

FOR INFORMATION

CVP CLOSURE AND IMPACT ON PROJECTS

Purpose of Report

To provide an update on contracts affected by the closure of CVP and agreed way forward.

Background

Members of Bolsover Partnership Executive Board will be aware that notification was received from CVP early in January of the decision taken by the Board of Trustees to close the organisation. This was raised as an urgent item at the Executive Board meeting on 11 January 2018 and subsequent communication was sent to Executive Board members and Action Groups.

Although there are wider issues in relation to the lack of an infrastructure organisation for the Bolsover voluntary and community sector, this update focuses solely on the issues relating to the work that CVP was commissioned to deliver on behalf of the Partnership i.e. (i) New Bolsover Model Village

NEW BOLSOVER MODEL VILLAGE

Bolsover Partnership has a contract with CVP to provide community engagement and volunteering activities in the New Bolsover and surrounding areas, to maximise the outcomes of the refurbishment of New Bolsover Model Village. The contract funded 1 FTE Community Organiser and 0.4 FTE Volunteer Co-ordinator, plus additional support from CVP's other members of staff. The project was jointly funded by Bolsover Partnership (Public Health locality funding), Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT).

The Partnership Team managed the contract with CVP in respect of Partnership funding and HLF, whereas CVP had a separate arrangement with CRT for their element of the funding.

Payments were made to CVP in arrears so there is no funding to claw back. The table below shows the value of funding allocated to the project, how much has been paid to date and funding available for future commissioning.

	Approved	Paid to date	Remaining
Public Health Locality Funding	103,253	51,627	51,626
Heritage Lottery Fund	50,000	31,362	18,638
Total	153,253	82,989	70,264

Since the announcement at Executive Board on 11 January, the following actions have been taken:

- A meeting has taken place with CVP's CEO and agreement has been reached that the contract will be terminated early. A document releasing both CVP and Bolsover District Council from the contract is currently being drawn up.
- CVP has transferred all electronic and hard copies of data/project information to Bolsover Partnership, however, concerns have been raised by CVP that some data is missing or incomplete. CVP has been advised to contact the Information Commissioner.
- Positive meetings have taken place with both HLF and CRT and continued support is there for the work at New Bolsover Model Village. A review of the work has started and two key areas of work have been identified:
 - (i) Business planning for the longer term sustainability of a community house, including funding opportunities and support for the Friends of New Bolsover group
 - (ii) On the ground community development work to maximise opportunities for community engagement and activity in the New Bolsover and surrounding areas.
- In respect of (i) above, a specification for this piece of work will be written and quotes sought. Estimated value is between £8,000
- In respect of (ii) above, it has been agreed by all funders that CRT will host a Community Organiser post on a two year fixed term contract from April 2018 to March 2020. BDC's Project Manager for the New Bolsover Model Village project, will review the current workplan and identify areas of work that are required as well as using the work at (i) above to help shape desired outcomes and activities.
- **Bolsover Partnership's Commissioning Group met on 7th February and approved recommendations to:**
 - **commission a specific piece of work to develop a business plan for the longer term sustainability of a community house, which will shape the future work of the project**
 - **For CRT to employ a worker on a two year fixed term contract to fulfil the ongoing and current needs of the project**