

**Bolsover District Council**

**Executive**

**4 October 2021**

**Bolsover Partnership Annual Report**

**April 2020 to March 2021**

**Report of Portfolio Holder - Partnerships and Transformation**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

- The attached report titled 'Bolsover Partnership Annual Report April 2020 to March 2021' 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 (2020/21) and provide a resource document for members, officers and partners.

**1 Report Details**

1.1 The attached report looks back and reflects on some of the work that has taken place during 2020-21 and contains:

- An overview of how the Partnership responded to the pandemic and the various initiatives that were put in place to support local communities and businesses
- An insight into how the Partnership utilised funding received from Public Health and what the outcomes of those programmes have been
- An update on the Council's Business Growth Fund
- Progress made through the Bolsover Homes Partnership and social value outcomes
- An update on the Building Resilience Programme funded by the Controlling Migration Fund
- How Grants to Voluntary Organisations have been impacting their local communities
- Progress on the LEADER programme which operates across Bolsover and North East Derbyshire
- Case studies demonstrating the impact of project activity to local people
- Statistical insight highlighting on some of the key issues affecting the district and how that might influence our future priorities and focus.

1.2 Key achievements highlighted throughout the report include:

- A collective response to supporting communities during the pandemic, which included working within the Community Response Unit, allocating grants to

community groups, supporting businesses to re-open and providing funding to Parish/Town councils to deliver community initiatives.

- The receipt of £188,000 to Bolsover Partnership from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for Community Champion Link Workers to increase vaccine take up and Covid awareness amongst difficult to reach groups
- Working with The Brook Community Centre in Shirebrook to open the Storehouse, the first community shop in the district which transitions people away from food dependency.
- The launch of the Economic Loan Fund to small and medium sized businesses across the District to provide reliable financial support. The loan fund was set up to supplement the Council's existing Business Growth Fund
- The launch of a District wide Skills Audit, supported by Sheffield Hallam University
- Social value outcomes achieved through the Bolsover Homes Partnership (October 20 to March 21) including 385 young people engaged, 3 jobs created and 3 apprenticeship starts
- Social value outcomes valued at £2.7m from the Council's investment in the Grants to Voluntary Organisations programme

### **Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

- 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 Consultation and Equality Impact**

- 3.1 Activities commissioned through the Partnership are consulted upon as part of the commissioning process.

### **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

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

### **5 Implications**

#### **5.1 Finance and Risk Implications**

- 5.1.1 As detailed within the report the Partnership Team manages a range of different funding streams. This includes external funding, for example, from Public Health Localities and Place Based budget; Phase 1 and Phase 2 Controlling Migration Fund; as well as internal budgets such as the Business Growth Fund and Grants to Voluntary Organisations Programme. With respect to these funding streams, the Partnership Team are proactive in contingency planning and evolving as necessary.

#### **5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection**

5.2.1 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.

### 5.3 Human Resources Implications

5.3.1 There are human resource implications in respect of commissioning and monitoring all activities commissioned, but this falls within the remit of the Leader's Executive and Partnership Team.

## 6 Recommendations

6.1 To note the contents of this report.

## 7 Decision Information

<p><b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b>  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> <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>Capital - £150,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>Capital - £250,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b>  (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p><b>Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>District Wards Affected</b></p>	<p>All indirectly</p>
<p><b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b></p>	<p>Unlocking our Growth Potential  Supporting our Communities to be Healthier, Safer, Cleaner and Greener</p>

8 **Document Information**

<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
1	Bolsover Partnership Annual Report April 2020 to March 2021
<b>Background Papers</b> (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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