

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Wednesday, 19 October 2016

Decision No: (CAB 16/17 17999)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
SUBJECT:	THE CITY COUNCIL'S APPROACH TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AUTHOR:	Carole Binns

THE DECISION

Having complied with paragraph 15 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules:

- (i) To approve the model for facilitating community development as detailed in this report and delegate authority to the Chief Strategy Officer, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Leisure.
- (ii) To approve the doubling of the budget for the Community Chest grants scheme to £100,000 and delegated authority for grant allocations to the Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Leisure who will chair a new cross party Member Panel to make recommendations.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. This report is submitted for consideration as a General Exception under paragraph 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the City Council's Constitution, notice having been given to the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Panel and the Public.
2. Current grant recipients have had their funding extended to 31/03/17 to enable consultation and consideration on how the grants awards could be managed in the future to ensure alignment with city council priorities. There is an urgency in proceeding with the proposals so that grant recipients can have timely information on future funding and undertake their own business planning.
3. The proposals maximise the benefits from the significant investment the Council makes in the voluntary sector and to ensure that this is directed towards the key Council priorities and that it can be used in a more strategic manner to lever in external funding to the city.
4. The proposals provide more opportunities for small groups to access one off funding as this type of support has delivered significant benefits to many citizens and supports the efforts of volunteering in the city.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Continuing with the current arrangement has been considered and rejected because:

- We have not maximised the contribution within the city to build more resilient communities and deliver on the Council’s outcomes as set out in the approved Council Strategy 2016-2020.
- While there are a number of services in the city providing a valuable service with a good return on investment, this is variable across organisations.
- Activities are not always co-ordinated leading to both overlaps and gaps which means that impact is not targeted or maximised.
- There is no capacity for ‘scaling up’ within current arrangements to secure more external funding for the city.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date:
19 October 2016

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed (*if applicable*)

Call-in heard by (*if applicable*)

Results of Call-in (*if applicable*)