

Bolsover District Council

**Meeting of the Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee on
31st January 2023**

**Review of Voluntary & Community Sector Grant Allocations: Post-Scrutiny
Monitoring (Interim Report)**

Report of the Chair of Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee

Classification	This report is Public
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To present Interim Post-Scrutiny Monitoring Report on the recent Review of Voluntary & Community Sector Grant Allocations to Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a Review of Voluntary & Community Sector Grant Allocations, as part of the 2021-22 Work Programme.
- 1.2 The suggestion came direct from the Executive and Partnerships Team and Members agreed to consider this alongside other work carried over from the previous year.
- 1.3 The last review of the programme took place in 2013/14. As such the service felt it was timely to review the whole process to ensure it is current; meets the needs of the sector; meets the ambitions of the Council; and if the allocation to any of these organisations needs to alter, given the current climate and anticipated needs emerging in our communities. It was noted that to-date, all organisations have provided an excellent service and incredible value for money based on the evaluation of investments.

- 1.4 Within the process of the review, the Committee acknowledged the potential impact of any changes to the current scheme in terms of the impact on the sector. Following approval by Executive, work has taken place by the Leader's Executive & Partnerships Team with the sector and the organisations concerned.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The Committee put together twelve recommendations which will hopefully assist the Council in ensuring grant allocations to the voluntary and community sector are transparent; have clear outcomes and monitoring arrangements and meet the current needs of the Council and local residents.
- 2.2 This report acknowledges progress to date by Officers implementing the recommendations.
- 2.3 To date 5 out of 12 recommendations have been achieved, 3 have been extended and 4 are on track but should hopefully complete within the original twelve month monitoring period.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are required to make their report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(4) of the Constitution.
- 3.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Constitution.
- 3.3 Members must note Executive's response to the review recommendations and agree to review progress on the approved recommendations. A progress report will be submitted in twelve months' time, with any exceptions to expected delivery highlighted.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 There are no alternative options. Members are required to note the service's response to progress against the review recommendations.
- 4.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Constitution and as such the report cannot be rejected.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That Members note the progress against the review recommendations.
2. That Members acknowledge any exceptions to delivery and clarify the additional action required by the service.

3. That Members make its report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(4) of the Constitution.
4. That Officers continue to implement the recommendations and submit a final report in six months' time highlighting exceptions to delivery

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

None from this report. Clarification of the revised allocation process and any new grant allocations for 2023/24 will be presented in a future report.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

In carrying out scrutiny reviews the Council is exercising its scrutiny powers as laid out in s.21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent legislation which added/amended these powers e.g. the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

The Council has a statutory duty under s.149 Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity and to eliminate discrimination.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment:

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

Details: N/A

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

There are no staffing implications from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

<p>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:</p> <p>Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p>	No

<p>District Wards Significantly Affected</p>	All, services commissioned will cover whole District.
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Details: Relevant Service Managers and Portfolio Holder engaged during the review process.</p>

<p>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.</p>
<p>The review supports the Corporate Ambition of 'Customers' and the Priorities of 'Actively engaging with partners to benefit our customers' and 'Promoting equality and diversity and supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people', but does not link directly to any Corporate Targets.</p>

DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title
App1.	PSM Review of Voluntary & Community Sector Grant Allocations – INTERIM Original Recommendations from Review and Executive's Response
App2.	PSM Review of Voluntary & Community Sector Grant Allocations – INTERIM Response to Scrutiny Committee on implementation following scrutiny review

<p>Background Papers</p> <p><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></p> <p>Please contact Scrutiny & Elections Officer where further information is required.</p>
