

Bolsover District Council

Executive

22 March 2021

<p>Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government Community Champions Funding Award</p>

Report of the Cabinet Member for Partnerships and Transformation

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

To update Executive on a recent Expression of Interest to the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) submitted to access funding for a Community Champions programme.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 In December 2020 the Council via the Partnership Team were made aware of an opportunity to put in an Expression of Interest (Eol) for funding by MHCLG.
- 1.2 The deadline was extremely tight, however, the Partnership Team together with input from Leisure Services, Public Health and Bassetlaw CVS (our infrastructure provider) managed to very quickly produce the Eol.
- 1.3 MHCLG quickly acknowledged receipt and highlighted some areas for further clarification which was done on 06 January 2021
- 1.4 We were notified by telephone on 13th January 2021 regarding the outcome.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The Expression of Interest had been successful and we were awarded the sum of £188,833.
- 2.2 See attached a copy of the Eol setting out the intention of the project. Appendix A.
- 2.3 The only element that could not be funded were the touch screens (due to the risks with the current pandemic), however, MCHLG still approved the funding allocated to this element as they want to work with the council to deliver alternative ways of digital inclusion.
- 2.4 Next steps are to convene a meeting of the partners involved in the production of the Eol and those who will deliver the project on the ground.

2.5 The project will be closely monitored in terms of progress and outcomes by the Partnership Team.

2.6 Regular updates will be included in the Partnership Team's Bi-Annual Reports to Executive and Bolsover Partnership's Executive Board.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

3.1 Due to the tight deadline consultation more widely could not be undertaken, however, the partners and service areas that were involved ensure their input to the EoI.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 We could have opted not to submit an EoI however, it was considered worthy of attempting to try to access external funding for the district.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

5.1.1 The funds have already been awarded and are in the Council's ownership.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

5.2.1 A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed to receive the funding.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

5.3.1 The project includes opportunities for secondment which will affect Leisure Services, however, in the current climate it was felt to be an appropriate time to allow a member of staff to be seconded to assist delivery of the project.

6 Recommendations

6.1 To acknowledge the update and support the roll out of the Community Champions Project funded by MHCLG and delivered.

7 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: <i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000 ✓</i> <i>Capital - £150,000 □</i> <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 □</i> <i>Capital - £250,000 □</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies	Yes
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Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	Yes
Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed	Yes
District Wards Affected	All
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	All

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
A	MHCLG Expression of Interest
Background Papers (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 Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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