

Bolsover District Council

**Meeting of the Climate Change and Communities Scrutiny Committee on
5th December 2023**

Sustainable Community Strategy 2022/23

Bolsover Partnership Annual Monitoring Report

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Partnerships, Health & Wellbeing

Classification	This report is public
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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)

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

Approved by Councillor Mary Dooley, Portfolio Holder for Partnerships and Health & 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

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? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	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

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

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

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