



Executive Director/Director Non-Key Executive Decision Report

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Report to: Dawn Shaw, Head of Libraries & Community Services
Date of Decision: 11th July 2017
Subject: Award a grant from the BME Older People's Fund to Zest

Which Cabinet Member Portfolio does this relate to? *Cllr Cate McDonald*

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? *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"The (report/appendix) is not for publication because it contains exempt information under Paragraph (insert relevant paragraph number) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)."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 Zest (Netherthorpe and Uppertorpe Community Alliance, trading as Zest) a grant of £10,000 per year from the BME Older People's Fund 2017-20 in compliance with the September 2016 Grant Aid Cabinet Report.

Recommendations:

To award Zest (Netherthorpe and Upperthorpe Community Alliance, trading as Zest) a grant to deliver activities that support BME older people to be independent, safe and well connected into communities. The partnership will be awarded £10,000 per year from 2017/18 to 2019/20. The total award therefore being £30,000.

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>Anna Sanderson</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	Lead Officer Name: <i>Alex Shilkoff</i>	Job Title: <i>Community Services Manager</i>
	Date: <i>19th July 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 To award Zest a grant of £10,000 per year for three years to deliver a project to deliver empowering information and advice amongst BME Older People to reduce loneliness and isolation and improve health outcomes.
- 1.2 This application initially could not be funded by the grant panel that considered applications to the BME Older People's Fund because the fund was over-subscribed. However, due to an underspend in the Tackling Inequalities fund the panel has chosen to fund this comparatively small, high quality application by moving an additional £10,000 per year into the fund. The cabinet report allows for movement of money between the grant aid funds.
- 1.3 The grant will deliver a project called, Community Conversations – activities supporting older women from Black and Minority Ethnic communities to make connections and improve their health literacy.
- 1.4 The project will work with isolated older women from BME communities living in Netherthorpe, Upperthorpe, Langsett and Burngreave. In Netherthorpe / Upperthorpe / Langsett the older women are predominantly from the Yemeni community and in Burngreave they are predominantly from the Pakistani community.

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 £10,000 per year 2017/18 to 2019/20 (total £30,000) is within the available grant aid budget and in compliance with the September 2016 Cabinet Report. The initial budget for the BME Older People's Fund was £30,000 per annum but an additional £10,000 per annum has been added to the fund to cover the cost of this project. The overall total for grant aid still falls within the agreed amount in the 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 The BME Older People's Fund has been set up in compliance with the cabinet report recommendations at section 1.8.3 of the September 2016 Grant Aid cabinet report. 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.

5.2 The panel initially were unable to fund this project from the available budget but noted that the project showed innovation and targeted a marginalised group. Due to the Tackling Inequalities fund underspending the panel are now able to fund this group.

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.