

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 28th February 2022 by the Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing, Parks and Leisure.

Date notified to all members: 28th February 2022

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on 4th March 2022

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from 7th March 2022

1. **TITLE**

Reducing Inequalities and Supporting Communities Post Covid

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That the Executive Member for Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Wellbeing, Parks and Leisure:

1. Approves the approach and projects; and
2. Approves the grant funding of the organisations listed in the report.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

The recent [report](#) (Dec 2021) by the Northern Health Science Alliance has described how the pandemic has disproportionately affected the North of England. It is clear that mental and financial well-being was hardest hit in the North, and there were greater increases in loneliness. In summary, the report found that individuals living in the North:

- Experienced a large drop in mental wellbeing (particularly the North East and Yorkshire and the Humber).
- Self-reported mental health fell by, on average, 4.4% in the North (compared to a reduction of 3.9%).
- There was a 55% increase in the presence of minor psychiatric disorders in the North (an increase from 19.2% in 2018/19 to 29.7% in 2020) compared to a 50% increase in the rest of England (an increase from 16.2% in 2018/19 to 24.2% in 2020).
- Experienced more loneliness, particularly in the North East.
- A greater number of antidepressants prescribed over the past three years and this remained the case during the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

1. Do Nothing - Underutilisation of the public health ring fenced grant

2. Deliver In-House - N/A – non recurrent monies which is investment to kick start to attract other funds

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Director of Public Health

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee