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**Report to:** *Cllr Julie Dore, the Leader*

**Date of Decision:** *5 May 2017*

**Subject:** *Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Grant Award,  
Lunch Club Support Grant Award and New  
Beginnings Volunteering Project Grant Award*

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**Purpose of Report:**

To approve three grant awards: Voluntary Action Sheffield (VAS) and South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB) Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Support, VAS New Beginnings, VAS Lunch Club Support.

**Recommendations:**

*Make the awards set out in the table at paragraph 1.3 in line with the September 2016 cabinet report.*

**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?CIId=123&MIId=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	<b>EMT member who approved submission:</b> <i>Jayne Ludlam</i>
3	<b>Cabinet Member consulted:</b> <i>Cllr Julie Dore</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.
	<b>Lead Officer Name:</b> <i>Alex Shilkoff</i>
	<b>Job Title:</b> <i>Community Services Manager</i>
<b>Date:</b> <i>24<sup>th</sup> 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 In compliance with the September 2016 cabinet report recommendations this report seeks approval for the awards in the below table.
- 1.2 Please note that the cabinet report stated that whilst the council may choose, funds permitting, to award 100% of the year 1 amount in subsequent years groups have a guaranteed minimum of 80% of the year 1 value in year 2 and 75% of the year 1 value in year 3. The annual revenue budget report will set the exact amount each year.
- 1.3 The allocation of the Infrastructure Grant is recommended by a panel that considered the applications received. The award to VAS for Lunch Club Support and New Beginnings was stated in the September 2016 cabinet report.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>2017/18 Year 1 amount</b>	<b>Minimum Year 2 amount</b>	<b>Minimum Year 3 amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
Infrastructure	Voluntary Action Sheffield and South Yorkshire Community Foundation	175,751	140,600	131,813	448,164
Core Service - VAS New Beginnings	Voluntary Action Sheffield	17,400	13,920	13,050	44,370
Lunch Club – Lunch Club Support	Voluntary Action Sheffield	42,000	42,000	To be reviewed in line with cabinet report	84,000

- 1.4 These awards have been made in compliance with the September 2016 cabinet report.
- 1.5 The infrastructure award recommendation is following an open and competitive grant process and a report with recommendations considered by a panel chaired by Cllr Dianne Hurst.
- 1.6 The awards to VAS New Beginnings and to VAS Lunch Club Support have been negotiated in compliance with the September 2016 cabinet report. All grant agreements will include monitoring against outcomes and activity to ensure that the Council investment is accounted for and impact measured.

## **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 Voluntary sector infrastructure support is vital to a strong, well-managed voluntary sector that can adapt to a changing world. The Council's support for infrastructure organisations enables capacity building across the sector as a whole. The summer 2016 consultation helped to set the priorities / outcomes of this infrastructure fund as well as research in the 2016 Sheffield State of the Sector Report. The grant panel found the VAS and SYFAB partnership bid to be the most holistic offer of all the applications received.

The VAS New Beginnings is a project developed by the VAS Volunteer Centre to assist the integration of refugees and support them to contribute to the life of the city by engaging in volunteering opportunities with local community organisations. This is a Core Service grant award as stated in the September 2016 cabinet report.

The VAS Lunch Club Support grant is to support and develop the city's lunch clubs with services such as volunteer recruitment, problem solving and developing activities in clubs.

## **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 Infrastructure 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. All the grant recipients listed in this report required to complete diversity monitoring so that the impact of the grant awards can be understood over time.

### **4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications**

- 4.2.1 The amounts awarded are within the available grant aid budget as set out in 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 The September 2016 cabinet report recommendations state that; “1) *approve the grant aid budget and grant fund structure for 2017-2020 as detailed at paragraph 4 and contained in Appendix 3 and Table 1 (para 4.1).*” Which includes establishing the Infrastructure Grant Fund and the Lunch Club Support grant.
- 4.3.3 “3) *approve the list of organisations prioritised for a Core Service Grants to start from April 2017 as detailed in Appendix 4 and the process for agreeing the value and length of each grant funding agreement.*” Which includes the Voluntary Action Sheffield New Beginnings project.
- 4.3.4 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 In the case of the infrastructure award recommendations are being made after an open and competitive grant process and in compliance with the September 2016 cabinet report therefore no alternative options have been considered. The VAS Lunch Club Support and the VAS New Beginnings project are listed in the September 2016 cabinet report for an award, therefore no alternative options were considered.

## **6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

- 6.1 In the case of the infrastructure award recommendations are being made after an open and competitive grant process and in compliance with the September 2016 cabinet report. The VAS Lunch Club Support and the VAS New Beginnings project are listed in the September 2016 cabinet report for an award.

