BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

SCRUTINY PROJECT MANAGEMENT – REVIEW SCOPE

NAME OF COMMITTEE:	Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee
SUBJECT TO BE REVIEWED:	Review of Voluntary & Community Sector Grant Allocations
REASON(S) FOR THE REVIEW:	Service suggestion from Partnerships Team due to length of time since last review and changing circumstances in the sector due to Covid-19 pandemic.
IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE CORPORATE PLAN AIMS, PRIORITIES AND TARGETS:	**CORPORATE PLAN AMIBTION** – • Customers **PRIORITIES** – • Actively engaging with partners to benefit our customers • Promoting equality and diversity and supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people **TARGETS –** CUS.04 – Work with partners to deliver the Sustainable Communities Strategy and publish an evaluation report annually (This is specifically in relation to any potential duplication of delivery between Partnership delivery of the SCS and the BDC Grants Programme.) Partnerships Team Service Plan Action 06. – Administer Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget
DIRECTORATE/SERVICES INVOLVED:	Directorate – Strategy and Development Service – Leaders' Executive Team
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF REVIEW:	*Aim***:** • To ensure the VCS Grant Allocation Programme remains fit for purpose, value for money, and sustainable. *Objectives:* • Review existing SLAs and allocations, including how they support delivery of the current Council Ambitions. • Analysis of integration of VCS Grant Programme with additional VCS contracts.

	• Analysis of BDC Grant Allocation against other funding received • Assessment of existing performance monitoring – is the SROI method the best approach
KEY ISSUES:	• The existing scheme is not a result of open commissioning of providers to deliver outcomes on behalf of the Council. • Lack of change in grant recipients – There has been no recent assessment of whether the current amounts allocated are still adequate and that the organisation that the Council is engaging with are best placed to meet our needs. • Value for money of existing grant levels and consideration of any adjustments • Potential for duplication/double funding • Gaps in delivery as a result of the pandemic that cannot be addressed through core service delivery or existing VCS Grants.
METHOD(S) OF REVIEW:	Officer briefings to Members Document review of existing SLAs and monitoring processes Survey of Parish Councils Survey across EM Network
IMPLICATIONS: (legislative, regulatory, etc)	Grant Allocation is discretionary but to comply with financial regulations VfM/monitoring of delivery must be shown for monies allocated. Current grants are not allocated via a commissioning process, therefore the decision-making process for allocation need to be evidenced and transparent.
DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE: (Internal/External)	Previous monitoring reports inc. Bolsover Partnership reports 2014 to present. Extracted SLA detail to assess existing agreed outcomes. Survey results
STAKEHOLDERS:	*RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER MUST BE INVOLVED IN THE REVIEW Portfolio Holder for Partnerships Portfolio Holder for Finance Head of Leaders' Executive Team Various officers within Leader's Executive Team BDC Members Parish Councils in Bolsover District

	Members of East Midlands Scrutiny Network
CONSULTATION/ RESEARCH:	Survey within EM Network to gauge approaches elsewhere Survey of Parish Councils to understand potential additional need for grant funding from wider VCS.
SITE VISITS:	N/A for this review

TIMESCALE	ESTIMATED	REVISED	ACTUAL
Commencement	October 2021		
Interim Report/ Recommendations	TBC – potential additional meeting to be scheduled.		
Finish (Report to Committee)	February 2022		
Report to Executive	March 2022		

SCRUTINY REVIEW OUTCOMES	
CONCLUSIONS:	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
DRAFT REPORT SENT TO DIRECTOR & ANY RELEVANT OFFICERS FOR COMMENT:	*DATE AND OFFICERS RESPONDING
DATE DRAFT REPORT CONSIDERED BY PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	
DATE SIGNED OFF BY COMMITTEE/CHAIR:	
DATE CONSIDERED BY EXECUTIVE:	
DATE OF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE:	
POST-SCRUTINY MONITORING PERIOD:	
DATE OF EVALUATION OF PROCESS:	