

North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

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Voluntary Community Groups Presentation – Rural Action Derbyshire

**Report No GBXR/13/15-16/DR of Councillor G Baxter MBE Leader & 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 five voluntary sector organisations, funded by the Council in 2014/15.
- 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. Last year members received a series of informative presentations from voluntary groups and it was agreed that this process be continued.
- 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 now provides a yearly opportunity for active engagement with (voluntary sector) partners to benefit our communities in accordance with Corporate Aims to “Transform our Organisation”, to “Provide our Customers with Excellent Service” by supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people and contributing to improving health and wellbeing (“Supporting our Communities to be Healthier, Safer, Cleaner and Greener”).
- 1.3 Investment in these voluntary organisations is now measured in accordance with the new Corporate Plan 2015-19 target to assist over 13,000 vulnerable and disadvantaged households year on year. This baseline was established following the presentations and year end monitoring exercise conducted last year.
- 1.4 The following five organisations have been invited to attend separate meetings scheduled in accordance with the commissioning cycle:

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre – Council on 13th July
Links CVS – Cabinet on 5th August
NED Citizens Advice Bureau – Cabinet on 2nd September
Derbyshire Law Centre - Council on 7th September

- 1.5 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.

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 future commissioning recommendations.
- 2.3 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

- 5.1.1 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

- 5.2.1 The monitoring and presentation arrangements form part of a legally binding Service Level Agreements with the Council.
- 5.2.2 All data monitoring information and agreements are stored securely.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

- 5.3.1 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 future commissioning considerations.

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	Providing our Customers with Excellent Service – supporting vulnerable and disadvantage people; Supporting our Communities to be healthier, safer, cleaner and greener – contributing to improving health and wellbeing; Transforming our organisation – actively engaging with partners to benefit our communities

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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Partnerships Team/Shaping the Future/Grants to Voluntary Sector/Monitoring 2014-15/Draft Cabinet and Council Report – Presentations by Voluntary Organisations 2014-15