

Resources Committee

Report of the Director of Resources

Notice of urgent Action: Grant funding for Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise members of the urgent action taken by the Chairman of the Committee on 16 May 2019 to authorise a voluntary sector grant payment to Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire.

2 Executive Summary

- 2.1 Urgent action was taken by the Chairman of the Resources Committee on 16 May 2019 to authorise a voluntary sector grant to Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire of £7140. This action was necessary to secure a countywide project for supporting the local voluntary and community sector during the local government restructure.

3 Appendices

- 3.1 Appendix A – Request for urgent Action

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4 Proposed Action:

The committee is invited to:

4.1 RESOLVE to note the urgent action taken.

5 Background

- 5.1 At a recent joint Chief Executives meeting a presentation was received outlining the need for additional infrastructure support for the voluntary sector to achieve robust, engaged communities across the county through the restructure of local government.
- 5.2 A proposal was put forward by Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire to deliver key elements of strategic work with the sector to include representation, strategy, capacity building and development of community resilience at district and borough level, at an overall cost of £50,000.
- 5.3 Chief executives agreed to seek funding from their respective district and borough authorities to support the work on an equal basis of £7,140 per authority.
- 5.4 Such a request would usually be taken to the council's voluntary sector funding working group for consideration within the guidelines of agreed voluntary sector support, where there is unallocated budget available.
- 5.5 The scheduled meeting of the voluntary sector working group meeting was postponed until a later date thus the Managing Director was not able to confirm any contribution from Wellingborough; this may have affected the viability and certainly the timetable of the jointly funded work.

5.6 The Managing Director therefore asked that the request be treated as an urgent action.

6 Legal Powers

Section 3.3.08 of the council's constitution states that "When action is urgently needed and cannot be reasonably delayed for a decision of the Council, or any committee, the relevant chief officer shall be authorised to take appropriate action. This action may only be taken after consulting the chairman of the relevant policy committee or, in their absence, their vice-chairman, and the chairman of the Resources Committee (or in their absence, their vice-chairman) in the case of a matter which has financial implications. The matter must be reported to the next meeting of the relevant policy committee concerned."

7 Financial and Value For Money Implications

The amount requested was available within the current year's budget for voluntary sector funding.

8 Risk Analysis

Nature of risk	Consequences if realised	Likelihood of occurrence	Control measures
Extra funding not agreed in a timely fashion	Delay or compromise to the countywide project	High	Notification of agreed contribution from BCW
	Under represented or disaffected voluntary and community sector	High	

9 Implications for Resources

None

10 Implications for Stronger and Safer Communities

A robust and engaged voluntary and community sector will be an important element of the transition through the local government reform process

11 Implications for Equalities

The commissioned work will help to ensure that equalities considerations are included through the process of local government reform.

12 Author and Contact Officer

Gill Chapman, Principal Community Support Manager

13 Consultees




Liz Elliott, Managing Director
Shaun Darcy, Director of Resources

14 Background Papers

None

REQUEST FOR URGENT ACTION

(In accordance with Section 3.3.08 Urgent Action of the Constitution April 2018)

REPORTING COMMITTEE:	Resources	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING:	19 June 2019	
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	To inform members of an urgent action taken in respect of granting voluntary sector funding to Voluntary impact Northamptonshire (ViN)	
REASON FOR URGENCY:	A request has been made to all Northamptonshire councils for a contribution and the project cannot start until agreement to fund has been made by all	
KEY FACTS:	At recent joint CEO meeting, the need was outlined for additional infrastructure support for the voluntary and sector across the county during the restructure of local government, to achieve robust engaged communities. CEOs agreed to seek funding from their respective authorities.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (SEE BELOW):	A one -off grant of £7140 has been requested from each council. This is available in the current budget for voluntary sector funding	
SIGNATURES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REPORT AUTHOR:  DATE: 15/5/19. • CORPORATE DIRECTOR:  DATE: 15/5/19 • CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE: DATE: 	
IF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS SIGNATURE OF:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE:  DATE: 16/5/19 	

NB: To comply with the constitution this signed urgent action pro forma must be attached to a report to the next meeting of the committee concerned.

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