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To: Chair & Members of the Council

Monday 27th November 2023

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Dear Councillor

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the Bolsover District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 10:00 hours.

Register of Members' Interests - Members are reminded that a Member must within 28 days of becoming aware of any changes to their Disclosable Pecuniary Interests provide written notification to the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. S. Fielden". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Solicitor to the Council & Monitoring Officer

Equalities Statement

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COUNCIL AGENDA

Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 10:00 hours taking place in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne

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3.	Chair's Announcements To receive any announcements that the Chair of the Council may desire to lay before the meeting.	
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Minutes of a meeting of Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 10:00 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor Tom Munro in the Chair

Councillors Rita Turner (Vice-Chair), David Bennett, Anne Clarke, Rowan Clarke, Amanda Davis, Mary Dooley, Will Fletcher, Steve Fritchley, Justin Gilbody, Duncan Haywood, Rob Hiney-Saunders, Mark Hinman, Chris Kane, Tom Kirkham, Duncan McGregor, Clive Moesby, Sandra Peake, Lisa Powell, Jeanne Raspin, John Ritchie, Emma Stevenson, Janet Tait, Catherine Tite, Ross Walker, Vicky Waplington, Deborah Watson, Jen Wilson and Carol Wood.

Officers:- Karen Han (Chief Executive), Steve Brunt (Strategic Director of Services), Theresa Fletcher (Service Director Finance & Section 151 Officer), Jim Fieldsend (Service Director Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer), Pam Brown (Service Director Executive, Corporate Services and Partnerships), and Amy Bryan (Governance and Civic Manager).

CL39-23/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Louise Fox, Cathy Jeffery, Sally Renshaw, Phil Smith, Ashley Taylor and Jane Yates.

CL40-23/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute Number	Member	Interest
CL47-23/24 Park Lane, Pinxton Development	Councillor Steve Fritchley	Significant Other Interest – Director of Dragonfly Development Limited
	Councillor Emma Stevenson	Significant Other Interest – Director of Dragonfly Development Limited
	Councillor Janet Tait	Significant Other Interest – Director of Dragonfly Development Limited
	Councillor Deborah Watson	Significant Other Interest – Director of Dragonfly Development Limited
	Councillor Carol Wood	Significant Other Interest – Director of Dragonfly Development Limited

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CL41-23/24 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced that his charity this year was The Royal British Legion and to help raise funds he was holding a Civic Dinner on Friday 23rd February 2023. This would be taking place at the Holiday Inn, South Normanton and all Members and officers were invited to attend.

The Chair also stated that he had been working with Grant Galloway, Chief Executive of Dragonfly Development Limited to try to raise some sponsorship from local businesses.

CL42-23/24 MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Emma Stevenson and seconded by Councillor Sandra Peake
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 2nd August 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

Moved by Councillor Steve Fritchley and seconded by Councillor Sandra Peake
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 5th September 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

CL43-23/24 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8, members of the Public were able to ask questions to an Executive Member about the Council's activities.

Question submitted to Portfolio Holder for Environment, Councillor Anne Clarke by Sarah Foy

Hello. My name is Sarah Foy, I'm a charity worker and I live in South Normanton.

Bolsover prides itself on being one of the more forward thinking districts in the UK and has put climate considerations at the heart of governance. The Council's Carbon Reduction Plan has an objective to reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 and 80% by 2050.

However, this awareness needs to include every aspect of council activities, including the provision of food, which is currently omitted from the plan. The science is clear that meat and dairy are major contributors to the climate and ecological emergencies. Other councils, for example Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford City, Cambridge City, Exeter City and the London Borough of Lewisham are ensuring that all food and drink provided at events is plant-based, and I'd like Bolsover District Council to do the same.

This is the logical & necessary next step to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, of carbon as well as methane and nitrogen. It will help normalise plant-based eating, which according to an Oxford University study, is the single most effective thing an individual can do to reduce their environmental impact.

There have been substantial evidence-based recommendations calling for a move away from meat and dairy. The review of the National Food Strategy, led by Henry Dimbleby in 2021, recommended a reduction in meat and dairy of 30% within ten years, and that food

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provided in the public sector should be plant-based by default. If we are to achieve even this modest target, we need public organisations to lead the way. The government failed to implement these recommendations, and is now facing a legal challenge with lawyers arguing that its failure to adopt measures to reduce meat and dairy production and consumption is unlawful. A new Oxford University study published in July 2023 shows that the environmental impact of a meat-diet is far higher than one which is plant-based.

We are currently in a cost of living crisis. Meat and dairy products are almost always the most expensive part of a meal - whole food plant-based meals are considerably cheaper. By doing the right thing for the planet, and promoting eating for good health, the council can also save money by serving more plant-based foods. We can and must move away from meat and dairy, towards climate-friendly eating, and I believe councils can lead the way with this.

I understand that this council does not regularly serve food at meetings, so the main change this council can implement is to exclusively serve plant milk for tea and coffee offered at meetings. Oat milk uses 13 times less water, 11 times less land, and creates 3.5 times less emissions than dairy milk. I would also ask at events where food is served, for it to be exclusively plant based.

Therefore, given the Climate and Ecological Emergency and Bolsover's stated aim to reduce their emissions, will Bolsover District Council ensure that all food and drink provided at internal events is fully plant-based, as other councils have done?

This will be a small, but positive and forward-thinking step that sends a powerful message, bringing our food policy into line with other climate-aware policies. Thank you.

Councillor Anne Clarke, Portfolio Holder for Environment, responded that the Council considered that customers and guests attending the meetings at the Council should be offered a choice. The café at the Arc already stocked and offered plant-based options, with both vegans and vegetarians catered for, as well as those with dietary intolerances. The Council would make people attending meetings aware that there were plant-based options available and this would now be monitored so the Council could see what the depend was for these options.

Following Councillor Anne Clarke's response, Sarah Foy thanked Councillor Clarke for considering making a change and asked if she would consider a meeting to discuss the matter further. Councillor Anne Clarke confirmed that she would be happy to meet.

CL44-23/24 MOTIONS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, Councillors were able to submit Motions on Notice for consideration at meetings of Council.

a) The following motion was submitted for consideration by Councillor Steve Fritchley

Industrial Communities Alliance (ICA)

This Council notes:

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1. *The Industrial Communities Alliance (ICA) is an all-party association of local authorities in the industrial areas of England, Scotland and Wales. Formerly the Coalfields Communities Campaign (CCC), the Council has been a long-standing member. Members and officers attend regular meetings and receive informative reports and outcomes of research affecting the area.*
2. *Prior to Brexit the ICA enabled the links with partners across Europe to be strengthened and allowed access to European Funding Streams for the benefit of the District. Post Brexit, the ICA continue to lobby Government in much the same way in terms of increased support for Councils as previously, albeit European funding streams are gradually ceasing.*
3. *The ICA has produced a paper 'Local and Regional Development: The Case for Longer-Term Funding' for consideration by HM Treasury. [Paper is attached].*

This Council resolves:

1. *To support the paper 'Local and Regional Development: The Case for Longer-Term Funding', produced by the ICA for consideration by HM Treasury.*
2. *To send a letter to the Chair of the ICA informing them of the Council's support.*

The Motion was moved by Councillor Steve Fritchley and seconded by Councillor Mary Dooley.

Councillor Fritchley spoke to the Motion. He said that the ICA had done a lot of work in attaching money for industrial areas.

On being put to the vote the Motion was carried.

RESOLVED that the Council notes:

1. The Industrial Communities Alliance (ICA) is an all-party association of local authorities in the industrial areas of England, Scotland and Wales. Formerly the Coalfields Communities Campaign (CCC), the Council has been a long-standing member. Members and officers attend regular meetings and receive informative reports and outcomes of research affecting the area.
2. Prior to Brexit the ICA enabled the links with partners across Europe to be strengthened and allowed access to European Funding Streams for the benefit of the District. Post Brexit, the ICA continue to lobby Government in much the same way in terms of increased support for Councils as previously, albeit European funding streams are gradually ceasing.
3. The ICA has produced a paper 'Local and Regional Development: The Case for Longer-Term Funding' for consideration by HM Treasury. [Paper is attached].

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The Council resolved to:

4. Support the paper 'Local and Regional Development: The Case for Longer-Term Funding', produced by the ICA for consideration by HM Treasury.
5. To send a letter to the Chair of the ICA informing them of the Council's support.

(Service Director of Executive, Corporate Services and Partnerships)

b) The following motion was submitted for consideration by Councillor Will Fletcher

World AIDS Day

Council notes that:

- World AIDS Day will be taking place on the 1st December 2023 as in previous years;
- 40.4 million people globally have died from AIDS-related illnesses since the start of the epidemic;
- 39.0 million people globally are living with HIV according to the most recent data, including 48 people who are living with HIV in Bolsover District;
- HIV is no longer fatal and HIV treatment and medication as prescribed helps people with HIV to have the same life expectancy as those without HIV;
- Someone living with HIV who is on effective treatment is not able to pass HIV on to another individual (undetectable = untransmittable);
- The HIV Action Plan for England has four objectives in order to move us towards zero new diagnoses of HIV, including:
- Scaling up HIV testing in line with national guidelines; and
- Improving the quality of life for people living with HIV and addressing stigma;
- Bolsover District's HIV testing rate of 35.3% is below the England-wide average of 45.8%.

Council believes that:

- We should remember those who have died as a result of the HIV/AIDs epidemic and those still living with HIV around the world, including those here in Bolsover District;
- Every person living with HIV deserves to be treated with respect and dignity, and that addressing stigma plays a key role in this aim;
- Although Bolsover District Council is not directly responsible for sexual health, it can play a role in improving levels of testing by supporting initiatives such as World AIDS Day and National HIV Testing Week in order to raise awareness.

Council resolves to:

- Offer Red Ribbons for sale in all public offices, leisure centres and contact centres, for the two weeks preceding 1st December, in this year and in subsequent years;
- Fly the Red Ribbon flag on 1st December and during the week after World AIDS Day in this year and in subsequent years;
- Use Bolsover TV and intouch to promote World AIDS Day, the availability of Red Ribbons for purchase at council offices and contact centres, and inform residents

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where they can get more information about HIV testing and prevention.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Will Fletcher and seconded by Councillor Steve Fritchley.

Councillor Fletcher spoken to the Motion and stated that last year had marked the 40th anniversary of the death of Terry Higgins. Since the early 1980s, 40 million people globally had died from AIDS-related illnesses. He stated that HIV was no longer fatal and HIV treatment and medication could be prescribed which helped people with HIV to have the same life expectancy as those without HIV. He added that 54 people were living with HIV in the District, and it was likely that each Councillor represented someone in their ward who was living with HIV. He hoped Councillors would join him in supporting the Motion to help end HIV infections by 2030.

On being put to the vote the Motion was carried.

RESOLVED that the Council notes that:

1. World AIDS Day will be taking place on the 1st December 2023 as in previous years;
2. 40.4 million people globally have died from AIDS-related illnesses since the start of the epidemic;
3. 39.0 million people globally are living with HIV according to the most recent data, including 48 people who are living with HIV in Bolsover District;
4. HIV is no longer fatal and HIV treatment and medication as prescribed helps people with HIV to have the same life expectancy as those without HIV;
5. Someone living with HIV who is on effective treatment is not able to pass HIV on to another individual (undetectable = untransmittable);
6. The HIV Action Plan for England has four objectives in order to move us towards zero new diagnoses of HIV, including:
7. Scaling up HIV testing in line with national guidelines; and
8. Improving the quality of life for people living with HIV and addressing stigma;
9. Bolsover District's HIV testing rate of 35.3% is below the England-wide average of 45.8%.

Council believes that:

10. We should remember those who have died as a result of the HIV/AIDs epidemic and those still living with HIV around the world, including those here in Bolsover District;
11. Every person living with HIV deserves to be treated with respect and dignity, and that addressing stigma plays a key role in this aim;
12. Although Bolsover District Council is not directly responsible for sexual health, it can play a role in improving levels of testing by supporting initiatives such as World AIDS Day and National HIV Testing Week in order to raise awareness.

Council resolves to:

13. Offer Red Ribbons for sale in all public offices, leisure centres and contact centres, for the two weeks preceding 1st December, in this year and in subsequent years;
14. Fly the Red Ribbon flag on 1st December and during the week after World AIDS Day in this year and in subsequent years;
15. Use Bolsover TV and intouch to promote World AIDS Day, the availability of Red Ribbons for purchase at council offices and contact centres, and inform residents

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where they can get more information about HIV testing and prevention.

(Chief Executive)

CL45-23/24 CREATION OF AN EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Council considered a report which set out a recommendation from the Employment and Personnel Committee regarding the establishment of the post of Employee Engagement Officer.

The report stated that at its meeting on 28th June 2023, the Employee and Personnel Committee had considered a proposal for the creation of a new post of Employee Engagement Officer. The Committee had agreed that the creation of such a post would have a positive impact and add significant value to the Council and its HR and Payroll function. The post required job evaluation but it was anticipated that the post would be graded at around Grade 6 (with oncosts between £36,258 - £39,344). The post would be funded from the Council's General Fund budget.

Moved by Councillor Clive Moesby and seconded by Councillor Duncan McGregor

RESOLVED that the growth in salary budget as set out in paragraph 1.7 of the report, as recommended by the Employment and Personnel Committee on 28th June 2023, be approved.

(Service Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer / HR Business Partner)

CL46-23/24 OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

Council considered a report presented by the Monitoring Officer on behalf of the former Scrutiny Chairs, which provided an update on the work of the Scrutiny Committees for 2022/23. The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

The annual report provided an overview of the core activity for each of the Committees and detailed some of the impact of the work completed during the year.

Moved by Councillor Clive Moesby and seconded by Councillor David Bennett

RESOLVED that the Annual Report of the Scrutiny Committees' activities, in accordance with the Council's Constitution, be noted.

Having disclosed an interest in the following item Councillors Steve Fritchley, Emma Stevenson, Janet Tait, Deborah Watson and Carol Wood left the meeting and took no participation in consideration of the next item.

CL47-23/24 PARK LANE, PINXTON DEVELOPMENT

Council considered a report which sought approval to add Park Lane, Pinxton to the list of schemes included in the Bolsover Homes pipeline funding envelope of £36.2m.

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The report stated that Executive, at its meeting on 11th September 2023, had agreed to proceed with a Bolsover Homes development at the Park Lane site in Pinxton. The report considered by Executive was attached to the report at Appendix 1. In order for the scheme to go ahead it would need to be added to the schedule of development sites for the existing £36.2m funding envelope.

Moved by Councillor Sandra Peake and seconded by Councillor John Ritchie

RESOLVED that the inclusion of Park Lane, Pinxton development within the previously approved £36.2m funding envelope for Bolsover Homes, be approved.

(Strategic Director of Services)

Councillors Steve Fritchley, Emma Stevenson, Janet Tait, Deborah Watson and Carol Wood returned to the meeting.

CL48-23/24 STREET SWEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

Council considered a report which sought approval for the purchase of a large goods vehicle sweeping machine for undertaking street sweeping arrangements through Bolsover.

The report set out the details why the current sweeping arrangements fell short of requirements. The report explained that following a review of burgundy bin collection arrangements it had been possible to reduce the number of recycling collection vehicles from 5 to 4. It was therefore proposed that the existing capital budget included in the vehicle replacement programme for 2024/25 be re-allocated to fund a large goods vehicle (truck mounted) sweeper. Increased staffing costs of approximately £24,814 would be required from the General Fund budget.

Moved by Councillor Anne Clarke and seconded by Councillor Rowan Clarke

RESOLVED that (1) the purchase of a large goods vehicle sweeping machine for utilisation in Bolsover's street cleansing arrangements, by swapping an existing vehicle in the capital programme which is no longer required, be approved.

(2) the increase in Streetscene staffing establishment by 1No fulltime equivalent and increased budget to operate the large sweeping machine for approximately £24,814, be approved.

(Strategic Director of Services / Service Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer)

CL49-23/24 CHANGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

The Service Director Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer presented a report which requested that Council appoint a Vice Chair of the Local Growth Scrutiny Committee.

The report explained that following changes to the membership of the Scrutiny Committees made at the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 5th September 2023 (Minute CL38-23/24 refers) there was now a vacancy for the Vice Chair of the Local

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Growth Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Steve Fritchley nominated Councillor Mark Hinman. This was seconded by Councillor Chris Kane.

Councillor Carol Wood nominated Councillor Will Fletcher. This was seconded by Councillor Ross Walker.

The two nominations were put to the vote.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mark Hinman be appointed as Vice Chair of the Local Growth Scrutiny Committee.

(Service Director Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer)

CL50-23/24 CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair had no closing remarks.

The meeting concluded at 10:37 hours.

COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 10:38 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor Tom Munro in the Chair

Councillors Rita Turner (Vice-Chair), David Bennett, Anne Clarke, Rowan Clarke, Amanda Davis, Mary Dooley, Will Fletcher, Steve Fritchley, Justin Gilbody, Chris Kane, Tom Kirkham, Duncan McGregor, Clive Moesby, Sandra Peake, Lisa Powell, Jeanne Raspin, John Ritchie, Emma Stevenson, Janet Tait, Catherine Tite, Ross Walker, Vicky Waplington, Deborah Watson, Jen Wilson and Carol Wood.

Officers:- Karen Hanson (Chief Executive), Steve Brunt (Strategic Director of Services), Theresa Fletcher (Service Director Finance & Section 151 Officer), Jim Fieldsend (Service Director Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer), Pam Brown (Service Director Executive, Corporate Services and Partnerships), and Amy Bryan (Governance and Civic Manager).

CL51-23/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Louise Fox, Cathy Jeffery, Sally Renshaw, Phil Smith, Ashley Taylor and Jane Yates.

CL52-23/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

CL53-23/24 CONFERRING THE TITLE OF HONORARY ALDERMAN

Councillor Duncan McGregor, Deputy Leader of the Council, presented a report seeking approval to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on the nominees proposed to and recommended by the Council's Honours Panel in accordance with the agreed procedures.

Moved by Councillor Duncan McGregor and seconded by Councillor Steve Fritchley
RESOLVED that (1) the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on Rose Bowler.

(2) the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on Jim Clifton.

(3) the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on Ray Heffer.

The Motion was passed with more than a two thirds majority.

(Service Director Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer/Governance and Civic Manager)

The meeting concluded at 10:39 hours.

MOTION A

Climate Emergency and Flooding

Following the flooding on 19th/20th October that affected Clowne, Pinxton and other areas within the district, Bolsover Labour Group recognises the role climate change plays in the increasing frequency of extreme storms that trigger such events. Furthermore we recognise that a pro-active approach by all councils and statutory bodies can help protect us against these events.

Climate change will impact many council services. For example extended growing seasons and later falls of leaves will put additional pressure on our teams keeping our streets tidy and safe. It is imperative that we adapt to these impacts.

Conversely council services will impact climate change. For example energy efficiency within our housing stock and the availability of electric car charging spaces within our parking estate. It is imperative that we play our part in mitigating climate change.

In the light of the above Bolsover District Council hereby declares a Climate Emergency and consequently will:

1. Work with all authorities, Parish Councils and statutory authorities to ensure emergency arrangements are more effective for future flooding events.
2. Proactively support maintenance and other flood prevention work required to reduce the impact of such events on residents and businesses within the District.
3. Review processes and procedures across the Council to ensure that their climate change effects are understood and are measurable - with a view to adapting to the changing climate and maximising our own climate change mitigation measures.

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Creation of a Carbon Reduction Officer post

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environment

Classification	This report is Public
Contact Officer	Pam Brown, Director for Executive, Corporate Services and Partnerships

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

For Council to consider the proposals made and agreed at Employment and Personnel Committee on 1 November 2023 for the establishment of the post of Carbon Reduction Officer.

Council's role is to agree the budget implications following full scrutiny of the proposals put to the Employment and Personnel Committee.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background and details of the proposal

- 1.1 At its meeting held on 1 November 2023, the Employment and Personnel Committee considered a proposal for the creation of a new post of Carbon Reduction Officer on the Council's establishment.
- 1.2 The remit of the Committee is to consider and deal with issues relating to the Council's establishment structure and employees, and to recommend to Council in relation to any growth in the establishment resulting in budgetary increase.
- 1.3 Following a meeting of the Climate Change and Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 6 March 2023 and a review assessing progress by the Council on its approach to Carbon Reduction, it was found that there is insufficient officer resource to ensure the carbon reduction agenda is progressed effectively.
- 1.4 A job description and person specification has been developed and formed part of the report that was presented to the Employment and Personnel Committee. Members made it clear that the post needed to have the appropriate level of specialist skills and that the finally agreed salary should reflect this. The post has now been through the job evaluation process and will be Grade 9 (£40,978 to £45,286). The post would be funded from the Council's General Fund budgets.

2. Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The proposal has been fully considered by the Employment and Personnel Committee who agreed the creation of such a post would have a positive impact and add significant value to the Council's Climate Change agenda.

3 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 3.1 The Council could decide not to support the creation of the post, however, it is considered this would limit the effectiveness of addressing Climate Change and Net Zero in the district.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That Council approve the growth in salary budgets as set out in paragraph 1.4 of the report as recommended by the Employment and Personnel Committee on 1 November 2023.

Approved by Employment and Personnel Committee on 1 November 2023 and by
Councillor Anne Clarke, Portfolio Holder for Environment

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes ☒ No ☐

Details: The cost for the creation of the post per annum is anticipated to be between £40,978 to £45,286 (Grade 9).

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes ☐ No ☒

Details: There are no legal implication arising from this report

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details: There will be no environmental impact arising from this post.

Staffing: Yes ☒ No ☐

Details: The Council's policies and procedures will be followed for recruitment to this post

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	No

District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Councillor Steve Fritchley, Leader of the Council

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.
Links to the Corporate Aim for Environment

DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title

Background Papers <i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>
Job Description and Person Specification Employment and Personnel Committee Minutes 1 November 2023

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of Council on Wednesday 6th December 2023

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2023

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Performance and Governance

Classification	This report is Public
Contact Officer	Rebecca Brooks – Electoral Services Manager

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report sets out proposals to consider and approve for the provision of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations within Bolsover District Council area following a review undertaken in accordance with the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places. This review has been undertaken in line with the compulsory review which must be started and completed between 1 October 2023 and 31 January 2025 (inclusive).
- 1.2 The Act requires that relevant authorities must:-
 - (a) seek to ensure that all electors in the constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practical in the circumstances.
 - (b) seek to ensure that as far as is reasonable and practical the polling places they are responsible for are accessible to electors including those who are disabled and when considering the designation of a Polling Place must have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The revised Register of Electors is published on 1 December 2023. The proposals in this report have no effect on polling district boundaries and are limited to minor

changes to the provision of polling places. These changes do not require the register to be republished.

- 2.2 Council is reminded that a Review was undertaken in 2018 following the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's Review of Electoral Arrangements which saw a number of changes to District Wards, Polling Districts and revised Parish/Parish Ward electoral arrangements.

The Review Process

- 2.3 The publication of the Notice of Review was published on 4 October 2023 and the initial consultation period commenced on 4 October 2023 as required by legislation.
- 2.4 The consultation period sought representations from Electors, District Councillors, Members of Parliament, Parish and Town Councils, Political Parties and existing Polling Place contacts. The consultation documents were sent to all stakeholders, including District Councillors, Parish Councils, County Councillors, MPs, MEP's and other interested parties who have particular expertise in certain fields, for example disability access issues. All comments/submissions were required to be submitted by 30 October 2023. During this period, maps showing the Polling Districts and existing Polling Places were published on the Council's website. Following the initial consultation period, the Acting Returning Officer (ARO) published proposals for Polling Districts and Polling Places after 6 December 2023.

Overview of the Review Process

- 2.5 The Council is responsible for the designation of Polling Districts and Polling Places and the Returning Officer is responsible for determining the number of Polling Stations within each Polling Place.
- 2.6 A Polling District effectively sub divides an electoral ward (where necessary) into smaller geographical areas for polling purposes.
- 2.7 A Polling Place is a building or area approved by the Council at which the electors in the relevant Polling District will be allotted to vote by the Returning Officer. The Polling Place must be an area in the District, unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area wholly or partly outside the District (for example, if no accessible polling place can be identified in the District.)
- 2.8 When undertaking a review the Council is required to give due regard to the following considerations:-
- It must seek to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
 - It must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every Polling Place for which it is responsible is accessible to electors who are disabled;
 - Where possible the Polling Place should be in its own Polling District unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area wholly or partly outside the district (for example. If no accessible Polling Place can be identified in the District);

- Where possible each parish (and each parish ward) should be a separate Polling District or Polling Districts;

2.9 The Review is a function of the Council and not the Electoral Registration Officer or Acting Returning Officer and therefore this report is before the Council for consideration.

Consultation Responses

2.10 A total of 3 submissions were received during the initial consultation period.

2.11 The Acting Returning Officer's final proposals are set out below:-

Bolsover Constituency

Ward: Ault Hucknall

No.	Polling District	Polling Place /Polling Station	Submission
1	AHK1	Parish Church of St Leonards, Scarcliffe	Recommended for continued use
2	AHK2	Palterton Welfare	Recommended for continued use
3	AHK3	Verney Institute, Pleasley	Recommended for continued use
4	AHK4	New Houghton Community Centre	Recommended for continued use
5	AHK5	The Glapwell Centre	Recommended for continued use
6	AHK6	Doe Lea Miners Welfare	Submission received from ward councillor to use the Community Room, Bramley Vale Primary School again but on inspection the school is being re-built and the classrooms are portable unit so the recommendation is to continue with Doe Lea Miners Welfare.
7	AHK7	The Shoulder, Hardstoft	Recommended for continued use

Ward: Blackwell

No.	Polling District	Polling Place /Polling Station	Submission
8	BLK1	Blackwell Community Centre	Recommended for continued use
9	BLK2	Hilcote Community Centre	Recommended for continued use
10	BLK3	Newton Methodist Church	Recommended for continued use
11	BLK4	Westhouses Primary School	Recommended for continued use

Ward: Bolsover North and Shuttlewood

No.	Polling District	Polling Place /Polling Station	Submission
12	BNS1	Brockley Primary School, Shuttlewood	Recommended for continued use
13	BNS2	Quiet Woman Public House	Submission received from ward councillor to use the Quiet Woman Houfton Road due to the Assembly Hall being in a different polling district was too far away from the more populated area of the ward. Recommended to change polling station to the Quiet Woman.
14	BNS3	Bolsover Parish Rooms	Recommended for continued use

Ward: Bolsover East

No.	Polling District	Polling Place /Polling Station	Submission
15	BOE1	Assembly Hall, Bolsover	Recommended for continued use
16	BOE2	Mobile Unit, Whaley Common	Recommended for continued use

Ward: Bolsover South

No.	Polling District	Polling Place /Polling Station	Submission
17	BOS1	Bainbridge Hall Community Centre	Recommended for continued use
18	BOS2	Hillstown Village Hall	Recommended for continued use

Ward: Barlborough

No.	Polling District	Polling Place /Polling Station	Submission
19	BRB1	Village Hall, Barlborough	Recommended for continued use
20	BRB2	The Arc, Clowne	Recommended for continued use

Ward: Clowne East

No.	Polling District	Polling Place /Polling Station	Submission
21	CLE1	Clowne Community Centre	Recommended for continued use
22	CLE1	Clowne Community Centre	Recommended for continued use

Ward: Clowne West

No.	Polling District	Polling Place /Polling Station	Submission
23	CLW1	The Arc, Clowne	Recommended for continued use
24	CLW2	The Oxcroft Centre, Stanfree	Recommended for continued use

Ward: Elmton with Creswell

No.	Polling District	Polling Place /Polling Station	Submission
25, 26	ELM1	Creswell Events Centre	Recommended for continued use
27	ELM2	Hodthorpe Social Club	Recommended for continued use

Ward: Langwith

No.	Polling District	Polling Place/Polling Station	Submission
28	LNG1	Whaley Thorns and Langwith Village Hall	Recommended for continued use
29	LNG2	Gate Hotel, Langwith Junction	Recommended for continued use
30	LNG3	Mobile Unit, Langwith Junction Bowls Club	Recommended for continued use but will be kept under review if suitable permanent venue is found.
31	LNG4	Shirebrook Village Hall	Recommended for continued use

Ward: Pinxton

No.	Polling District	Polling Place/Polling Station	Submission
32, 33	PNX1	Pinxton Village Hall	Recommended for continued use

Ward: Shirebrook North

No.	Polling District	Polling Place/Polling Station	Submission
34	SHN1	Carter Lane Community Centre, Shirebrook	Recommended for continued use
35	SHN2	Shirebrook Village Hall	Recommended for continued use

Ward: Shirebrook South

No.	Polling District	Polling Place/Polling Station	Submission
36	SHS1	Shirebrook Methodist Church	Recommended for continued use
37	SHS2	Shirebrook Miners Welfare	Submission received from ward councillor due to the Victoria Inn being sold and change of use to a shop. Recommended to change polling station to the Shirebrook Miners Welfare.
38	SHS3	Shirebrook Methodist Church	Recommended for continued use

Ward: South Normanton East

No.	Polling District	Polling Place/Polling Station	Submission
39	SNE1	St Michael's Church	Recommended for continued use
40	SNE2	The Junction 28 Church	Recommended for continued use

Ward: South Normanton West

No.	Polling District	Polling Place/Polling Station	Submission
41, 42	SNW1	Post Mill Centre	Recommended for continued use
43	SNW2	The Boundary Public House	Recommended for continued use

Ward: Tibshelf

No.	Polling District	Polling Place/Polling Station	Submission
44	TIB1	Tibshelf Village Hall	Recommended for continued use
45	TIB2	The Pavilion	Recommended for continued use

No.	Polling District	Polling Place/Polling Station	Submission
46	WHT1	Whitwell Community Centre	Recommended for continued use
47	WHT2	Bakestone Moor	Recommended for continued use

3 Reasons for Recommendation

Final proposals and schedule of revised Polling Districts and Polling Places

- 3.1 The Council is required to provide Polling Stations throughout its area for use at election time and they should be convenient and accessible for use by the electorate. The Acting Returning Officer has the authority (contained within statute) to require schools to make themselves available for use as a Polling Station.
- 3.2 However, the Council has no such power in respect of private premises and can only request the use of privately owned facilities.
- 3.3 In an ideal world, electoral administrators would have the choice of a range of fully accessible buildings conveniently located for electors in the area. In the past the Council has used a mix of schools and private premises – where alternative premises exist in place of Schools, the Council has sought to move into the private premises.
- 3.4 Subject to approval of the final proposals schedule, it will be necessary to publish a revised schedule of Polling Districts and Polling Places together with the relevant maps. The schedule will be amended further to reflect any changes made by the Council before publication.

Completion of the Review

- 3.5 Once the Council has agreed the final proposal schedule, details of the Polling Districts and Polling Places must be made available to the public. This will be published on the Council's website and at the Council's Offices.

In addition, the Council must also publish:-

- All correspondence sent to the Acting Returning Officer in connection with the review or sent by the ARO to persons with particular expertise on access issues;
- All representations made by any person in connection with the review;
- The minutes of any meeting held by the Council;
- Details of where the results of the review have been published.

Appeals Process

- 3.6 Following the conclusion of the local authority's review, certain persons have the right to make representations to the Electoral Commission. If, on receipt of the representations, the Electoral Commission find that the review did not:-
- meet the reasonable requirements of the electors in the constituency or a body of them; or
 - take sufficient account of the accessibility for disabled persons of a Polling Station/Polling Stations with a designated Polling Place

then the Commission may direct the Council to make any alterations to the Polling Places as they think necessary and if the alterations are not made within two months, make the alterations themselves.

Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.7 In carrying out the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places, the Council has undertaken a public consultation exercise and specifically sought out the views or comments from electors and any persons or bodies with expertise in access to premises or facilities for persons with any type of disability.
- 3.8 The Council is required to provide Polling Stations throughout its area for use at election time and they should be convenient and accessible for use by the electorate. The Acting Returning Officer has the authority (contained within statute) to require schools to make themselves available for use as a Polling Station.

Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 The Council has a statutory duty to revise Polling Districts and Polling Places in order to implement the outcome of the Review.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the Council approve the final proposals schedule setting out any changes to the designated Polling Places.
2. The Chief Executive be requested to formally publish the Notice of Conclusion of the Review, its findings, the responses from consultees and all other relevant documentation.
3. To note that the Electoral Registration Officer will incorporate any changes to the Polling Districts and Polling Places.

Approved by Councillor Duncan McGregor, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for
Corporate Performance and Governance

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details: There are no financial implications arising from this report. The risk implications are contained within the report.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes ☒ No ☐

Details: The legal implications are contained within the report.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment: Yes ☐ No ☒

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

Details:

Staffing: Yes ☒ No ☐

Details: The work in carrying out the Review and implementing any changes will be undertaken by the Electoral Services Team using existing resources.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	All indirectly
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Details:

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.

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Background Papers
<i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive, you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>
None

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of the Council on 6th December 2023

Bolsover Partnership Annual Report **April 2022 to March 2023**

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Partnerships, Health & Wellbeing

Classification	This report is public
Contact Officer	Laura Duck, Commissioning and Contracts Manager Arron Johnson, Partnership and Strategy Manager

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The attached report titled 'Bolsover Partnership Annual Report April 2022 to March 2023' aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the various programmes, initiatives and activities that the Leader's Executive and Partnership Team have been involved with during the last financial year (2022/23) and provide a resource document for members, officers and partners.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The attached report looks back and provides an overview of some of the activities and key achievements that Bolsover Partnership have been involved with over the past 12 months and aims to highlight how local communities, schools, young people and local businesses have been supported. The report contains:

- An overview of funding streams that the Partnership Team manage, including the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Rural Development Fund, and Public Health Locality Funding;
- A summary of how the Grants to Voluntary Organisations programme have been impacting their local communities;
- An overview of how the Partnership responded to the Cost of Living and the various initiatives that were put in place to support local communities and businesses;
- An overview of the progression of the Community Rail Partnership and its achievements to date;
- An update on the Building Resilience Programme previously funded by the Controlling Migration Fund and the legacy that has been left;

- An overview of the various initiatives that have support our schools and young people, including an insight into some of the challenges being faced and how that is influencing the Partnership's priority setting for future years;
- Case studies demonstrating the impact of project activity to local people.

1.2 Key achievements highlighted throughout the report include:

- A collective response to supporting communities during the Cost of Living and ongoing pressure post pandemic, which included working closely with local communities, small and large local businesses and the launch of the social prescribing platform Treacle.me;
- The successful submission of an Investment Plan securing £1,963,993 through the UK Shared Prosperity fund, and the inclusive process to work up priorities and the allocation towards projects;
- The additional award of £427,888 through the Rural Development Fund
- The implementation of the Councillor Community Grants, which resulted in 111 awards being made;
- A rapid response to the Cost of Living crisis involving a wide range of partners to identify and address some of the most pressing issues;
- The implementation of Treacle.me for the Bolsover District, a social prescribing platform that provides access to information about local support groups and services.

2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 The report provides a comprehensive overview of projects, funding and initiatives that the Leader's Executive and Partnership Team is involved with and aims to provide a resource document for members and officers and to ensure Council/Partnership funding is targeted to best effect.

3. **Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 To note the contents of this report.

4 **Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 Options are considered as an integral element of all commissioning processes.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the contents of this paper and the attached report 'Bolsover Partnership Annual Report 2022-23' be noted.

Approved by Councillor Mary Dooley Portfolio Holder for Partnerships and Health and Wellbeing

IMPLICATIONS:**Finance and Risk:** Yes ☐ No ☒

Details: As detailed within the report the Partnership Team manages a range of different funding streams. This includes external funding, i.e. UKSPF, Rural Fund, and Public Health Locality funding; as well as internal budgets such as the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Programme and Councillor Community Grants scheme. With respect to these funding streams, the Partnership Team are proactive in contingency planning and evolving as necessary.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes ☐ No ☒

Details: The Partnership Team minimises data protection risks by not keeping personal data as part of its agreed monitoring processes. All projects are required to obtain consent for use of case studies/photographs. Contracts/Service level agreements are in place with all providers of activity commissioned by the Partnership Team and activity is monitored quarterly.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment: Yes ☐ No ☒

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

Details: Not applicable

Staffing: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details: Not applicable

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

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Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	Not applicable

District Wards Significantly Affected	All indirectly
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Leader, Director Executive, Corporate Services and Partnerships

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.
<p>Actively engaging with partners to benefit our customers. Actively engaging with partners to benefit our communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting equality and diversity and supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people • Improving health, wellbeing and increasing participation in sport and leisure activities disadvantaged people • Working with partners to support enterprise, innovation, jobs and skills • Promoting the District and working with partners to increase tourism • Working with partners to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour • Actively engaging with partners to benefit our communities • Reducing our carbon footprint whilst supporting and encouraging residents and businesses to do the same

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Appendix No	Title
1	Bolsover Partnership Annual Report April 2022 to March 2023

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Annual Report

April 2022 to March 2023

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Equalities Statement

Bolsover District Council is committed to equalities as an employer and when delivering the services it provides to all sections of the community.

The Council believes that no person should be treated unfairly and is committed to eliminating all forms of discrimination, advancing equality and fostering good relations between all groups in society.

Access for All statement

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- **Call with Relay UK** via textphone or app on 0800 500 888 – a free phone service provided by BT for anyone who has difficulty hearing or speaking. It's a way to have a real time conversation with us by text.
- **Visiting one of our offices** at Clowne, Bolsover, Shirebrook and South Normanton.

Bolsover Partnership Overview

Our Vision

“Our Sustainable Community Strategy has a vision of a diverse, healthy, fair and prosperous district, building on the strengths of our industrial past to become a vibrant, thriving community capable of meeting the challenges and the opportunities of the future”

Introduction

Welcome to Bolsover Partnership's Annual Report for the period April 2022 to March 2023. As always, this report provides an overview of some of the activities and key achievements that Bolsover Partnership have been involved with over the past 12 months and aims to highlight how local communities, schools, young people and local businesses have been supported. It has certainly been another busy year, as we continue to respond and adapt to new challenges. However, undoubtedly, the strength of the Partnership will continue to grow.

This year has been dominated by the cost-of-living crisis both in terms of rising fuel bills and increasing food costs, but more recently the impact of interest rate rises. These things have affected us all and we also know that these external factors impact some of our most vulnerable residents even more. As always, partners have responded with a 'can-do' approach and in May we set up a task and finish group to identify and address some of the most pressing issues. The Resilient Bolsover Group worked quickly to agree actions to help people with the challenges they were already facing and which we all knew would worsen as the year progressed. Our aim was to ensure that support was targeted where it was needed most and to join up our services to improve access and the flow of support available for people. All partners put their 'shoulders to the wheel' at this critical time, ensuring efforts were co-ordinated and momentum was maintained.

Another important focus has been the ongoing management of the consequences

of the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly its impact on our children and young people, in terms of their education, their mental health and subsequent life chances. Towards the end of the year, one of our partners, DEBP CIO, carried out a rapid appraisal of the challenges facing our local schools, working with leaders from all local schools as well as other partners including colleges and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). The report presented to our Board members was incredibly powerful, provoking a strong reaction from partners, who made it clear they wanted to work together to find solutions, so our work as we look into the year ahead and beyond will have a strong focus on supporting schools and our young people.

We have been fortunate this year as we have secured funding for the District. Through the work of the partners, our Investment Plan for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UHSPF) was approved in January 2023, which will see investment of nearly £2m between 2022 and 2025 to address priorities focusing on communities and place, local businesses, and people and skills. A further £428,000 was secured as a top-up to the UKSPF to support rural businesses and rural communities. We also continue to receive Public Health Locality Funds and as always partners have actively participated in allocating resources based on priority setting and our inclusive and robust commissioning system.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supports Bolsover Partnership, and gives their time, energy, and ideas.

Funding Update

The Leader's Executive and Partnership Team manages a range of different funding streams, enabling initiatives and services to be delivered against the priorities within the Sustainable Community Strategy. These include:

- UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- Rural Fund
- DCC Public Health Locality funding
- Councillor Community Grants
- Grants to Voluntary Organisations



UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is part of the UK Government's levelling up agenda, and is the successor to the previous European Social Investment Fund. All areas of the UK have received an allocation via a funding formula and for Bolsover District that is £1,963,993 over a 3 year period April 2022 – March 2025.

- **2022/23:** £238,349
- **2023/24:** £476,697
- **2022/23:** £1,248,947
- **Total:** £1,963,993

There are three Investment Priorities the UKSPF is aimed at addressing:

Community and Place

- Strengthening our social fabric and fostering a sense of local pride and belonging.
- To build resilient and safe neighbourhoods.

Supporting Local Businesses

- Creating jobs and boosting community cohesion by supporting local businesses.
- Promoting networking and collaboration and stimulating innovation and growth.
- Targeted support to help businesses grow eg. innovation, productivity, energy efficiency, low carbon and exporting.

People and Skills

- Boosting core skills and support adults to progress in work.
- Supporting disadvantaged people to access the skills they need.
- Funding local skills needs and supplementing local adult skills provision.
- Reducing levels of economic inactivity and supporting those furthest from the labour market.

In order to access the UKSPF allocation, an Investment Plan needed to be submitted setting out what interventions would be prioritised and what measurable outcomes would be delivered.

It was agreed by the Leader of the Council, (also Vice Chair of Bolsover Partnership), that the existing Bolsover Partnership structure was the best vehicle for effective engagement with partners and for developing the Investment Plan. Special Executive Board meetings comprising workshops around the three main priorities for targeting the SPF took place in May 2022. These were attended by nearly 50 representatives. A 'long list' of interventions was developed by partners using the "Interventions, Objectives, Outcomes, and Outputs" document produced by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC), and a working group

was established by the Chair of the Partnership and leads identified for progressing each of the priority strands. A proforma template for each 'long list' intervention was completed, and a two-stage assessment criteria was developed, agreed and implemented to agree a shortlist of interventions that formed the final UKSPF Investment Plan that was submitted on the 29th July 2022.

The Investment Plan developed with partners identified interventions against each of the three UKSPF priorities, and the priority allocations over the three-year period are:

- **Communities and Place:** £644,221
- **Supporting Businesses:** £711,212
- **People and Skills:** £530,000
- **Management and Admin (4%):** £78,560
- **Total:** £1,963,993

Appendix 1 summarises the interventions that were identified and included within the Investment Plan, along with indicative allocations.

A decision from DLUHC was later than expected, and confirmation that our Investment Plan had been approved was received in January 2023. This meant that the original 2022/23 allocation of £238,349 could not be spent in time, resulting in agreement that £204,313 would be carried forward into 2023/24.



Rural England Prosperity Fund

The Rural Fund is a top up to the UKSPF and provides capital funding for small businesses and community infrastructure to help improve productivity and strengthen the rural economy and rural communities.

The total funding available under the Bolsover Rural Fund is:

Rural Businesses

- **2023/24:** £126,000
- **2024/25:** £51,000
- **Sub-total:** £177,000

Rural Communities

- **2023/24:** £51,000
- **2024/25:** £199,884
- **Sub-total:** £250,884

Total: £427,884

To access Rural Fund allocations, an addendum to the UKSPF investment plan was submitted which set out local challenges, market failure and opportunities for the rural economy.

A summary of eligible interventions was outlined in the Rural England Prosperity Fund and these were included within the addendum as potential areas of investment for the District. They are:

Rural Businesses

- Small scale investment in micro and small enterprises in rural areas. Including diversification of farm businesses outside of agriculture to encourage start up, expansion or scale up of these businesses

- Growing local social economy and supporting innovation
- Development and promotion of the visitor economy

Rural Communities

- Digital infrastructure for local community facilities
- Investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civic society and communities groups
- Local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities
- Active travel enhancements in local area
- Rural circular economy projects
- Impactful volunteering and social action projects
- Creation of and improvements to local rural green spaces
- Existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions that make up the local cultural heritage offer

The grant scheme was launched in May 2023, and was in two parts:

1. For smaller scale investments and/or equipment up to £20,000 with an intervention rate of 80%
2. For larger capital investments of up to £75,000 with an intervention rate of 70%, to support for example building conversion into other business/tourism uses.



Public Health Locality Funding

Derbyshire County Council's (DCC) Public Health Localities and Place-based work is seen as integral to addressing the wider determinants of health; in particular, employment and skills, financial inclusion, community cohesion and social isolation.

Bolsover District receives an annual allocation of Public Health Locality Funding from DCC, as well as other funding identified to address certain needs. The total amount of funding received from Public Health in 2022/23 was £288,597:

- £115,500 for Raising Aspirations across Derbyshire
- £10,000 Small Grants
- £78,097 Locality funding

- £10,000 Cost of Living Grants
- £25,000 Social Connectedness funding
- £50,000 Emotional Wellbeing for Young People

The Bolsover Partnership Commissioning Group agrees how to allocate the Public Health locality funding based on evidence of need, impact and available funding. Details of projects and case studies funded by Public Health are contained later on in this report and we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the ongoing commitment and support from Public Health.

Grants To Voluntary Organisations Programme

We have awarded grants to third sector/ voluntary organisations over a number of years, each receiving an agreed amount annually to support the objectives of that organisation.

- **Derbyshire Law Centre (DLC):** £18,000
- **Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre (DUWC):** £19,900
- **Junction Arts:** £16,000
- **Citizens Advice North East Derbyshire:** £19,000

- **TRUST:** £3,650
- **Rural Action Derbyshire:** £2,265
- **Total:** £78,815

The sections that follow summarise the outputs achieved by each organisation and a case study to highlight how the District has been utilised to support Bolsover residents. From 2023/24, the new LOOP social value tool will be used to measure impact of the outcomes achieved.



Derbyshire Law Centre (DLC)

Outputs achieved April 2022 to March 2023:

- 650 Enquiries from Bolsover District residents
- 228 Law Centre cases from Bolsover District

Case Study

A client came to us 48 hours before a possession hearing at court. One of our housing solicitors took her call and referred her to the Homeless Prevention Project who applied to Bolsover's Housing Support Fund and submitted a Discretionary Housing Payment application. The solicitor

liaised with the landlord to reach an agreement without going to court. The tenant has remained in the property as her rent arrears were significantly reduced and we continue to work with the tenant to support her.

Outcome: homelessness prevented.

Derbyshire
Law Centre

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre (DUWC)

Outputs achieved April 2022 to March 2023

- £520,338 recovered from appeals tribunals
- £1,238,601 of additional benefits claimed
- 1,500 volunteer hours

Case Study

A female from Tibshelf met with one of our advisors at the food bank session and reported that she was experiencing a deteriorating mobility issue. She was already in receipt of PIP for her daily living problems at the 'enhanced' rate of payment and for her mobility issues at the 'standard' rate of payment. The woman had previously requested that the DWP change her award to the 'enhanced' rate for mobility, due to the increased costs she was incurring mobilising. Rather than dealing with her application on its merits, the whole of her entitlement was removed. The client had asked for a mandatory reconsideration, but the decision was not changed. By the time she met with our

advisor, she was deeply distressed.

Our advisor, having undertaken a full assessment of the client's situation, assisted her in making an appeal to the independent tribunal service and gathering a wealth of supporting medical evidence. Prior to the hearing, the DWP changed its decision and restored the original award. On her behalf, a second challenge was made to the Independent Tribunal Service and only then, after proceedings had been issued, did the DWP change its decision and award the enhanced rate for mobility. The client was awarded arrears of £11,412 and an additional weekly income thanks to her 'enhanced' mobility rate of payment.



Junction Arts

Outputs achieved April 2022 to March 2023

- 5,000 people have attended events and exhibitions in the District
- 70,115 members of a social group
- 190,476 feel belonging to neighbourhood



Case Study

In October 2022, the 29th season of lantern making in Bolsover commenced. This year, additional funding from the County Council was secured for the Shine A Light programme which involved a series of puppetry masterclasses for our more-seasoned lantern makers. We worked with City Arts to deliver these classes over two dates in October, where participants could learn how to make moving lanterns. One lantern went on to win "Most Magical" lantern at the parade!

We then went on to run an additional six days of regular lantern workshops at the Assembly Rooms in Bolsover where we hosted a total of 274 lantern makers. We also worked with six primary schools across Bolsover District, to deliver lantern making workshops for 380 pupils aged from 5-11 years. This years' school paper and willow lanterns were inspired by

Mexico's Day of the Dead Festival.

Approximately 1,300 people carrying 400 lanterns took to the streets of Bolsover on Saturday 26th November, where they were applauded and cheered on by thousands of people, for the entire kilometre-long procession. The event is a real highlight of the year for us, and for the community over the past 29 years.

"Loved it, as always. I love nothing more than spending time with my lad making our lantern each year. We'll see you next time!" – Jo Kacperski, lantern maker.

"Wonderful... I am really glad that it went ahead. Always heart-warming to see everyone coming together. Proper family times. Thank you for the event" – Mark Batty, attendee.



Citizens Advice North East Derbyshire

Outputs achieved April 2022 to March 2023

- 3,818 debt/benefits enquiries received
- 545 housing specific (including homelessness) enquiries received
- 1,300 volunteer hours



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advice**

Case Study

Background

In January 2023, Jamie contacted Citizens Advice via Adviceline as he had been out of work for four weeks and was struggling financially. He is a solo parent of two children aged 12 and 13. Jamie had initially hoped to find alternative work quickly; however, his wages were about to run out and he had not secured another job. Jamie had some debts including credit cards, bank loans, gas/electricity arrears and rent arrears. The debts had been accruing since separating from his partner. His situation (relationship breakdown and loss of job) was having a negative impact on his mental health, and he felt unable to cope with contacting creditors and form filling etc. Although he had hoped to find alternative employment, he was feeling too anxious and low to apply for jobs. Having previously having a wage and a partner who worked, he was now unemployed and single and he was concerned as to how he would pay his bills.

How did we help?

The Adviceline adviser supported Jamie to use a local foodbank as he had no money for food to feed his family; we also made a successful application on his behalf to the Household Support Fund for an emergency cash grant. An application was made to Marches Energy Agency for top-up vouchers as Jamie had no money to top up his pre-payment meters for electricity and gas. The Adviceline worker assisted Jamie to apply to the Severn Trent Big Difference Scheme to reduce his on-going water bill.

A benefit check was carried out and we

identified that Jamie would qualify for New Style Employment and Support Allowance with a top up Universal Credit with Housing Element and Child Element. We assisted Jamie over the phone to make an application for Council Tax Reduction and we referred Jamie to UC Help to Claim to support him with the application for Universal Credit. An appointment for face-to-face advice was made with Citizens Advice at Bolsover Library to assist Jamie complete a form (work capability questionnaire) for ESA. The adviser did a conference call with Jamie's landlord (a housing association) and was able to negotiate an affordable payment plan for his rent arrears thus avoiding a notice seeking possession.

The Adviceline adviser completed a debt assessment and referred him to our internal MaPS funded debt advice for help to deal with his creditors. The debt team are assisting Jamie to deal with his creditor and are currently in the process of setting up a Debt Relief Order for Jamie thus giving him a clean break.

Outcomes of advice

- Foodbank parcel x 3
- Household Support Fund grant (£104 x 2)
- Top up energy vouchers (£98 x 2)
- ESA £77 per week
- Universal Credit £203.17 per week + passporting benefits (cost of living grants, free health costs, free school dinners)
- Maximum Council Tax Reduction
- Debt Managed £17,545

TRUST

Outputs achieved April 2022 to March 2023

- 53 enquiries from people experiencing ill health or health and safety issues
- 10 people supported with tinnitus
- £70,158.56 recovered in benefits and compensation

Case Study

We were contacted by a man who was struggling with his tinnitus. He also wanted to join a group to meet other people suffering from the condition. He also suffers from Vestibular Meniere's for which he was under QMC in Nottingham. He was due for an appointment at QMC, but the tinnitus was causing him to feel anxious and depressed. We were able to do a self-referral to our Senior Specialist Audiologists at the Royal Hospital and made contact on his behalf with them. They then contacted QMC for his records so that they had a full history of his audiological condition, on receipt of which he went along to the Royal Hospital for an appointment. He hadn't been wearing hearing aids and on

testing his hearing, he was fitted with hearing aids, and this helped his tinnitus. He joined our group and brought his wife along.

We were able to help his wife also because she had hearing problems. We did another self-referral for his wife and she too had an appointment to go along to the Royal Hospital. We are able to do the self-referrals and have a criteria to which we adhere to, as provided by the audiologists and this helps to minimise patients having to go through their GP and so is successful for both patient and GP services.

Rural Action Derbyshire

Outputs achieved April 2022 to March 2023

- 12 residents assisted with transport through 'Ways to Work'
- 21 households benefitted from a community oil buying scheme
- 41 residents benefited from suicide awareness training
- 15 Community/Neighbourhood Planning Support promoted to Parish Council



Case Study

Rural communities often lack reliable transport options: the Department for Transport found that 50% of rural people live in areas with the poorest accessibility to services. This creates barriers to work, training and education. Wheels to Work breaks down these barriers by providing bicycles, e-bikes and mopeds for those in need.

In the past 12 months, across Derbyshire:

- We supplied 42 beneficiaries with moped loans
- We supplied 18 beneficiaries with bicycle loans
- We attended 20 public engagement events (including jobs fairs, community meetings and our Peaks & Dales E-Bike Holiday Hire launch)
- We reached over 60,000 people through our engagement with local media outlets

Feedback on the service from 11 end-of-loan beneficiaries found that, after joining the Wheels to Work programme:

- 10 were still in work, 1 was still accessing training/education
- 81% felt happier and less isolated

- 72% felt more independent

JSH applied to W2W for support to access employment. JSH attended an event I was presenting at, which had been organised by Chatsworth to promote their vacancies. JSH recognised that if he could secure transport it would open up, not only employment opportunities, but the chance to get back on top of his finances. JSH had previously been unemployed and had been struggling to manage his finances, until he was offered a KickStart placement as a drystone waller. We recently met JSH and he explained how he wouldn't have been able to accept the role if it hadn't been for Wheels to Work as it was a 26 mile round trip from his home in Bolsover. JSH has thrived in his role and has now been offered a permanent full-time position, leading him to being in a better financial position. JSH has extended his loan by a further six months and is now in the process of purchasing his own bike.

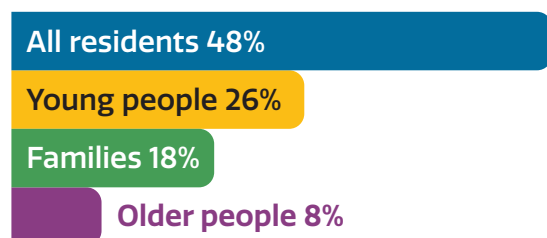
"I managed to get a job as a drystone waller at Chatsworth Estate; without Wheels to Work, this wouldn't have been possible. Before, I would have to catch two buses just to get there, starting at 5.30am, which took a long time and cost too much money."

Councillor Community Grant Scheme

During 2022/2023, a one-off budget of £37,000 was agreed by Bolsover District Council. This enabled each district councillor to support their local community groups and organisations for services and activities within their ward, up to a value of £1,000 each, for all 37 councillors.

The grant scheme was well utilised by members and numerous local communities have benefited. In total, 111 awards of funding were made.

The chart shows how the funding was distributed and who benefited from the funding.



The majority of awards were for less than £250 (68); between £251–£500 (29) and between £501–£1000 (14).

Grants were used for a wide variety of activities including:

- Christmas events
- Community events (e.g. outdoor family theatre shows, Coronation celebrations and dance events)
- Warm spaces/meals
- Physical activity sessions
- Equipment (e.g. pool, snooker and cricket equipment, toys, youth club provision)
- Capital expenditure (e.g. outdoor spaces, repair of paths, creation of a peace garden)
- Transport
- Youth activities

Summary of Spend 2022/23

- **Raising Aspirations:** £123,000 (Public Health/Partnership Funding)
- **I-Venture:** £44,124 (Other)
- **Bolsover Countryside Partnership:** £10,000 (Public Health/Partnership Funding)
- **Digital Connect:** £19,960 (Public Health/Partnership Funding)
- **Financial Inclusion:** £14,788 (Public Health/Partnership Funding), £4,644 (Other), total of £19,432
- **Creswell Heritage and Wellbeing:** £5,000 (Public Health/Partnership Funding)
- **Grants to Vol Organisations:** £78,115 (Bolsover District Council)
- **VCS Support:** £38,438 (Public Health/Partnership Funding), £23,000 (Bolsover District Council), total of £61,438
- **Small grants/COL grants:** £21,000 (Public Health/Partnership Funding)
- **Business Growth Fund:** £29,900 (Bolsover District Council)
- **Six Pillars:** £50,000 (Public Health/Partnership Funding)
- **UKSPF:** £34,036 (UKSPF)
- **Councillor Community Grants:** £33,830 (Bolsover District Council)
- **Community Rail Partnership:** £32,955 (Other)

Totals

- **Public Health/Partnership Funding:** £282,186
- **Bolsover District Council:** £164,845
- **UKSPF:** £34,036
- **Other:** £81,723

Supporting Our Communities

Treacle.me – Helping you through those sticky times

Treacle.me is a quick and easy to use website and app where you can find all kinds of help and support. By working closely with the founder of Treacle, the website now includes information specifically for Bolsover District residents. All in one place, it provides access to information about local support groups and services, as well as national charities and organisations. It includes services that are tailored to specific groups like carers or teenagers, or which relate to specific areas of physical or mental health such as weight loss or mood issues.

The Partnership Team worked extensively to research support services locally so that the website and app could be populated. It can be read in seven different languages and is really simple to use. Check out Treacle today and you might be surprised at what you can find, right on your doorstep.



Impact

An impact study was undertaken to establish how far Treacle has been able to reach, engage and support people living and working in Bolsover District area from October 2022 and March 2023. The findings show that Bolsover is gaining significant and above-expected impacts for individuals.

In excess of £100,000 of combined financial benefits had been created in the first six months of operating with over 150 residents being identified as to now being able to:

- Better self-manage their physical health
- Access additional mental health supports
- Improve family relationships and parenting
- Better manage personal debt
- Increase volunteering activity in the local community

It has also become a highly important resource for health professionals to support patients through better signposting to services appropriate to their needs and the District such professionals are more reliant on it than their counterparts are in other parts of the country:

"it's enhanced the impact of our social prescribing team"

"increases the range of signposting we can offer to clients to help them enhance their wellbeing"



Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) support and social connectedness

Bolsover Partnership and Bolsover District Council have a contract with Bolsover CVS to provide infrastructure support to the voluntary community sector. 2022/23 was the fourth year of that contract, and delivery has gone from strength to strength, especially in this last year.

Key Performance Indicators:

Volunteering KPIs Year 4 Bolsover District Council

- Number of volunteers engaged with or brokered to organisations: Target: 50 Outcome: 48
- Number of organisations supported with volunteer brokerage or volunteer development: Target: 25 Outcome: 28
- Number of times organisations supported – including volunteer resources developed, opportunities shared and marketed, DBS checks completed, example volunteer policy forms shared e.g. risk assessment/ volunteer agreement: Target: 100 Outcome: 77

Residents across Bolsover District enquired about the following volunteer opportunities:

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| ■ Befriending x3 17% | ■ Working with children 6% |
| ■ Dementia/care 17% | ■ Walking group 5% |
| ■ Outdoor work/gardening x3 17% | ■ Ex services 5% |
| ■ Adult reading help/learning support 11% | ■ Digital ICT 5% |
| ■ Arts and crafts 6% | ■ Decorating 5% |
| ■ Admin work 6% | |

Group support

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| ■ Number of groups supported: | Target: 70 | Outcome: 109 |
| ■ Number of individuals supported: | Target: 100 | Outcome: 311 |
| ■ Number of new groups developed: | Target: 10 | Outcome: 6 |
| ■ Number of groups supported to produce development plans: | Target: 10 | Outcome: 6 |
| ■ Number of groups supported to identify funding opportunities: | Target: 50 | Outcome: 56 |
| ■ Number of applications submitted: | Target: 30 | Outcome: 24 |
| ■ Amount of funding secured by groups supported: | Target: £10,000 | Outcome: £84,146 |
| ■ Amount of funding secured by VCS for infrastructure: | Target: £10,000 | Outcome: £44,500 |
| ■ Number of stakeholders engaged with: | Target: 350 | Outcome: 423 |
| ■ Number of networks developed, online or offline: | Target: 5 | Outcome: 4 |
| ■ Number of events delivered online or face-to-face: | Target: 8 | Outcome: 11 |
| ■ Number of strategic board representations: | Target: 30 | Outcome: 21 |

Bolsover Memory Cafe

In early 2023 – Debbie Fennell the social connect lead met with Julie from Hillstown Village hall to discuss using the hall to create a new Memory Cafe. The idea had come from a Bolsover resident who was passionate about setting up a place for people with all forms of dementia, to meet, undertake some fun activities and feel socially connected. It would also in turn offer respite and some peer support for carers of those with dementia. Julie agreed that this was a fabulous idea and agreed to host the memory cafe once a month. The success went further with us supporting the cafe to receive start up funds of £500 from Spar.

The first memory cafe took place in February with 15 attendees, plus four new volunteers.

- ✓ **New group in Bolsover**
- ✓ **Successful in applying for start up funding**
- ✓ **Four new volunteers placed in the area**

"BCVS provided us with fantastic support and information to be able to make the best decision about the setting up the memory café .

The introduction to the wonderful Julie at Hillstown Village hall was amazing. BCVS help us promote the Café around the town too, which has been invaluable to its incredible take up. Without this support we would have really struggled for volunteers, so I am pleased we had the opportunity to recruit three plus myself. They are an absolute joy to work with. The March Café was even more successful than February and we are keen to grow it further."

Debbie Fennell, Bolsover Memory Café Lead Volunteer



Bolsover Community and Voluntary Service

Digital Connect

Bolsover Partnership have partnered with Citizens Advice Mid-Mercia to deliver the Bolsover Digital Connect project. It provides digital awareness, advice, training and support to people who are digitally excluded, equipping people with the skills and confidence to effectively use IT. There is also support through the loan of tablets and access to internet. The main aims of the project are to:

- Improve connectedness, reduce isolation and enhance health and wellbeing by providing access to support, information, services and networks.
- Provide signposting and access to opportunities for people to improve their computer skills and enhance their employability skills.

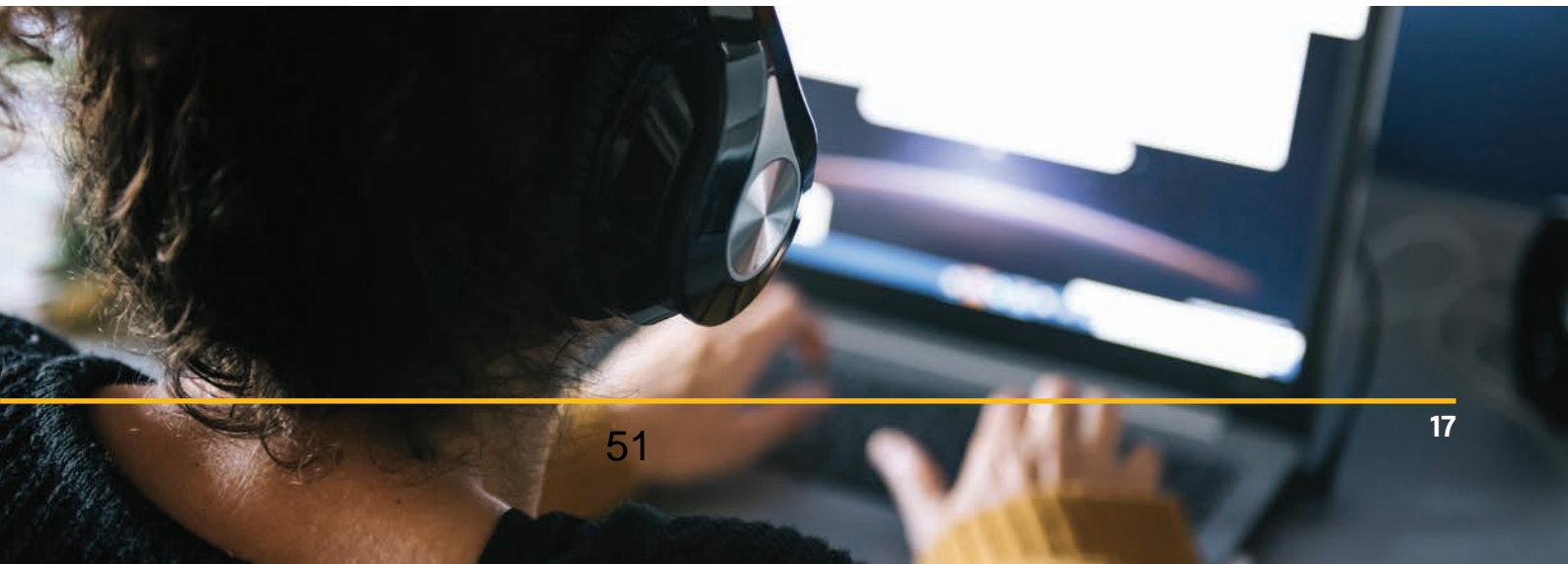
There are currently outreach venues in Shirebrook, South Normanton, Bolsover libraries and The Arc, Clowne.

■ Number of individuals supported:	Target: 20	Outcome: 30
■ Digital support sessions delivered:	Target: 110	Outcome: 189
■ Number of volunteers (Digital Champions):	Target: 4	Outcome: 6
■ Number of referrals:	Target: 30	Outcome: 46
■ Volunteer hours:	Target: 70	Outcome: 267.75

"Excellent programme. Great help in learning how to use my new computer."

"I have gained a great deal of confidence and knowledge. I appreciate Martin's patience and expertise feel I am able to contact him in the future should I need his help."

"The course has been brilliant, so helpful and has encouraged me to explore my devices on my own with confidence. Thank you!"





Physical activity and lifestyles (PALS) programme

The PALS programme is aimed at changing behaviours and finding solutions to help people face their daily challenges in order that they can concentrate more on their health and wellbeing. Council staff create a package/personal plan to enable a path to a more active and healthier lifestyle; working with other agencies to navigate through what is available for the individual or family.

Although the benefits of physical activity and exercise are widely acknowledged and understood in the main, many children, adults and the elderly within our target wards remain sedentary. It is important to recognise this and understand why so many people remain inactive before solutions can be identified. Creswell piloted the PALS programme and received referrals from GP's, Social Prescribers, Local Area Co-ordinator, residents and community groups. In May 2021, the PALS programme was rolled out across the District and the Bolsover Partnership committed to contributing funding over a three year period to March 2025.

- Individuals supported:
Target: 200 Outcome: 232
- Sessions delivered:
Target: 800 Outcome: 1248
- Volunteers:
Target: 50 Outcome: 52
- Individuals completing 12 week programme:
Target: 110 Outcome: 239*

*Figure is greater than the number of individuals supported as some started before the reporting period.

Danielle Symmonite (pictured) is 34 years old and came to the centre at Clowne with her auntie who was also on the 12 week

programme. She was very shy at first and wasn't sure if the wellness programme was going to be for her. Danielle has arthritis, aortic stenosis, pulmonary tuberculosis, psoriasis and Singleton Merton Syndrome.

This syndrome is characterised by extreme calcification deposits in the aorta as well as thinning of the bones (osteoporosis); it can also cause skin problems and degenerative muscle weakness.

Danielle said that she would like to attend the wellness hub and after an induction, she was booked in.

Danielle said 'I started at the wellness hub because I had been told about it from a family member that had already been attending. They said that it would benefit me with all the conditions that I have, including the arthritis, dyspraxia and mobility problems. The programme also enables me to get out more and meet people. This in turn improves my mental health. I enjoy socialising with everyone and seeing all the friendly staff. Everyone has made me feel welcome and I enjoy coming'.

Danielle continues to come to the wellness hub after completing her 12 weeks and she has come out of her shell even going on trips organised by other members of the group. She contributes to all the conversations and is good fun.



Community Rail Partnership

The Robin Hood Line (RHL) provides a direct service from Worksop Train Station to Nottingham City Train Station with a total of 13 stations along the line. It crosses through several parish, district, county and city council wards and provides a strategic gateway for all the authorities that host a train station in terms of skills and employment, leisure and tourism and sustainable travel.

A dedicated Community Rail Partnership (CRP) Officer has been in place since September 2021. In July 2022, the RHL CRP hosted the Community Rail Partnership Officers catch up day, organised by East Midlands Rail to showcase the Creswell Craggs Rail Discovery Trail and go in the caves. The trip was an enjoyable day out for fellow CRP officers from up and down the country and really sparked the creative thinking to develop such educational trails along their respective lines.

The Community Rail Officer along with the station adopter provided a Halloween themed train day for passengers giving out sweets and generally raising the spirits of the patrons. It was very well received with patrons asking for themed trains days in the future.

The CRP received accreditation status recognised by the Department for Transport in just 12 months of operation. This was due to the success of the work and projects that have been undertaken. This allows the CRP to bid for larger pots of funding through the community rail network achieving the aspirations of the partnership with creative projects aligning with wider partnerships visions and priorities.

Below is one example of the work through the CRP. The annual report for the RHL CRP will be published in October 2023.

Distraction Project

After a highly successful 24 months of delivery through the You vs Train initiative, the project has continued to be funded for a further 24 months through joint funding, including EMR, Community Safety Partnership, Whitwell Parish Council, Elmtown with Creswell Parish Council, Langwith Parish Council, Shirebrook Town Council, and funds through the UK



Shared Prosperity Fund. The project has seen attendances of 5,633 since its inception in December 2021 engaging 182 individuals.

The project has built the trust of the young people involved by engaging with them through sport and physical activity, showing a reduction in anti-social behaviour. Here's a fantastic news story of one of the participants...

Kian from Creswell has been attending regularly for over a year and has an interest in refereeing. Kian has become a "mini assistant" to council staff delivering the project, organising teams, and officiating sessions. Kian has used his initiative and has completed a refereeing qualification and started refereeing grassroots football. Staff have signposted him to contacts at Chesterfield Football Club to see how he can be supported to gain paid work and Continuous Professional Development (CPD). Kian attends Heritage High School, and he has been encouraged to take part in the Sports Leaders Level 2 that is delivered in the school. This qualification could help Kian to join the team as an Activity Assistant and enable him to deliver these sessions in his own community.

New Bolsover in Colour

Karen Parker, Policy Officer, accompanied Tracey Garner, CAN Ranger for the Bolsover Town area, to visit areas where the team were experiencing anti-social behaviour and other issues. During a walk around the New Bolsover estate Tracey expressed regret that although millions of pounds had been spent on improving the houses, that the genal end areas which had once housed trees, had been left with some weed supressing membrane and bark. These looked somewhat unloved with residents using the areas for dog toileting and for large items of waste. Karen was aware of the tree planting which the council was undertaking and made contact to enquire whether these areas could be suitable for tree planting.

This was the first step in collaborative partnership working to create a sustainable community group who will maintain and drive collective efforts to improve the area and lives of residents of the New Bolsover Estate. The New Bolsover In Colour project had begun, it's longer term aim is to increase and encourage community cohesion and reduce isolation, by encouraging a small residents group to form who can direct the efforts of the group and ultimately be able to draw on funding with the support of BCVS to improve the area further.

Katherine Church, Community Woodlands Project Officer, and Richard Camps from Streetscene became involved. Site visits were arranged and Debbie Fennell from BCVS was invited to get involved. Debbie liaised with Natalie Evans from Timeswap and it was agreed that Timeswap would be a perfect way to co-ordinate any volunteer involvement or interest. Contact was made with New Bolsover Primary



and Nursery School, who agreed to send three groups of children throughout the planting day.

Despite the heavy rain, the New Bolsover In Colour team made up of partner organisations and volunteers, got stuck in digging and planting an abundance of plants donated by local companies and charities.

Tom and Josh from a local landscaping company, Roots Arboriculture & Landscaping, attended the entire day offering their expert knowledge and help – they are true community heroes!

Many residents engaged with the group on the day to find out what was happening and why; all were positive and appreciative. The inclement weather was most definitely a barrier and prevented all but the most enthusiastic residents from getting involved. However, many pledged to take pride in the improved areas and lend a hand in maintaining them.

In summary the New Bolsover In Colour Community Planting Day was fantastic day of community, colour and collaboration!



Bolsover Countryside Partnership

A grant is paid to enable the Bolsover Countryside Partnership to continue to deliver community based environmental improvement projects, including the Archaeological Way and Visit. Sleep. Cycle. Repeat programmes.

A summary of the work completed during the year includes:

- All outstanding works completed on the Rural England Development Programme for England (RDPE) and Skegby Phase I programme, including 200m of flexipave at Batley Lane
- Delivery of the Skegby Phase II Programme and an additional 1.5km resurfaced
- Drawing up of plans with DCC Highways Safety and Engineers to improve the Archaeological Way through Shirebrook and undertaking consultation with BDC. The scheme has now become part of the Market Place Regeneration Programme. £105,000 remains in the budget. An additional £10,000

Building Resilience

The legacy of the Building Resilience Programme which received funding through the Controlling Migration Fund has been the mainstreaming of job roles in February 2022. This reflects the Council's support and recognition of the benefits of working more closely with the migrant community within the NG20 area. Although support continues to be focused in the NG20 area, other areas of the District where there are pockets of migrant communities have also been able to receive support over the last 12 months.

The 2021 Census Data showed that 5.7% of people living in Bolsover District were born outside the UK (www.ons.gov.uk/census/maps/choropleth/population/country-of-birth/country-of-birth-3a/born-outside-the-uk). Data from the EU Settlement Scheme also shows that there were 4,620 successful applications for EU Settlement Status in Bolsover District (www.gov.uk/government/statistics/eu-settlement-scheme-quarterly-statistics-march-2023).



has been secured to deliver a Shirebrook Town Trail.

- Visit Sleep Cycle Repeat App is in development and will be ready to launch in 2023/24.
- The Archaeological Way project delivered 20 sessions with 12 individuals throughout the year.
- Two additional volunteers are working on the project supporting the development of the App and carrying out a signage audit of the Pleasley Hub
- Bolsover Countryside Partnership is a member of the newly established Walk Bolsover Consortium, who hope to deliver a pilot programme in the Shirebrook Schools' Catchment Area over the next two years.



Building Resilience Programme

The knowledge and experience of the two dedicated Policy Officers enabled a quick response to the Russian invasion in Ukraine. Following the launch of the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme, Policy Officers were involved in helping services (housing, police, NHS, DWP) with managing the needs from guests and hosts, helping to understand how services work and how to contact them. By the summer of 2022, the District homed around 25 Ukrainian families, and approximately 60 guests. The pace of the scheme resulted in situations where guests and hosts were often found in difficult situations with minimum information and facing issues that impacted their mental health. Policy Officers were able to visit Ukrainian guests explaining the role of the local authority and clarifying the support available. Guests were provided with printed materials in Ukrainian



about life in the UK, helped with applications for benefits, opening a bank account, applying for school, requesting free SIM card, finding language classes, volunteering and job opportunities. Often visits were arranged and accompanied by advisers and Ukrainian volunteers from Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre.

The District's 'Welcome Pack' was amended and materials in Ukrainian have been added.

Packs were distributed during individual meetings and to Frasers Group for Ukrainians employed at Sports Direct warehouse.

Policy Officers promoted meetings and events set up for Ukrainian guests to create a supportive environment. An example of this was the successful Christmas celebration in January (according to the Ukrainian calendar), which was set up in Chesterfield by Links CVS and many Ukrainian families from Bolsover District joined the event.

The Partnership Team is continuing to cooperate with Frasers Group to engage with workers, either British or migrants. Following the initial NHS event in June 2022, which focused on increasing the update of vaccinations, the team arranged another drop-in session at Sports Direct in January 2023. This time, the event was held in the warehouse and focused on promoting the Treacle.me online site. Policy Officers used this opportunity to engage with workers at the warehouse canteens and were able to help workers from various backgrounds around things like housing, waste management,



community safety and financial advice.

On a daily basis Policy Officers offer general support to all residents. Having bi-lingual officers within the team results in a higher number of cases being reported by members of migrant communities and positive feedback in comparison to paid services from private companies includes higher standards, more affordable, and ability to deal with complicated cases. The range of support needed is wide-ranging, but the key issues are the language barrier and the lack of awareness and understanding of processes and procedures. Policy officers work with partners like the NHS, police, probation office, DWP, HMRC, DCC, employment agencies, and private landlords.

Mrs Krystyna G. (Polish)

Mrs K is single, of pension age, and lived in shared accommodation rented from a private landlord. Policy Officers got involved at the stage when Mrs K was struggling to get repairs completed by her landlord. Initial assessment provided a wider picture of issues, including mental health problems, financial problems, and safety risks. Mrs K was encouraged to use the local library and chair-based exercises which had a positive impact on her wellbeing. With advice and help from Policy Officers Mrs K was able to fix her finances and is now a happy tenant of one of the supporting housing organisations.



Mr Ivan M. (Slovak)

Mr M's case highlights the impact of a lack of understanding of UK rules and regulations. A long-lasting medical condition left Mr M with no income for a long time. The language barrier meant he had difficulty in understanding the procedure to claim health-related support which resulted in significant financial problems. With support from the Policy Officers, Mr M was able to successfully claim backpay of the entitled support (£10,400).

The Partnership Team have been working very closely with Frasers and providing support to their warehouse staff. The team have held over six engagement events providing support around housing, financial inclusion, and the wider determinants of health. The events involved various partners from all sectors including:

- Public Health
- Fire Service
- Housing
- Chesterfield College

Due to the number of employees being non-English speaking nationals, the Partnership Team were able to engage through their multi-lingual officers. They have also engaged Chesterfield College and the Frasers development team to provide English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL) classes in the workplace. This is a very strategic approach as English is one of the main barriers to the workforce accessing services such as G.P.'s and will help build the resilience within the community.



Frasers are now a valued partner within the partnership, providing support to all sectors and working collaboratively. Charlotte Jones, Warehouse Training and Engagement Lead at Frasers has expressed her gratitude of the work from the Partnership.

'The support from Bolsover Partnership to Frasers Group and our Warehouse Colleagues is invaluable – Arron and his team truly understand the power of effective partnering and what good looks like for those living in Bolsover District. Supporting with onsite initiatives and events to encourage our 4,000+ colleagues to utilise local services and understand fully how the Council can support and guide them at all times. Particularly valuable has been the introduction of the Treacle app to our Warehouse Colleagues. Piotr has provided support to non-English speaking colleagues ensuring they are welcomed into the local community and guided to all provisions and services; ensuring a smooth transition and a successful ongoing partnership.'

'Bolsover Council worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic, providing vaccination and wellbeing surgeries and drop-in sessions in multiple languages to support our colleagues at the most vital times. We have been supported to improve local links with our surrounding communities – Rhubarb Farm, BLAST, Shirebrook Salvation Army and The Brook of particular note. Links that have truly united our colleagues to the community allowing for multiple internal initiatives such as food hub donations, reverse advent calendars and Christmas present donation schemes allowing for over 900 presents to be shared amongst our community and Council partners.'



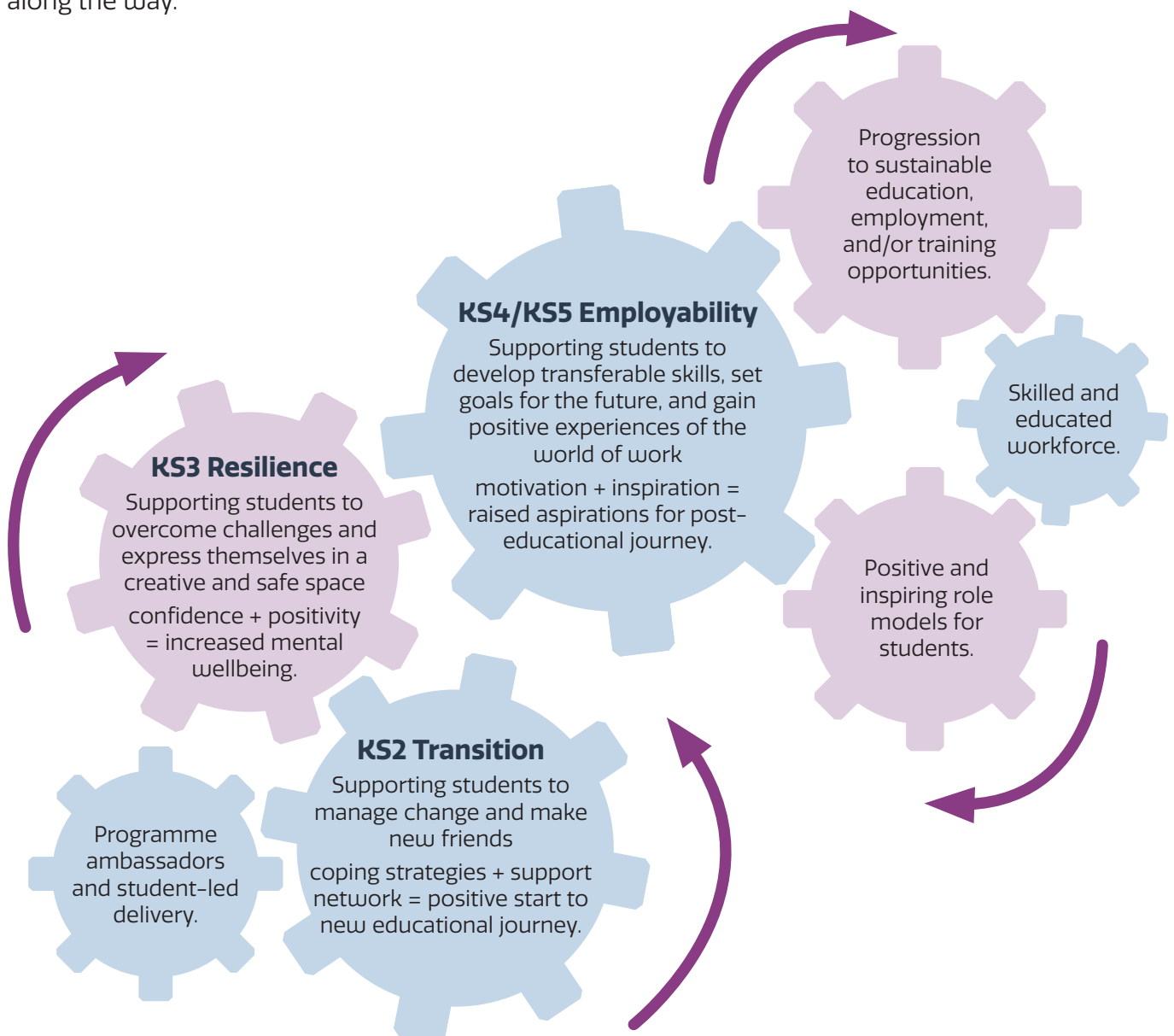
Supporting Our Schools and Young People

Raising Aspirations



The Raising Aspirations (RA) programme, delivered by Direct Education Business Partnership (DEBP), aims to provide all children and young people involved with personal development opportunities that will equip them with the foundational skills and knowledge they need to positively transition into the next phase of their education, employment, and/or training.

Through bespoke interventions, children and young people are encouraged to think about who they are as individuals, what their skills and interests are, and what they want to achieve in the future. They are connected with relatable role models who can provide real insights into the world of work and motivate them to pursue their ambitions, no matter what challenges they may face along the way.



Delivery from April to August 2022

During the 2021/22 academic year, 64 students across the District benefited from targeted support provided through Raising Aspirations. Through a combination of in-school delivery and off-site visits, DEBP careers and employability workers delivered 118 sessions to students, reaching a total of 383 participations.

The Social Return on Investment data for the KS3 Shine programmes delivered in the 2021/22 academic year can be seen below:

Heritage High School

- Budget: Social Impact value (per group): 1:43
- Net benefit: £76,076

Tibshelf Community School

- Budget: Social Impact value (per group): 1:7
- Net benefit: £9,372

Delivery from September 2022 to March 2023

During the 2022/23 academic year to the end of March 2023, 71 young people from schools across Bolsover District participated in Raising Aspirations. DEBP has delivered 59 sessions through a combination of interactive group workshops, targeted one-to-one meetings, employer-led activities, and site visits, resulting in a total of 311 participations.



I-Venture

I-Venture is a life enhancing partnership initiative, usually spanning 18 months from selection through to final expedition phase. However, the current cycle was heavily impacted by the pandemic and the participants have remained committed for in excess of three years.

The project provides young people from Bolsover District with a personal development opportunity that culminates in an expedition phase in South Africa. The project, focusing on conservation and community involvement, provides young people the opportunity to broaden their experiences, with an impact that is long lasting.

Over the last year the participants, representing Shirebrook Academy, Frederick Gent School, and Stubbin Wood School, have engaged in a programme dedicated to their preparation for the final expedition phase.

April and May were focused on the preparation for one of the team's conservation projects in South Africa – the school teams worked together preparing a presentation around 'World Giraffe Day', ready for their presentations at part of the programme for the camping weekend in June '22.

The team spent two nights away, camping for the first time. Held at Pinecones Forest School in Shirebrook, it was the first opportunity for the entire team to meet face to face.

The First Aid session, led by Dr Steve Lloyd and Paramedic Claire Kirk, is an essential part of

the I-Venture programme and was attended by all participants and the leader team.

February '23 saw a team building day centred around conservation and risk assessments. The group discussed the importance of conservation, and how they will be playing a huge part in this when they travel to South Africa and monitor the declining giraffe population.

Students also learned that whilst they are in South Africa, they will be releasing Rock Hyrax into the area. This is not just an especially important project for conservation and for the biodiversity of the area but will give the I Venture team a species unknown to them to focus on, to research, and ultimately release into the wild, re-establishing a colony in the area.

The last 12 months has seen a group of individuals becoming a team, despite many having now left their compulsory education phase and entered their post 16 destinations. They have continued to come together and are now close to achieving their goal of the expedition phase of I-Venture in July 2023.





Amy Fallon

Graduate of I-venture 2019

Amy was 17 when she applied to be a part in the 2019 programme. At the time of application Amy was a quiet and shy participant and lacked the confidence to communicate with her teammates from the other schools. However, after several meetings, Amy soon started to make friends.

"I was a bit scared at first because I didn't know any of the students that were going and then when I started talking to them, I was less scared."

Amy had the full support of her family behind her, even if mum Katie was initially a little apprehensive:

"I was so proud of her determination to take part, but when looking at what the venture entailed, it filled me with apprehension...I knew I couldn't refuse to give her this opportunity, but it required a huge leap of faith, trusting that she could survive without me and would be safe in the care of others".

"Seeing the photographs of her on the trip, happy and smiling, talking with other young people, being accepted amongst her peers and doing everything they were doing, reinforced that whatever my fears, it was absolutely the right decision to let her go. Amy grew a lot during that time".

Post expedition:

Post pandemic, Amy began working at Heeley City Farm, a voluntary position in the kitchen. It was from this experience, and due to a partnership in place with Landmarks, a local

specialist college Amy was now attending, that Amy secured a place on a Supported Internship pathway hosted by Greene King.

This meant that Amy was meeting lots of new people and her confidence in her communication skills increased, and although the job itself was not what she wanted to pursue, her independence skills flourished and with travel training Amy was travelling to and from her host business independently.



"I had never slept outside before and looking up at the stars was nice. I want to go again; it made me be braver and try new things".

"The experiences through I-Venture gave her the belief that she can achieve". Katie, Mum

"I-Venture helped Amy to build up her confidence and gave her the ambition to secure paid employment. On the day of her graduation Amy secured paid employment as a Lunchtime Supervisor at Unstone Infants School."

"She is now more willing to try things herself, open to new experiences, and has even talked about moving out in the future. It truly was the opportunity of a lifetime, and I am forever grateful to all involved that she was able to have this amazing experience which will stay with us all for the rest of our lives."

"The experiences through I-Venture gave Amy the belief that she can achieve".

"It was the best thing I have ever done!"

Creswell Junior School – Big Cook Little Cook Sessions

The current cost of living crisis is particularly challenging for families and the Head Teacher at Creswell Junior School approached the Bolsover Partnership and Elmtun with Creswell Parish Council to help fund Big Cook Little Cook sessions for parents and children at the school.

These sessions provided an opportunity for parents and children to learn to cook, quick, tasty, nutritious and cost-effective meals in an enjoyable and safe environment. Over eight sessions, with the support of a qualified nutritionist, the children learnt basic cooking and chopping skills, tried new foods such

as halloumi, pesto and courgette, and made healthier versions of foods, such as pizza.

The children learned, and were able to name, what macronutrients are (carbohydrates, fats and protein) and micronutrients (vitamins and minerals).

"I loved making faces on the pizzas and the all the different colours of the vegetables"

"I enjoyed chopping all the ingredients up".

"I liked all the different colours of the vegetables because they help us stay healthy".



Young people in Bolsover: thriving or surviving in 2023?

In March 2023, one of our partners, Clare Talati from Direct Education Business Partnership (DEBP) CIO, presented to Bolsover Partnership's Executive after undertaking a rapid appraisal of the current education sector in Bolsover District. This followed an Education Context Paper, which had been provided by DEBP, setting out the national challenges faced within the sector.

The presentation titled 'Young People in Bolsover: Thriving or Surviving in 2023?' outlined the findings from interviews with senior school leaders across Bolsover District and focused on current challenges, priorities for supporting learners and areas of support that would be welcomed.

The unseen legacy of Covid-19, compounded by the Cost of Living (COL) and experiences within education, as reported by senior leaders within Bolsover District schools include fear of failure, lower resilience levels, anxiety of group settings, low self-esteem, reduced expectations and aspirational decline.

The slide below taken from DEBP's presentation highlights some of the impacts of the current educational system in Bolsover District schools.

DEBP CIO have also been undertaking surveys with secondary learners around the cost of living. Of the 144 young people who shared their views:

- 94% have heard of the cost of living and have a clear idea of the factors included
- 81% have stated they and /or their peers will be seeking paid employment as soon as possible.
- 86% said that they are more anxious about money.
- 72% are participating in less school trips and extra curricular activities.
- 68% are taking on more responsibilities at home.

The requests from schools and recommendations for consideration are summarised overleaf.

Let's look at some impacts

Staff wellbeing is a concern; we need better support for learners, so that staff can focus on their roles.

We have a legacy in persistent absenteeism – where attendance is below 50%, but families don't engage.

Behaviour and attitude wise is off the charts now.

A total lack of alternative provision to offer meaningful intervention, so the learners are contained and fixed term exclusions are at a record high.

Less desirable school (to work at, or attend)

Exhibiting behaviours increase

Anxieties across learners

We are seeing lower resilience, more 'fears', less ability to self-regulate, and its hard to support.

Long term absences and unfilled vacancies

We have 7-8 agencies we ring for supply, and its high cost and poor quality.

Students could have seen 3 supply staff in their day, meaning they are unchecked and unknown.

Supply staff – inconsistent teaching and learning experience

Knowledge gaps from covid are now being extended, meaning learners are unprepared for the phase they are in.

We have high levels of SEMH needs and SEN – we need to be able to support better.

KS3 & 4: Emotional Well-being Support – shared resource to help address a lack of capacity reported across secondary schools. ALL schools viewed this a priority.

KS3 & 4: Raising Aspirations and Motivational input – addressing the reported apathy of learners and future planning. ALL schools viewed this a priority.

Yr10 / 11 Alternative Provision – meaningful provision to stabilise educational experiences of young people and reduce exclusion rate. Described as a potential 'game-changer' by three schools.

Family Engagement – outreach work with a focus on attendance and positive engagement with school.

Pre 16 to Post 16 Transition Mentoring – to address 'readiness' issues and maintenance of post 16 destinations and/or managing changes between courses.

Based on the findings of this work, the Partnership will have a real focus in the coming year and beyond on young people and generational shift, working collaboratively with partners, aligning funding opportunities and interweaving education, to improve health, skills, and employment.

Appendix

Priority 1 Communities and Place

Intervention Ref and Name		Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Total
E1	VCS/cultural hub		55,806	249,789	305,595
E5	CCTV redeployable cameras	23,835	6,165		30,000
E6	Engagement Activities through Arts	3,000	26,087	48,000	77,087
E8	Active Travel	6,918	6,918		13,836
E8	Place audit and Visit Bolsover website	18,000	25,000	35,000	78,000
E9	ASB distraction project		6,721	7,982	14,703
E9	Engaging youth through creative activities	15,000	15,000	45,000	75,000
E12	Engaging girls in STEAM through Heritage		25,000	25,000	50,000
		£66,753	£166,697	£410,771	£644,221

Priority 2 Supporting Businesses

Intervention Ref and Name		Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Total
E17	Visitor economy business support	18,000	35,000	35,000	88,000
E22	Business growth grant scheme	30,036	70,000	128,176	228,212
E23	Hyper local small business support		45,000	50,000	95,000
E29	Hyper local Net Zero innovation programme				300,000
		£108,036	£230,000	£373,176	£711,212

Priority 3 People and Skills

Intervention Ref and Name		Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Total
E33	Employability support		100,000	100,000	
E35	Community grants scheme		80,000	220,000	300,000
E35	Supported internship for SEND young people			40,000	40,000
E36	Increase digital essential skills			30,000	30,000
E41	Digital inclusion for the workforce			60,000	60,000
			£80,000	£450,000	£530,000



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