

North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

30th July 2014

<p>Funding to Voluntary and Community Organisations – Presentation of Outcomes for 2013/14</p>

Report No: GBXR/15/14/SL of Councillor G Baxter MBE, Portfolio Holder with Responsibility for Building a Better Council

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- By way of introduction, to provide context to the 15 minute presentation of outcomes by six voluntary sector organisations, funded by the Council in 2013/14.
- To note any comments from Members to inform future commissioning arrangements.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 At Minute No. 186 (2013/14), Cabinet approved new commissioning and monitoring arrangements following a review of funding to voluntary and community sector organisations, in accordance with the Shaping The Future ("Total Council") Approach.
- 1.2 In accordance with Service Level Agreement monitoring arrangements, a data collection exercise is supplemented by a requirement for each funding recipient to present their outcomes to Cabinet/Council. This will provide a unique opportunity for interface between the two sectors to ensure the voluntary organisations support the Council to provide good value, high performing services and particularly to support vulnerable and disadvantaged people in our localities, in accordance with Corporate Objectives.
- 1.3 The following six organisations have been invited to attend separate meetings scheduled in a tight window of opportunity in accordance with the new commissioning cycle:

Derbyshire Law Centre - Cabinet on 30th July
Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre/TRUST – Cabinet on 27th August
NED Citizens Advice Bureau – Council on 1st September
Links CVS – Cabinet on 24th September
Rural Action Derbyshire – Council on 27th October

- 1.4 The presentations will provide an insight of our continued efforts in partnership to keep abreast of emerging issues and targeting appropriate services in accordance with needs in our localities. Members will be invited to ask questions following the presentation.
- 1.5 The presentations will be supplemented in October/November by an Annual Report compiled by the Partnership Team of a full range of projects in accordance with the Shaping The Future Approach, so Members have a greater understanding of how our partnership approaches are responding to the latest challenges faced in our communities.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the content of the presentations and any comments will be collated to inform the Annual Report and future commissioning recommendations.
- 2.2 To ensure that the Council maximises efficiencies and outcomes through commissioning voluntary sector organisations to help us achieve our Corporate Priorities.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 All monitoring and service developments have equality as a core aim and are subject to the Council's Equality Impact Assessment Framework.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 These presentations aim to provide first-hand accounts from the voluntary sector of services already commissioned by the Council. No alternative options are considered appropriate as the aim of the aforementioned review was to increase transparency and accountability of commissioned services.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

There are no financial implications in the current financial year. Any recommendations that may have future financial and risk implications will be considered at a later date in the commissioning cycle.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

The monitoring and presentation arrangements form part of a legally binding Service Level Agreements with the Council.

All data monitoring information and agreements are stored securely.

5.3 **Human Resources Implications**

There are no human resource implications as a result of this report.

6 **Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the presentations be received by Cabinet/Council as appropriate.
- 6.2 That any comments from Members arising from the presentations be included in the Annual Report of Shaping The Future Approach and future commissioning arrangements.

7 **Decision Information**

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
District Wards Affected	All
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	People - Support vulnerable and Disadvantaged People Place – Help Prevent People from Becoming homeless, and help vulnerable people stay in their own homes Organisation – Provide good value, high performing services

8 **Document Information**

Appendix No	Title
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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