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Report to: *Cllr Jack Scott*

Date of Decision: *24th March 2017*

Subject: *BME Older People's Fund Grant Awards*

Is this a Key Decision? If Yes, reason Key Decision:-

Yes ☐ No ☒

- Expenditure and/or savings over £500,000

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- Affects 2 or more Wards

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Which Cabinet Member Portfolio does this relate to? *Cllr Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for
Libraries and Community Services*

Which Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee does this relate to? *Safer and
Stronger Communities*

Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given? *EIA 943*

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If YES, give details as to whether the exemption applies to the full report / part of the
report and/or appendices and complete below:-

*"The (**report/appendix**) is not for publication because it contains exempt information
under Paragraph (**insert relevant paragraph number**) of Schedule 12A of the Local
Government Act 1972 (as amended)."*

Purpose of Report:

To award the organisations listed in this report the grant for the BME Older
People's Fund 2017-20 in compliance with the September 2016 Grant Aid Cabinet
Report.

Recommendations:

To award Pakistani Advice & Community Association, Aspiring Communities Together and Roshni to deliver activities that support BME older people to be independent, safe and well connected into communities. The partnership will be awarded £30,000 per year from 2017/18 to 2019/20. The total award therefore being £90,000.

Background Papers:

(Insert details of any background papers used in the compilation of the report.)

Grant Aid Cabinet Report, September 2016

<http://democracy.sheffield.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=123&MId=6283&Ver=4>

Lead Officer to complete:-		
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.	Finance: <i>Liz Gough</i>
		Legal: <i>Henry Watmough-Cownie</i>
		Equalities: <i>Ed Sexton</i>
	<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>	
2	EMT member who approved submission:	<i>Jayne Ludlam</i>
3	Cabinet Member consulted:	<i>Cllr Jack Scott</i>
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Decision Maker by the EMT member indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.	
	Lead Officer Name: <i>Alex Shilkoff</i>	Job Title: <i>Community Services Manager</i>
	Date: <i>24th March 2017</i>	

1. PROPOSAL

(Explain the proposal, current position and need for change, including any evidence considered, and indicate whether this is something the Council is legally required to do, or whether it is something it is choosing to do)

- 1.1 Following assessment of applications by officers and a discussion with a Cllr led grant panel the proposal is to award the maximum amount available to a partnership application.
- 1.2 The successful applicants are Pakistani Advice & Community Association, Aspiring Communities Together and Roshni to deliver activities that support BME older people to be independent, safe and well connected into communities. The partnership will be awarded £30,000 per year from 2017/18 to 2019/20. The total award therefore being £90,000. A grant agreement will be drawn up with the successful applicants and the necessary terms and conditions applied to ensure that delivery is in line with the application proposal and grant agreement.
- 1.3 There were a number of strong applications that unfortunately could not be accommodated in the budget available. However, these applicants have been encouraged to contact South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau to see if other funders may be interested in supporting their ideas.
- 1.4 The BME Older People's Activity Fund was launched in February 2017 and applications received and assessed in March 2017. There were two sets of outcomes that applicants could apply for; Local Inform & Advise and Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). Applicants could bid for all of the outcomes or a selection.

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE ?

(Explain how this proposal will contribute to the ambitions within the Corporate Plan and what it will mean for people who live, work, learn in or visit the City. For example, does it increase or reduce inequalities and is the decision inclusive?; does it have an impact on climate change?; does it improve the customer experience?; is there an economic impact?)

- 2.1 The BME Older People's Fund is for community based activity that helps to deliver the Council's People Keeping Well outcomes for BME Older People. Past experience indicates that Lunch Clubs have not always worked for all BME communities and this fund is to give BME VCF organisations that chance to try different activities that will still reduce loneliness and isolation and help people to make new friends and connections. The application process asked groups to demonstrate how their proposed activities would deliver the outcomes of Local Inform & Advise and Asset Based Community Development.

3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

(Refer to the Consultation Principles and Involvement Guide. Indicate

- whether the Council is required to consult on the proposal, and provide details of any consultation activities undertaken and their outcomes.)*
- 3.1 Proposals in the September 2016 cabinet report for the BME Older People's Fund grants were consulted on in summer 2016.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality of Opportunity Implications

- 4.1.1 An EIA was completed for these proposals in September 2016. BME Older People's Fund grant recipients are required to complete diversity monitoring so that the impact of the grant award can be understood over time.

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

- 4.2.1 The amount awarded of £30,000 per year 2017/18 to 2019/20 is within the available grant aid budget and in compliance with the September 2016 Cabinet Report

4.3 Legal Implications

- 4.3.1 The legal power for the Council to establish, administer and make awards from the various grant funds as described in this report is provided by the general power of competence contained in Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011. The Council must be mindful of the requirements imposed by the public sector equality duty enacted in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.
- 4.3.2 Section 1.8.3 of the September 2016 Grant Aid cabinet report states that, *"Running alongside the Lunch Club Fund will be the BME Older People's Fund. This fund is for existing or new projects that help to deliver the People Keeping Well outcomes for BME Older People. Past experience indicates that Lunch Clubs have not always worked for all BME communities and this fund is to give BME VCF organisations that chance to try different activities that will still reduce loneliness and isolation and help people to make new friends and connections. The total available for this fund is £30,000 [per annum]."*
- 4.3.3 The BME Older People's Fund has been set up in compliance with the cabinet report recommendations. All the grant recipients will be issued with agreements that contain the relevant Sheffield City Council Terms & Conditions for such awards.

4.4 Other Implications

- (Refer to the Executive decision making guidance and provide details of all relevant implications, e.g. HR, property, public health).*

- 4.4.1 n/a

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

(Outline any alternative options which were considered but rejected in the course of developing the proposal.)

- 5.1 The options considered are in compliance with the September 2016 cabinet report and therefore no alternative options were considered.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

(Explain why this is the preferred option and outline the intended outcomes.)

- 6.1 The awards to be made are in compliance with the September 2016 cabinet report and can be accommodated within the overall grant aid budget.