

SUBJECT:	<i>Funding for voluntary sector support</i>
RELEVANT MEMBER:	<i>Portfolio Holder for Healthy Communities</i>
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WARD/S AFFECTED	<i>'Not Ward Specific';</i>

1. Purpose of Report

To agree continued funding of £15,270 to Buckinghamshire County Council to provide the voluntary sector infrastructure support contract within Chiltern District and the wider Buckinghamshire area. The contract is currently delivered by with Community Impact Bucks.

RECOMMENDATION TO CABINET

- 1. To agree continued funding of £15,270 to Buckinghamshire County Council to provide the voluntary sector infrastructure support contract within Chiltern District and the wider Buckinghamshire area**

2. Reasons for Recommendations

To agree the continued development of the voluntary sector infrastructure support within the Chiltern District and the wider Buckinghamshire area.

3. Content of Report

- 3.1 Buckinghamshire County Council currently administers the voluntary sector infrastructure support for organisations within Buckinghamshire as part of a contracted service with Community Impact Bucks (CIB). Chiltern District Council contributes, subject to review, £15,270/annum to the single contract with each of the other district councils in Buckinghamshire providing financial support on a pro-rata basis.
- 3.2 The Community Impact Bucks End of Year Impact Report October 2017 – September 2018, detailed in Appendix 1, demonstrates the delivery undertaken as part of the contract.
- 3.3 The report highlights that
 - 96% of people who signed up to attend training and events agreed that what they received was directly relevant to their needs
 - A follow up survey identified that 91% considered the service they received had made a positive difference to them

- When asked, 94% of respondents stated that Community Impact Bucks services make a significant contribution to the development and support of voluntary and community groups in Buckinghamshire of whom 53% strongly agreed

3.4 CIB provides access to funding advice, volunteering tools and database, and a range of needs based training for volunteers, trustees and organisations. CIB also reviews the needs of the sector through its annual review of the state of the local voluntary sector.

3.5 The contract is due to end March 2020 requiring CIB to deliver; training, volunteering support, information and assistance to the various voluntary and community organisations operating in Buckinghamshire. Officers at BCC are considering the options of extending the current contract or commissioning a new tender process.

3.6 The current allocation of funding by Chiltern District Council requires an annual review, it is recommended to agree to continue funding of the BCC infrastructure contract until March 2020.

4. Consultation

Not Applicable

5. Options (if any)

5.1.1. To award funding at £15,270 for 2019/20

5.1.2. To discontinue funding.

6. Corporate Implications

7.1 Financial – the current proposal of £15,270 is taken in to account as part of the 2019/20 budget setting process.

7.2 Legal – if funding were to change the council would be required to assess the impact on vulnerable individuals as part of an equalities impact assessment

8. Links to Council Policy Objectives

8.1 This proposal supports the Councils objectives in relation to working to support healthier and safer local communities

9. Next Steps

Confirmation of the council decision to continue to fund the voluntary sector infrastructure would be provided to BCC.

Background	None.
Papers:	