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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

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Report of the Managing Executive Director

MEMBERS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SCHEME

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To allocate additional resources to the Members' Community Leadership Scheme (MCLS) to enable Members to support local communities in supporting recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

2. Information and Analysis

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 At the end of each financial year (except an election year), any unspent balance is carried forward to the next financial year and 'new year' balance of £3,860 is allocated.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 During the 2020/21 financial year, a total of 851 applications were received and approved which were aimed at supporting local organisations and activities through the pandemic period.

- 2.5 The Council recognises that communities have 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.
- 2.6 It is vital to support residents and communities through a period of recovery following the pandemic. Therefore, it is proposed that each Elected Member is provided with a further £3,860 making a total of £7,720 available during the current financial year. However, it should be noted that any unspent balance of the additional £3,860 cannot be carried forward into the next financial year.
- 2.7 In addition to the additional amount of £3,860, it is proposed that a further sum £1,500 is made available for the financial year 2022-23 commencing on 1 April 2021, which Members can allocate to communities to for specific projects to support celebrations of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. This allocation must be spent in the 2022-23 financial year. Any unspent balance cannot be carried to the following financial year.
- 2.8 Members will submit applications using the same process as is currently in place.

3. Alternative Options Considered

- 3.1 n/a

4. Implications

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

5. Consultation

- 5.1 n/a

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Members Community Leadership Scheme – Cabinet 23 April 2020.

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1 – Implications.

8. Recommendation(s)

That the Cabinet Member:

- a) Approves the allocation of additional resources to the Members Community Leadership Scheme by providing an additional £3,860 to each Elected Member as set out in Section 2.6 above.
- b) Approves the allocation of additional resources to the Members Community Leadership Scheme by providing an additional £1,500 to each Elected Member in the financial year 2022-23 as set out in Section 2.7 above.

9. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 9.1 To provide Members with additional resources to support local communities.

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Implications

Financial

1.1 The additional cost of £343,040 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 None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1 Supports local communities in recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic.

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

7.1 None.