for older people and outings.	
Chesterfield and District African / Caribbean Community Association	Provides a range of activities for the African Caribbean community, with funding provided acting as a contribution to the Organisers salary and the provision of a range of activities, which includes a luncheon club for older African / Caribbean people.	£10,141
Derbyshire Autism Services Group	Provision of services for vulnerable adults with autism spectrum conditions.	£13,042
Derbyshire Dales Careline	Telephone befriending service to elderly, disabled and vulnerable adults living in the south Derbyshire Dales locality.	£1,005
Dronfield Welcome Club.	Weekly Club for older people where they can meet and socialise, and includes the provision of lunch. The majority of the people who attend Dronfield Welcome Club are housebound and / or live on the own. Funding is used towards the cost of transport and carers.	£315
Eckington and District Monday Club	Provides a voluntary service each Monday for adults with learning disabilities. It is a social meeting but included in the club are Independent living skills, mentoring, befriending, advice and a different activity each week. Also we organise holidays and day trips out, otherwise denied to most members.	£1,608
Erewash Voluntary Action CVS	Shopping Service for older people and vulnerable adults.	£15,856
Eventide Luncheon Club	Luncheon Club.	£5,000
Glebe Field Centre (Crich)	Provision of day services to older people.	£6,000
Glossopdale Furniture Project	To provide good quality affordable furniture and other household items to people on low incomes. Providing free furniture packs to people who have previously been homeless and are given a new tenancy, but who are not eligible for any financial help.	£16,067
Greenaway Workshop	Greenaway Workshop provides therapeutic care in a meaningful structured day for people with long term health conditions be it physical disabilities, sensory impairment or mild learning difficulties, for those who reside in Mid-	£5,081

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	North Derbyshire, with printing and cane chair renovation being the main activities.	
Heanor Salcare	Contribution towards services, in particular the provision of recycled furniture and other household items to people on low income living in the Amber Valley area. General service info: Salcare provides a range of support and services incl.: Food bank, Community kitchen, Charity shop, Furniture warehouse, Drop in for welfare and benefit advice, Community laundry, Confidential space for clients to meet with other agencies, Work placements and volunteer opportunities.	£27,027
Ilkeston and District CVS - Flamsted	Contribution towards Centre Manager salary	£2,511
Ilkeston and District CVS	Funding to support the provision of day care	£7,673
Mencap - Swadlincote Gateway Club	Everyone who attends is an adult with learning disability. A range of activities are provided that meet people's interests and support their wellbeing e.g. sports and crafts activities.	£1,338
Our Vision Our Future	A self-advocacy group run for and by adults aged 18 and over with learning disabilities, which including visual, sensory, physical disabilities, autism, Asperger's, limited mobility, memory and communication problems.	£15,188
Ripley Neighbourhood Care Scheme	Delivers a once weekly day service for older people living in the Stanley Common area. Financial support is to assist with the club's running expenses.	£1,185
South Derbyshire CVS	Provision of a social car scheme	£3,703
South Derbyshire CVS	Provision of a volunteer befriending service for all adults in South Derbyshire (known as The Connect Befriending Service)	£16,924
Stanley Common Eventide Community Hall	Provision of a range of activities for vulnerable people living in the Stanley Common and surrounding area, in particular the employment of a Community Development Worker	£5,000
Stepping Stones (Amber Valley)	Provision of day care for older people	£7,775

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The Bureau (Volunteer Centre Glossop)	Contribution towards the provision of the Time Out shopping service	£10,968
Voluntary and Community Services Peaks and Dales	Contribution towards the provision of a Volunteer Car Scheme	£8,153
Various Organisations	Luncheon clubs, older people clubs and clubs for disabled people. <b>This amount is the total budget for the year.</b>	£18,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£374,416</b>

### 2.0 - Public Health grant payments to VCS organisations

Organisation Name	Brief description of what the grant is provided for/activity it supports, including the type of service	Funding 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020
Derbyshire 50+ Forums: Ashbourne	50+ Forums give people the opportunity to: come together in their local area to take action on issues that are important to them; engage with and influence services that impact on older lives; get information and advice; and socialise and connect with others and build friendships.	£338
Derbyshire 50+ Forums: Belper	50+ Forums give people the opportunity to: come together in their local area to take action on issues that are important to them; engage with and influence services that impact on older lives; get information and advice; and socialise and connect with others and build friendships.	£354
Derbyshire 50+ Forums: Bolsover	50+ Forums give people the opportunity to: come together in their local area to take action on issues that are important to them; engage with and influence services that impact on older lives; get information and advice; and socialise and connect with others and build friendships.	£650
Derbyshire 50+ Forums: Clay Cross	50+ Forums give people the opportunity to: come together in their local area to take action on issues that are important to them; engage with and influence services that impact on older lives; get information and advice; and socialise and connect with others and build friendships.	£298

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Derbyshire 50+ Forums: Glossop	50+ Forums give people the opportunity to: come together in their local area to take action on issues that are important to them; engage with and influence services that impact on older lives; get information and advice; and socialise and connect with others and build friendships.	£460
Derbyshire 50+ Forums: Heanor	50+ Forums give people the opportunity to: come together in their local area to take action on issues that are important to them; engage with and influence services that impact on older lives; get information and advice; and socialise and connect with others and build friendships.	£238
Derbyshire 50+ Forums: Ilkeston	50+ Forums give people the opportunity to: come together in their local area to take action on issues that are important to them; engage with and influence services that impact on older lives; get information and advice; and socialise and connect with others and build friendships.	£495
Derbyshire 50+ Forums: Long Eaton	50+ Forums give people the opportunity to: come together in their local area to take action on issues that are important to them; engage with and influence services that impact on older lives; get information and advice; and socialise and connect with others and build friendships.	£290
Derbyshire 50+ Forums: Matlock	50+ Forums give people the opportunity to: come together in their local area to take action on issues that are important to them; engage with and influence services that impact on older lives; get information and advice; and socialise and connect with others and build friendships.	£120
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,243</b>

<b>3.0 - Policy and Research grant payments to VCS organisations</b>		
<b>Organisation Name</b>	<b>Brief description of what the grant is provided for/activity it supports, including the type of service</b>	<b>Funding 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020</b>
Asian Association of Chesterfield and North Derbyshire	To support the core costs of the organisation and strengthen the capacity of the BME sector as a whole within the county. They undertake variety of functions and organise activities to support their communities of interest	£1,872

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Chesterfield African Caribbean Community Association	To support the core costs of the organisation and strengthen the capacity of the BME sector as a whole within the county. They undertake variety of functions and organise activities to support their communities of interest	£1,872
Chesterfield Muslim Association	To support the core costs of the organisation and strengthen the capacity of the BME sector as a whole within the county. They undertake variety of functions and organise activities to support their communities of interest	£911
Derbyshire Chinese Welfare Association	To support the core costs of the organisation and strengthen the capacity of the BME sector as a whole within the county. They undertake variety of functions and organise activities to support their communities of interest	£1,093
Muslim Welfare Association	To support the core costs of the organisation and strengthen the capacity of the BME sector as a whole within the county. They undertake variety of functions and organise activities to support their communities of interest	£911
BME Infrastructure	BME Consultation	£6,613
Derbyshire Law Centre	To support its core costs in providing specialist legal advice, assistance and representation through face-to-face and telephone services at its main office in Chesterfield and other locations throughout the county.	£45,062
Specialist Advice South Derbyshire CAB	To support its core costs in providing specialist employment advice in South Derbyshire.	£5,200
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£63,534</b>

### 4.0 - Arts Service grant payments to VCS organisations

Organisation Name	Brief description of what the grant is provided for/activity it supports, including the type of service	Funding 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020
Buxton Festival	To carry out participatory arts work with disadvantaged groups	£2,862
Fleet Arts	To carry out participatory arts work with disadvantaged groups	£9,003
High Peak Community Arts	To carry out participatory arts work with disadvantaged groups	£9,003
Junction Arts	To carry out participatory arts work with disadvantaged groups	£7,600
Learning Through Arts	To carry out participatory arts work with disadvantaged groups	£8,014
Level Centre Ltd	To carry out participatory arts work with disadvantaged groups	£12,463

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Live and Local	To carry out participatory arts work with disadvantaged groups	£6,791
Orchestras Live	To carry out participatory arts work with disadvantaged groups	£3,189
People Express	To carry out participatory arts work with disadvantaged groups	£8,161
Wash Arts	To carry out participatory arts work with disadvantaged groups	£1,821
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£68,907</b>