

## **ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL: OFFICER DECISION RECORD**

**1. Title / Subject Matter:**

Nottinghamshire County Council Grant to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to support residents impacted by the pandemic (Covid-19).

To utilise the grant to financially assist organisations who are helping those affected by the Covid-19 situation (£20,000).

To consider how we mobilise the resource quickly and effectively, to get resource to where it can have the biggest impact.

**2. Decision Reference No:**

**TH11/02/2021**

**3. Decision Taken:**

- To allocate £20,000 to VCS organisations who continue to support vulnerable residents in Ashfield through a grant allocation rather than open application process.

**4. Reasons for the Decision:**

- The Health and Wellbeing Team have worked closely with the VCS during the pandemic and have a good understanding of the work organisations are doing to support vulnerable residents.
- The team have made contact with proactive CVS organisations to understand if a grant was offered how it would be utilised.
- The attached report outlines the allocations and a brief summary of the work that will be undertaken.
- All the organisations are already set up on the council's finance system, so funding can be distributed quickly, on receipt of a short application.
- This process was utilised successfully in April 2020, when the council awarded £10,000 to support organisations.
- The Health and Wellbeing Team are able to manage the monitoring - collecting numbers, a case study and financial overview of spend.

## 5. Alternative Options Considered / Rejected:

- To open the Ashfield Community Fund with Nottinghamshire Community Foundation and have an application process open to all, with a focus on supporting organisations helping with the COVID-19 situation.

## 6. Implications

### Corporate Plan:

The Council's grant giving processes align to priority objectives and expect the above organisations to measure progress of projects and initiatives against the priorities, as well as contribute to performance indicators for the priority themes of Health and Happiness, Homes and Housing, Economic Growth and Place, Cleaner and Greener, Safer and Stronger.

### Human Resources:

There are no direct HR implications.

**Legal:** There are no direct HR implications.

**Financial:** : Provision of the grant to be met in full from the £20,000 grant allocation from Nottinghamshire County Council.

## Name / Title of the officer taking the Decision:

Theresa Hodgkinson, Director for Place and Communities

Date: 11.02.2021

## Name / Title of the relevant Lead Cabinet Member consulted (if appropriate)

Councillor Kier Barsby, Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing

(This decision is not subject to call-in and is circulated for information only). **If a Cabinet Member has a conflict of interest relating to this decision, then this should be declared and a request for dispensation will be considered.**

Date:

**Name / Title of the relevant Committee Chairman consulted (if appropriate)**

Councillor Tom Hollis, Deputy Leader of the Council (Inward Focus)

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(for non Executive/Council side function decisions)

Date:

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