

North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

11 July 2019

Funding to Voluntary and Community Organisations – Presentation of Outcomes for 2018/19

Report of Councillor B Lewis, Portfolio Holder for Partnerships & Leisure

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Purpose of the Report

- To provide context to the 15 minute presentation of outcomes by five voluntary sector organisations, funded by the Council in 2018/19.

1 Report Details

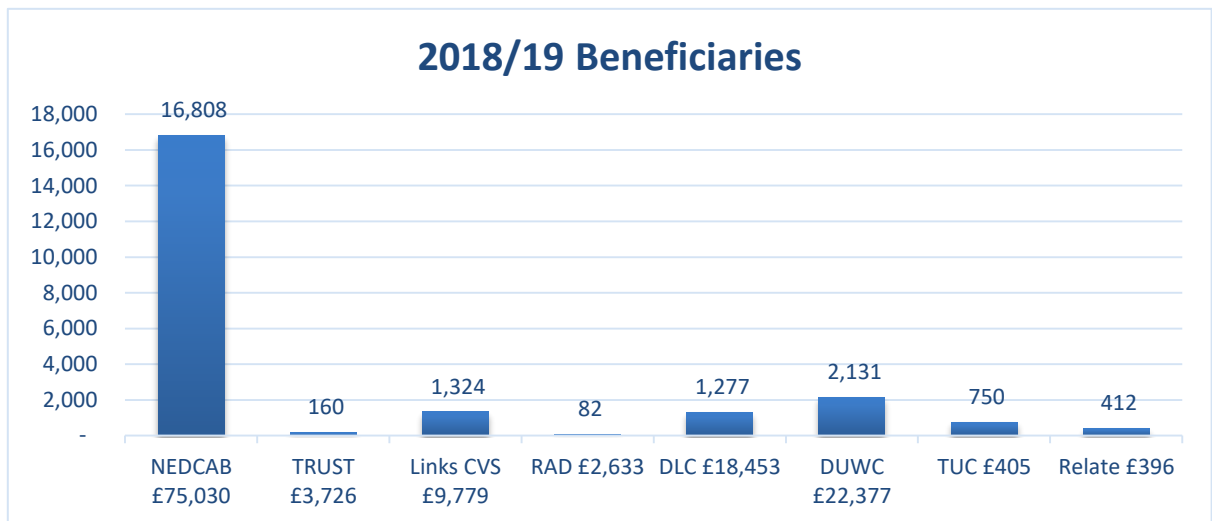
- 1.1 At Minute No. 186 (2013/14), Cabinet approved new commissioning and monitoring arrangements following a review of funding to voluntary and community sector organisations. For the last four years, members have received a series of informative presentations from voluntary groups and it was agreed that this process be continued.
- 1.2 In accordance with contractual 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 measured in accordance with the 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 in 2014/15. The following table shows the Council’s overall investment and the number of vulnerable and disadvantaged households assisted since the target baseline was set:

Council Investment		Vulnerable and disadvantaged households assisted
2014/15	£131,312	13,565
2015/16	£132,799	18,319
2016/17	£132,799	19,861
2017/18	£132,799	20,832
2018/19	£132,799	22,944

1.4 The monitoring exercise has consistently shown an increase in customer demand for these services and the Council can be reassured that its investment is targeting services to people in crisis and when it is needed the most:

- £10.00 per vulnerable household in 2014/15
- £7.00 per vulnerable household in 2015/16
- £6.70 per vulnerable household in 2016/17
- £6.40 per vulnerable household in 2017/18
- £5.79 per vulnerable household in 2018/19

1.5 The data collected helps to highlight an increase in demand on specific issues, and services from specific communities, enabling the identification of 'hot-spot' areas within the District. Organisations will report further on the context of the increase in demand for services at their presentations. The graph below illustrates the number of beneficiaries each organisation has supported, together with the amount of grant funding received, for 2018/19.



1.6 The Council has again decided to maintain current levels of funding for 2019/20 despite budgetary constraints, in return for the maintenance of current levels of activity by the funded organisations in our District. Organisations may inform Cabinet as part of their presentation of any contribution changes by other authorities also providing core funding.

1.7 The following five organisations have been invited to attend separate Cabinet meetings scheduled in accordance with the commissioning cycle:

- Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre – 11 July 2019
- Derbyshire Law Centre – 5 September 2019
- Citizens' Advice North East Derbyshire – 5 September 2019
- Rural Action Derbyshire – 3 October 2019
- Links CVS – 3 October 2019

1.8 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.
- 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

- 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.

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.

7 Decision Information

<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies</p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
<p>District Wards Affected</p>	All
<p>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</p>	All

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
NA	NA
<p>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)</p>	
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