

**REPORT TO:** Grants Advisory Committee

19/08/2020

**LEAD CABINET MEMBER:** Cllr John Williams

**LEAD OFFICER:** Jeff Membery

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## **Service Support Grants 12-month update 2019/20**

### **Executive Summary**

1. To examine the delivery of Service Support Grant programmes to the voluntary sector funded by the Council in the financial year 2019/20.

### **Key Decision**

2. No

This is not a key decision because it reviews expenditure within current budgets.

### **Recommendations**

3. The Grants Advisory Committee is asked to review the report and make recommendations to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance to inform his decision-making in respect of concerns, if any, for future investigation or action.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

4. All organisations receiving grants were on track to deliver the agreed outputs to time and to budget, achieving the objectives of individual grant programmes. The report does not include the impacts incurred by Covid-19 as the 'Lockdown' measures occurred within the last 2 weeks of the reporting period.

### **Details**

5. Funding agreements for grants provided through the Service Support Grants programme are for three years, subject to satisfactory performance at annual review. This report is for the first 12 months covering the period April 2019 to March 2020. Therefore, this report will not demonstrate the impacts to service as a result of Covid-19. Appendix C however, contains a brief overview and some

insight into how some of the recipients have been affected and how they have adapted their services to continue to provide support.

6. Organisations in receipt of annual grants greater than £10,000 are required to submit performance reports at 6-monthly intervals; those in receipt of funding of less than £10,000 are required to submit performance reports annually.
7. The scope of this report covers grant funding within 7 categories to the following organisations:

Category 1: Independent Living

- Arts & Minds
- COPE

Category 2: Advice Services

- Citizens Advice
- Disability Cambridgeshire
- Disability Huntingdon (DISH)
- Reach

Category 3: Community Transport

- RDCT
- The Voluntary Network

Category 4: Fit to Learn

- Home Start Royston

Category 5: Support for VCS

- CCVS

Category 6: Combined community transport and independent living

- Care Network

Category 7: Planning and Economic Development

- Farmland Museum

Category 8: Housing and Homelessness

- Cambridge Cyrenians
- Cambridge Reuse
- Cambridge Women's Aid

Appendix A: Comprises a summary report of progress for the year. The summary gives an officer opinion on the status against targets agreed within grant agreements.

Appendix B: Comprises further detailed reports from the grant recipients.

Appendix C: Comprises additional information relating to the effects of Covid-19.

## **Options**

The Grants Advisory Committee could:

1. note the delivery of all grant programmes within the scope of this report, and agree that all are on track as per officer opinion; and/or
2. highlight any concerns for further investigation or action, giving reasons, and request that a follow up report be returned to GAC within appropriate timescales.

## **Implications**

8. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk, equality and diversity, climate change, and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered:-

## **Legal**

9. Arrangements are in place with grant recipients, which should be followed should a variation or discontinuation of funding be proposed and agreed.

## **Consultation responses**

10. None

## **Alignment with Council Priority Areas**

### **A modern and caring Council**

Ensure that South Cambridgeshire continues to offer an outstanding quality of life for our residents: the grant programmes promote a good quality of life for all residents, assisting directly or indirectly through voluntary organisations schemes which help overcome the challenges faced by residents imposed by age, infirmity, disability, low income or rurality.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A: Summary report of progress with officer comments

Appendix B: Full reports submitted by each beneficiary organisation

Appendix C: Brief overview of effects of Covid-19 pandemic on some grant recipients

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