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To: Members of the Hinckley Area Committee

Mrs J Kirby (Chairman)	Mrs GAW Cope
Mrs L Hodgkins (Vice-Chairman)	Mr KWP Lynch
Mr SL Bray	Mr K Nichols
Mr DC Bill MBE	Miss DM Taylor
Mr DS Cope	Ms BM Witherford

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Dear Councillor,

There will be a meeting of the **HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE** in the De Montfort Suite, Hinckley Hub on **MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2015 at 7.00 pm** and your attendance is required.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Owen'.

Rebecca Owen
Democratic Services Officer

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2015.

3. ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

To be advised of any additional items of business which the Chairman decides by reason of special circumstances shall be taken as matters of urgency at this meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive verbally from Members any disclosures which they are required to make in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct or in pursuance of Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. **This is in addition to the need for such disclosure to be also given when the relevant matter is reached on the agenda.**

5. QUESTIONS

To hear any questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.

6. HINCKLEY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND (Pages 5 - 10)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Community Direction) seeking support for allocation of grant funding through the Hinckley Community Initiative Fund.

7. HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTOR ARRANGEMENTS - REQUEST FOR ONE OFF ADDITIONAL FUNDING (Pages 11 - 26)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Community Direction) in relation to a request for a one off payment to sustain the Borough's VCS Infrastructure Organisation.

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE

25 JUNE 2015 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mrs J Kirby - Chairman
Mrs L Hodgkins – Vice-Chairman
Mr SL Bray, Mr DC Bill MBE, Mr DS Cope, Mrs GAW Cope, Mr K Nichols and
Ms BM Witherford

Officers in attendance: Ilyas Bham, Rebecca Owen, Ian Pinfold and Caroline Roffey

31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Lynch and Taylor.

32 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Witherford, seconded by Councillor Bill and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

33 ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Two items of urgent business had been requested – the college field adjacent to Clarendon Park, and the cancellation of Proms in the Park. It was agreed that these would be taken after the Green Space Delivery Plan item.

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

35 OUTTURN 2014-15

The committee was presented with the 2014/15 revenue and capital outturn. It was explained that there would be a shortfall if the new homes bonus was withdrawn.

In response to a member's question, it was explained that Section 106 monies in relation to one of the large developments had not come forward as the trigger point had not been reached. Members were reassured that the delay would not create a risk of the money being clawed back as the period for draw down wouldn't commence until receipt of the money.

A member thanked officers for their work on the Rock Gardens.

Discussion ensued regarding the Hinckley Community Initiative Fund and it was agreed that the matter, including possible roll-over of the funds, would be considered at the next meeting when discussing the fund for the following year.

RESOLVED –

- (i) The draft outturn for 2014/15 for the Hinckley area be noted;
- (ii) The capital carry forwards of £81,978 as outlined in appendix 2 to the report, be supported.

36 GRIT BINS

The Head of Street Scene Services reminded members of the process undertaken the previous year when requests had been taken from Hinckley ward councillors for siting of new grit bins. The committee agreed that one additional bin should be provided for each ward and should be agreed by the ward councillors and fed back to the Head of Service by 30 August. It was requested that the bin for Castle Ward should be located at the junction of Queens Road and Priesthills.

37 GREEN SPACE DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE

Members were updated on progress against the Green Space Delivery Plan. During presentation and discussion, the following points were raised:

- The high public satisfaction with planting in Hinckley
- The receipt of S106 monies to enable work in Argents Mead to commence, including landscaping, improvements around the moat and a new play area (to be completed at a similar time to the new Leisure Centre)
- The widening of the footpath in Queens Park and possibility of installation of heritage lighting
- The possibility of play and open space provision within the development on the site currently occupied by Holliers Walk School, should the move of the school to the Mount Grace site proceed
- The request to move the helicopter from the Preston Road park to Brodick Park.

In response to a member's question, officers agreed to check whether any trees would be lost in Argents Mead as a result of the McCarthy & Stone development.

38 COLLEGE FIELD, COVENTRY ROAD

The Chairman accepted this matter as an item of urgent business due to its emergence since the despatch of the agenda.

A member felt that the college field adjacent to Clarendon Park, off Coventry Road, may be sold off by the County Council and he wished the authority to use its powers to obtain a valuation of the land. It was moved by Councillor Bill, seconded by Councillor Nichols and

RESOLVED – up to £1,000 of the special expenses area budget be used for an independent valuation of the land identified.

39 PROMS IN THE PARK

The Chairman had agreed to accept this as an item of urgent business due to the recent cancellation of the event.

Members enquired as to whether the Proms in the Park event, which had been cancelled due to the weather, would be rescheduled. It was reported that due to the high cost this would not be possible. Members felt that it was a key event for the Borough and it would

reflect badly on the council if it could not be rescheduled. It was moved by Councillor Bill, seconded by Councillor Cope and

RESOLVED – up to £5,000 be committed from the special expenses area budget towards rearranging the Proms in the Park event, if feasible.

(The Meeting closed at 7.19 pm)

CHAIRMAN

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HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 23 NOVEMBER 2015

HINCKLEY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE (COMMUNITY DIRECTION)

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL HINCKLEY WARDS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request the Hinckley Area Committee support the allocation of grant funding through the Hinckley Community Initiative Fund 2015/16.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Hinckley Area Committee supports the funding allocation of £9,581 (as detailed in section 4) of the Hinckley Community Initiative Fund 2015/16

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

- 3.1 A grant fund of £20,000 was made available to community groups in Hinckley in August 2014, since the fund was opened we have allocated a total £10,419 to the following two projects:

Historic Information sign – St Mary's Church, Hinckley. (Castle Ward). Grant £419.

St. Mary's Church Clock & Tune Playing Machine Restoration – St Mary's Church PCC (Castle Ward) Grant £10,000.

- 3.2 A further three applications have been received as detailed in section 4.4. As there is currently only £9,581 remaining in the budget, Officers have evaluated the applications and allocated funding accordingly.

- 3.3 This report recommends that the IT upgrade be funded at £981, and the remaining 2 projects are both awarded 18.7 percent of their total project costs.

4. APPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The table in Appendix 1 of this report provides an objective scoring summary from the assessments made of all the applications by the Green Space Team, it also gives 2 options for the allocation of the remaining funding.

- 4.2 The assessment panel then determined grants to be allocated. This panel consisted of Ian Pinfold – Green Space Manager, Edwina Grant – Strategic and Community Planning Officer, Paul Scragg – Senior Green Space Officer.

- 4.3 The maximum amount of funding available to each group is £10,000. The grant will fund a maximum of 50% of the project costs. Each applicant must seek support from their ward Councillor. Only capital items are funded, the lowest submitted quote has been used to calculate the maximum eligible grant, unless a good reason has been provided for using a higher quote.

4.4 Summary of Applications.

4.4.1 Emmaus Recycle and Reuse – Emmaus Leicestershire and Rutland (homeless charity).

Total cost of scheme: £20,854 Grant requested: £10,000 (De Montfort Ward) Supported by Councillors Hodgkins and Nichols.

Outline: The purchase of a new van, for the transfer of furniture and household goods, to replace their current van that is becoming old and unreliable.

Community catchment: Emmaus are based in Hinckley but the service carried out using the van will cover Hinckley and its surrounding area. It has been confirmed by the charity that 80% of their pickups using the van are within Hinckley and Bosworth Borough.

Community benefit: Emmaus are a homeless charity with their headquarters based in Hinckley, they provide homeless people with accommodation and also opportunities for people to improve their skills and overcome a loss of self-esteem. The van is used by staff, volunteers and companions to collect, deliver and transfer furniture and other domestic items between social enterprises, storage sites and customers. The charity also offers the wider community a collection, removal and recycling service, for unwanted household goods.

Recommended Grant - £3,900 (as 18.7 percent of total cost, see appendix 1)

4.4.2 Timing and recording equipment – Hinckley Swimming Club. Supported by Councillor Bray.

Total Cost of scheme: £25,109 Grant requested: £10,000 (Castle Ward).

Outline: Specialist electronic starting, timing and recording equipment, to enable the club to hold competition events.

Community catchment: Hinckley Swimming Club will be based at the new leisure centre in Hinckley.

Community benefit: The club see the move to the new leisure centre as an opportunity to expand and the new equipment will enable the swimming club to hold competition events, in both swimming and water polo. They also hope to attract further members, and have indicated that the equipment will be available for use by other leisure centre users, local schools and other organisations.

Recommended Grant - £4,700 (as 18.7 percent of total cost, see appendix 1)

4.4.3 IT Upgrade – West Leicestershire Mind.

Total Cost of scheme: £2,988. Grant requested: £1,494 (Castle Ward) supported by Councillor Witherford.

Outline: An upgrade to the charities IT system to provide a high level of service and data protection.

Community catchment: West Leicestershire Mind are based at Station Road, Hinckley, however they support people throughout Hinckley and Bosworth.

Community benefit: The organisation has indicated that they currently support 226 people with mental health issues and that the IT improvements will help with safeguarding of personal data, help to improve service delivery, and improve the working environment for staff and volunteers.

Recommended Grant - £981, this will cover 50% of the capital items in this scheme, as per the grant criteria. (maximum award which can be made within the terms of this fund).

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [IB]

- 5.1 The cost of new schemes of £9,581 and the amount already agreed of £10,419 will be funded from Special Expenses Reserves. The table below summaries the current reserves position:-

	£
Opening Balance 1/4/15	300,702
Use of Reserves - Revenue	44,139
Use of Reserves - Green Space Projects	55,032
Estimated Closing Balance 31/3/16	201,531

- 5.2 If the funding allocation is approved the estimated closing balance will reduce to £181,531.
- 5.3 SLB have approved these bids pending support from HAC.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [JB]

- 6.1 None.

7. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Hinckley Community Initiative fund supports community groups to achieve the following aims and objectives of the Corporate Performance Plan:
- Creating a vibrant place to work and live
 - Empowering Communities
 - Providing value for money and pro-active services

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Discussions were held with Hinckley Community Action in May to establish which groups may qualify for this funding, they also assisted with the distribution of information to local community groups and charities.
- 8.2 SLB recommended approval of this funding in their meeting on 20th October 2015.

9. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.
- 9.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

- 9.3 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
The projects rely on third party delivery and there is therefore a risk that some of the projects may not be delivered	Only projects that are likely to be completed in the following 12 months are recommended for funding	Paul Scragg
Misuse of funds	Funding for projects is only released once scheme is completed and evidence of completion and payment of the works is received.	Paul Scragg

10. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 All grants are awarded to constituted community groups in Hinckley, Ward Councillor support is sought for each application.
- 10.2 Two of the grant applications are from charities working with vulnerable people. West Leicestershire Mind and Emmaus.

11. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:
- Community Safety implications
 - Environmental implications
 - ICT implications
 - Asset Management implications
 - Procurement implications
 - Human Resources implications
 - Planning implications
 - Data Protection implications
 - Voluntary Sector

Background papers: Appendix 1 – Objective Scoring Summary and options for funding.

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Executive Member: Cllr Mark Nickerson – Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services

APPENDIX 1 – HCIF allocation of grants 2015/2016

Ward	Project	Applicant	Project cost Exc VAT	Amount applied for	Maximum eligible grant	Own Funding	Other sources of funding	Score (Average of two Assessors)	Recommended Grant	Conditions to be applied comments
De Montfort	Emmaus Recycle and Reuse	Emmaus Leicestershire and Rutland	£20,854	£10,000	£10,000	£5,035	£10,000 LCC Shire Grant (confirmed)	50.0	£3,900	Proportion of remaining funding budget has been recommended for allocation as a proportion of the total project cost. After discussion with applicant, the remaining funding can be found by the applicant to ensure the project goes ahead in line with the time scales of the grant.
Castle Ward	Timing and recording Equipment	Hinckley Swimming Club	£25,109	£10,000	£10,000	£14,000	£200 Sainsbury Community Grant and £2000 Post code community Trust (confirmed)	48.5	£4,700	Proportion of remaining funding budget has been recommended for allocation as a proportion of the total project cost. After discussion with applicant, the remaining funding can be found by the applicant to ensure the project goes ahead in line with the time scale of the grant.
Castle Ward	IT upgrade	West Leicestershire Mind	£2,988	£1,494	£1,494			48.0	£981.00	This will cover 50% of the total cost of the capital items in this scheme. As per the grant criteria.
Totals									£9,581	

HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 23 NOVEMBER 2015

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH VCS ARRANGEMENTS – REQUEST FOR ONE OFF ADDITIONAL FUNDING REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE – COMMUNITY DIRECTION



Hinckley & Bosworth
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WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To inform members of the Hinckley & Bosworth Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) arrangements, benefits and impact for the local community.
- 1.2. To request a one off payment of £15,000, via the Hinckley Area Committee, to sustain the Borough's VCS Infrastructure Organisation for the period January – March 2016.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Note the progress, achievements and outcomes to date, and the proposed forward plan
- 2.2 To agree a one off payment of £15,000 to sustain the Borough's VCS Infrastructure Organisation, NGCC, for the period January – March 2016, and help underpin future sustainability.

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

- 3.1. Historically HBBC has supported a number of VCS organisations within the locality through grant funding and 'in kind' arrangements. However, in the context of ever reducing public sector budgets and subsequently grant funding, during 2012, the authority recognised the need to find a more sustainable approach to VCS support, development, and delivery within the Borough, in order to continue to meet the needs of our diverse, and most vulnerable members of our community.
 - 3.1.1. Therefore, from April 2013, HBBC commissioned one of our leading VCS organisations, Next Generation Community Connects (NGCC), to lead on the development of new VCS arrangements for our locality. The overall aim being to sustain our front line VCS service delivery organisations, through the establishment of arrangements to enable locality based commissioning of the VCS.
 - 3.1.2. The arrangements we now have in place for Hinckley & Bosworth, have been led by NGCC, working in partnership with the authority and the broader VCS community, and include:
 - An overarching VCS Development Forum, comprising 40 VCS organisations (both large and small), enabling learning and development, collaboration, communication, and a key mechanism for listening to and capturing the voice of the local people of the Borough.
 - A VCS database and Directory detailing the type of provision and geographical location of VCS organisations across the Borough – comprising approximately 1,200 entries, which has proved to be an effective communication tool for both statutory and VCS.

- A virtual and physical VCS Hub in Hinckley town centre to complement the Hinckley & Bosworth statutory agency Hub.
- A VCS Commissioning Board, made up of VCS representatives, and 2 HBBC Executive Members, (Stakeholders and HBBC service area leads who observe and provide underpinning knowledge as required) providing a robust, fair and accessible mechanism through which the local authority and other sectors can commission the VCS
- Successful establishment of VCS collaboration in joint working, between larger and smaller organisations, sharing of resources, and in submitting joint commissioning bids, and subsequent delivery.

3.2. Outcomes and Impact for the Community

3.2.1. To date there have been three rounds of VCS Commissioning, with a total of £94,200 allocated to a diverse range of 39 front line VCS providers, aligned to HBBC, West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (WLCCG), and Public Health priorities, in support of health and social care work streams. *(Examples of work commissioned attached at Appendix 1).*

3.2.2. As a result of the new arrangements, the VCS is now able to represent itself effectively and with credibility at HBBC key delivery partnerships/forums, (e.g. Health & Wellbeing Partnership, Think Family Partnership) and those of other key partners, to articulate the VCS offer. This has enabled a greater understanding of the collective offer of both the statutory and VCS sector, and opportunities for commissioning, and improved collaborative working.

3.2.3. The credibility and robustness of the established commissioning arrangements has directly resulted in both Public Health and WLCCG directing funds via the VCS Commissioning Board as follows:

Period	Commissioning Brief	Funding Source	Funding allocated	No. of lead Service Providers supported
2013/14	To sustain good mental health & wellbeing in the community	HBBC	20,000	10
2014/15	To reduce the impact of social isolation and loneliness	HBBC	15,000	6
		Early Help	3,000	5
2014/15	Staying Healthy Community Grant	Public Health	13,000	7
2014/15	Bespoke Befriending Scheme	WLCCG	10,000	1
2015/16	To support delivery of priorities set out in the H&B Health and Wellbeing Strategy	HBBC	20,000	16
		Public Health	13,200	
Total			94,200	45

3.2.4. Ongoing learning and development workshops have been organised via the VCS Forum, along with showcasing networking events, specifically to coincide with National Volunteers Week each year, providing an opportunity for commissioned

VCS organisations to feedback on outcomes, and to hear directly from beneficiaries. These forums have also enabled the acceleration of VCS learning and collaboration.

- 3.2.5. Our VCS arrangements in Hinckley & Bosworth, is the first of its kind within Leicestershire, and based on the success, have shared our approach and the outcomes to date with all other Districts within Leicestershire, with a number now looking to develop similar arrangements.
- 3.2.6. We have been awarded a Certificate of Excellence, from the Improvement & Efficiency Awards 2015 in recognition of our Locality Based Commissioning of VCS arrangements.
- 3.2.7. The NGCC building in Castle Street offers a town centre venue for a range of VCS provision, e.g. recruitment of volunteers, delivery of outreach provision (taken up by a number of statutory sector agencies as a more conducive environment in which to work with vulnerable people), and therefore has increasingly been recognised as a developing central Hinckley VCS Hub. Therefore in submitting this report, it is important to emphasise that whilst the VCS arrangements are in place to benefit the whole of the Borough, there is added benefit to Hinckley central, statutory partners and residents. Furthermore, the presence of an independently run Hinckley Town Centre/Central Hub, is essential in delivering the future aspirations of becoming a Centre of Excellence for volunteering.

3.3. Forward Plan 2016/17

- 3.3.1. The priority going forward is to achieve a sustainable delivery model. Therefore, it was agreed at the September 2015 H&B Health and Wellbeing Partnership meeting that we should seek to secure larger scale and longer term commissioning contracts, and as a priority via WLCCG. This has the support of our Health & Wellbeing Lead Member Cllr Amanda Wright, and subsequently an early meeting is being facilitated via Dr. Nick Willmott, Locality Lead GP for H&B, who is also represented on this Partnership.
- 3.3.2. With longer term commitment and funding, this would enable NGCC in its capacity as our VCS infrastructure organisation, to, for example, secure an income stream via an agreed top slicing arrangement to cover its management fee.

3.4. NGCC - VCS Infrastructure Delivery Organisation for Hinckley & Bosworth

3.4.1. Background and current position

- 3.4.2. Next Generation Community Connects (formerly known as Next Generation) is a well established and respected VCS organisation, which has been operating since 2004 (however, the organisations roots date back to the 1880's with the formation of the YMCA). Historically they have secured substantial contracts/grant funding from major trusts including via Leicestershire County Council and HBBC, in delivering a broad range of frontline provision, primarily to support vulnerable young people at risk. However, in response to the decline in VCS grant funding, during 2012/13, Next Generation responded by diversifying its offer, officially changing its charitable objectives and rebranded as NGCC. This new vision, aligned with HBBC ambitions for the creation of a VCS Hub and Commissioning Board.

- 3.4.3. During the period 2012/13 – 2014/15, NGCC has continued to be successful in securing grant funding, but on a much smaller scale, as these opportunities become increasingly more limited. Added to this, frequently grant funding does not enable for

full cost recovery or management fees, often resulting in levying further pressure on limited VCS staffing capacity to deliver the work for which they have been commissioned. Alongside this, NGCC staff (1 full time, 1 part time, 1 sessional worker), have worked hard to fulfil and very successfully deliver the requirements of the HBBC SLA for the delivery of our local VCS arrangements over the past 3 years.

- 3.4.4. However, based on NGCC's current financial position, terms and conditions of the Charity, dictates that the Board of Trustees will be required to issue redundancy notices to staff by the end of December 2015, if the shortfall of £15,000, needed to sustain them to end of March 2016, is not found. This would have an immediate impact on VCS support arrangements for HBBC.
- 3.4.5. N.B. It should be noted that HBBC funds to enable the continued roll out of both the VCS infrastructure support arrangements, and VCS commissioning arrangements is profiled in the base budget for 2016/17. Funding will be allocated as follows: £45,000 for infrastructure support, and £20,000 for commissioning. The intention is to recommission NGCC to deliver these arrangements from April 2016.
- 3.4.6. In securing NGCC's longer term position from April 2016, the Charity is giving consideration to the sale, or partial sale of its key asset, the Charity owned building in Castle Street, Hinckley. An options appraisal has been undertaken, and initial views sought from HBBC regarding the potential for the authority to develop the upper level of the building into 2, one bedroom flats. (HBBC have given an indication that they support this in principle subject to sufficient funds via the HRA, member agreement, etc.).
- 3.4.7. Essentially, during 2016/17 NGCC should be in receipt of an income stream from partial or full scale sale of their building, from which they can retain their staffing infrastructure, continue to develop their portfolio, and deliver the VCS Infrastructure service. This could include relocation to alternative premises, but retaining a Town Centre presence to fulfil the aspirations of a Hinckley Central VCS Hub, outreach support and Volunteering Centre.
- 3.4.8. From the authority's perspective it is essential that we are able to retain the considerable experience and expertise of NGCC in maintaining momentum, the good will and trust established with the broader VCS community, and in realising the potential and future aspirations for our VCS locality arrangements.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (IB)

- 4.1 If endorsed by SLB and Hinckley Area Committee a £15,000 supplementary budget funded from Special Expenses balances will require approval by the Deputy Chief Executive Corporate Direction and the Chief Executive. The estimated year end Special Expenses balance as at 31st March 2016 will reduce from £70,693 to £55,693.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (MR)

- 5.1 The Local Government Act 2000 gives the Council wide powers to promote the economic and social well-being of its area and the Council's support for the VCS Infrastructure Organisation would fall within those powers.

6. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The contents of the report relate to and support the following strategic aims:

- Cleaner and Greener Neighbourhoods
- Thriving Economy
- Safer and Healthier Borough
- Strong and distinctive communities

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 This report has taken account of the ongoing consultation undertaken by NGCC through the established VCS Development Forum, Commissioning Board, and database, to inform the proposals for 2015/16.

8. RISK IMPLICATIONS

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
Lack of sustainability of key VCS organisations within Hinckley and Bosworth, resulting in no VCS infrastructure arrangements within the locality, and significant reduction in frontline delivery of essential provision	Sustainability of the H&B VCS locality arrangements	Edwina Grant

9. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The utilisation of up to date evidence sources and data, informed via the VCS Development Forum, and VCS database, has helped to inform the ongoing development of our VCS arrangements, and approaches to the sustainability. These mechanisms also ensure resources are aligned with Borough priorities, and gives VCS organisations from all areas of the Borough, including rural areas, access to the VCS commissioning arrangements.

10. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset Management implications
- Procurement implications
- Human Resources implications
- Planning implications
- Data Protection implications
- Voluntary Sector

Background papers: None

Contact Officer: Edwina Grant, Strategic and Community Planning Officer
 Executive Member: Cllr Mike Hall

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HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH VCS FORUM 2014/15 FUNDED PROJECTS

EVALUATION REPORT

1. THE 2014/15 FUNDED PROJECTS

A total of 18 projects were funded through the 2014/15 Hinckley & Bosworth VCS Forum Commissioning strategy.

A. Staying Healthy theme/funding stream:	Evaluation Report received	Total 2014/15 Grant	Grant amount spent
1. Burbage Youth Project	Yes	£2900	£2900
2. Sport in Desford	Yes	£1,955.74	£1,955.74
3. Auxiliary Studios	Yes	£3469	£3469
4. Leicestershire Lifeguards	Yes	£2840	£2840
5. CAHB – Vintage/Veteran Sports & Games	Yes	£1982	£1869.30
6. LRYSA	Yes	£1980	£1980
7. Hinckley Town Tennis Club - Inclusive Tennis	Yes	£856.50	£856.50
B. Reducing Social Isolation theme/funding stream:			
8. BYP Connect Youth Group & Gardening	Yes	£1690	£1690
9. Auxiliary Studios – The People’s Voice	Included in Project A3 Evaluation		
10. Hinckley Bereavement Support Group	Yes	£800	£800
11. Concordia Theatre	Yes	£3000	£3000
12. Growing Earl Shilton Social Capital	Yes	£1214	£1214
13. Hinckley & Bosworth Community Transport/MS Society	Yes	£2970	£2970
C. Reducing Social Isolation (Under 5’s) theme/funding stream:			
14. CAHB – Yummy Tots	Yes	£1260	£1257.57
15. Markfield Speedwell Project	Yes	£1525	£1525
16. Bagworth Bumps and Babies Under 5’s Programme	Yes	£390	£390
17. George Ward Centre – Tots Time	Yes	£1401	£900
18. Thornton – Fun & Fit Families	No		

2. PROJECT NUMBERS

A. Staying Healthy theme/funding stream:	Hours delivered	Vol. hrs. Planning	Beneficiary Hours	Beneficiary Numbers	Person Hours	Number Active Volunteers	Paid staff input
1. Burbage Youth Project	88	22	66	12	1056	4-6	Partly
2. Sport in Desford	180	10	170	80	13600	0	Yes
3. Auxiliary Studios	77.5	10	46.5	261	1200	6+	None
4. Leicestershire Lifeguards	50	6	44	15	660	8	None
5. CAHB – Vintage/Veteran Sports & Games	40	40	26	21	223	20	None
6. LRYSA	624	36	240	86	20640	6	None
7. Hinckley Town Tennis Club - Inclusive Tennis	20	10	20	8	140	1	None
B. Reducing Social Isolation theme/funding stream:							
8. BYP Connect Youth Group and Gardening	208	52	156	28	5828	4-6	Partly
9. Auxiliary Studios – The People's Voice	Included in Project A3 Evaluation						
10. Hinckley Bereavement Support Group	46	10	36	16	736	4-6	None
11. Concordia Theatre	Hearing loop installation – target : 6 hard of hearing patrons per performance					1-3	None
12. Growing Earl Shilton Social Capital	53	79	53	2240	530	25	Partly
13. Hinckley & Bosworth Comm. Transport/MS Society	47*	80	47	80	1160	6+	Partly
C. Reducing Social Isolation (Under 5's) theme/ funding stream:							
14. CAHB – Yummy Tots	40	156	80	95	2200	4-6	None
15. Markfield Speedwell Project	48	257	384	15	720	3	One
16. Bagworth Bumps and Babies Under 5's Programme	78	118	78	1014*	1014	6+	One
17. George Ward Centre – Tots Time	78	118	36	30	3120	1-3	None
18. Thornton – Fun & Fit Families							

Notes:

Project B13*: delivered hours do not include use of Community Transport

Project C16*: 1014 attendances recorded rather than individual beneficiaries

3. PROJECT ACTIVITIES: Needs and Developments.

A. Staying Healthy theme/funding stream:	Location Target	Beneficiary Target(s)	Identified needs	Other Needs	New/ Future Needs	Project Future	Partners	New Partners
1. Burbage Youth Project	Burbage Hinckley	Young People	Yes			Yes		
2. Sport in Desford	Desford H&B	SID Users	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	
3. Auxiliary Studios	H&B		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
4. Leicestershire Lifeguards	H&B	Young People	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
5. CAHB – Vintage/Veteran Sports & Games	ES H&B	Over 60s	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes 2	Yes 1
6. LRYSA	H&B	Young People	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
7. Hinckley Town Tennis Club - Inclusive Tennis	H&B	YP/SN	Yes			? At a cost	Yes	
B. Reducing Social Isolation theme/funding stream:								
8. BYP Connect Youth Group and Gardening	Burbage	Young People	Yes			Yes	Yes	
9. Auxiliary Studios – the People's Voice	VCS Projects		Yes			Video	Yes	
10. Hinckley Bereavement Support Group	H&B	Bereaved	Yes			Yes	Yes	
11. Concordia Theatre	H&B	Hard of hearing	Yes			YES		
12. Growing Earl Shilton Social Capital	Earl Shilton	Yes	Yes	Yes	YES	YES	Yes 6	Yes 2
13. Hinckley & Bosworth Comm. Transport/MS Society	H&B	Yes MS	Yes	YES	YES	YES	Yes	Yes 7
C. Reducing Social Isolation (Under 5's) theme/ funding stream:								
14. CAHB – Yummy Tots	Wykin +	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes 2	Yes?
15. Markfield Speedwell Project	Markfield Area	Parents & Tots	Partly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
16. Bagworth Bumps and Babies Under 5's Programme	Bagworth area	Yes	Yes			Yes		
17. George Ward Centre – Tots Time	Barwell	Parents & Tots	Yes			Yes Funding ?	No	No
18. Thornton – Fun & Fit Families								

Notes:

1. Lower case = Item identified / Upper case = Item explained

4. PROJECT OUTCOMES: Beneficiary gains, Benefits and Impact

A. Staying Healthy- health and wellbeing outcomes	Improving Individual quality of life	Individual learning/ capacity building	Social Inclusion/ Activity	Impact on Families	Impact on Neighbourhood /Community Improvements	Support	Creativity	Service/ delivery/ Facilities Access
1. Burbage Youth Project	YES	YES	YES	Yes	Yes	Yes		
2. Sport in Desford	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		
3. Auxiliary Studios	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	YES	Yes
4. Leicestershire Lifeguards	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes
5. CAHB – Vintage/Veteran Sports & Games	YES	YES	YES			Yes	Yes	Yes
6. LRYSA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
7. Hinckley Town Tennis Club - Inclusive Tennis	YES	YES Skills	Yes			Yes		Yes
B. Reducing Social Isolation outcomes								
8. BYP Connect Youth Group and Gardening	Yes	Yes V & B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
9. Auxiliary Studios – The People’s Voice		Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes
10. Hinckley Bereavement Support Group	Yes	Yes	YES	Yes		YES		
11. Concordia Theatre	YES	Yes V	YES	Yes		YES		YES
12. Growing Earl Shilton Social Capital	YES	YES V	YES		YES	YES		
13. Hinckley & Bosworth Comm. Trans/MS Society	YES	Yes	YES	Yes		YES		Yes
C. Reducing Social Isolation (Under 5’s) outcomes								
14. CAHB – Yummy Tots	YES	YES B & V	YES	YES	Yes	YES	Yes	Yes
15. Markfield Speedwell Project								
16. Bagworth Bumps and Babies Under 5’s Prog.	Yes	Yes	YES	YES	YES	Yes	Yes	Yes
17. George Ward Centre – Tots Time	Yes	Yes V	Yes	Yes				
18. Thornton – Fun & Fit Families								

Notes:

2. Lower case = Outcome identified / Upper case = Outcome listed/explained

3. B = Beneficiaries / V = Volunteers

5. Beneficiary Anecdotal Evidence - Experiences and Outcomes

A1. Burbage Youth Project:

'My son first became involved with BYP when he was 15 and at the time was involved with other boys of his age from the estate we live on. BYP has given him an outlet for his energy, and now he will not miss a session at the Project, and has become more focussed and reliable'.

A2. Sport in Desford:

'Feedback provided by new and existing individuals using the new equipment within the existing classes has been positive. For individuals taking part, this has improved their self confidence to go about their everyday activities without fear. New Individuals to the scheme also commented on their improved sense of wellbeing from carrying out physical activity on a regular basis'.

A3. Auxiliary Studios:

'As a result of the project I have had the opportunity to get help to put together a video audition for college and I have now been accepted to study a music technology course in Leicester'.

A5. Over 60s Sports and Games:

'A long time since I did anything like this, I enjoy coming and I'm thinking about joining the exercise circuit session on Mondays as well'

A7. Hinckley Town Tennis Club – Inclusive Tennis:

"The coaches' contribution has been invaluable and has helped our group members to be more integrated within the wider community, thus helping to build our group members self esteem"

B1.

'BYP Gardening Club allows me to be in the fresh air and grow things. We also now have some chickens and ducks to look after'.

B2. Auxiliary Studios – the People's Voice:

'One particular example was from a pre-school leader who when we went out to video her for the DVD was visibly shaking and apologising in advance for not being very good! She explained that she lacked confidence and suffered from anxiety attacks but that she found that being involved in the group and with support from centre workers she was overcoming this. She coped with the filming extremely

professionally, gave considered and coherent answers and produced one of the best films for the project. When the recording had finished she said how much she had enjoyed the experience and how much it had helped her’.

B10. Hinckley Bereavement Support Group:

‘I didn’t think that I would ever be able to enjoy myself again but HBSG has helped me to come to terms with my loss’.

B12. Growing Earl Shilton Social Capital:

‘Neighbourhood watch is much, much more than what some people think – we’re not ‘curtain-twitchers’.

B13. Hinckley & Bosworth Community Transport, and MS Society

‘I find it difficult to get Mum out of the wheelchair, as it is hard to transfer her, so you can imagine the joy at being collected to attend the monthly drop in and meet others and their carers. Company for mum and respite for me’.

C14. CAHB – Wykin Yummy Tots:

‘By far the best group around, so relaxed children love it and mine are 4 months and 22 months. Always got something different on for the kids and even brought them Easter eggs this week love it!!!’

C16. Bagworth Bumps and Babies Under 5’s programme

‘Love this group – it’s the only way to meet other mums in the village. Oli has really enjoyed playing with all the others and meeting new friends. I didn’t know any of the Bagworth mums and now I have some local friends, which is fantastic!’

C17. George Ward Centre –Tots Time

Jayne “my son has great fun making snacks to take home for lunch with the new equipment.”

6. PROJECT AIMS - Project Applications for 2014/15 VCS Funding

A. STAYING HEALTHY:

A1. Burbage Youth Project – Classic Car Restoration

There are several wards in the Borough which are recognised to have high levels of social deprivation including St Catherine’s, Lash Hill, Sketchley Wards, Hinckley Trinity, Earl Shilton and Barwell. Many young people in those areas live in low income or highly dysfunctional

families where achievement whether socially or practically, is rarely recognised. Consequently there is a great need for a project such as Burbage Youth Project, particularly the Classic Car Restoration Project, which will help foster a feeling of belonging in these young people and show them that by channeling their energies into worthwhile projects, much can be achieved and suitably rewarded. By including and empowering young people to achieve their potential, the risk of social exclusion will be reduced in turn enabling positive emotional and mental health.

A2. Sport In Desford:

SiD already have up and running the following:

Exercise Referral Scheme, Heart Smart Scheme, Over 50s Club, Circuit Training Class, and Inclusive Club (Children with special needs). The aim of the project is to enhance these classes with additional equipment to specifically help with balance, co-ordination and agility. The majority of people taking part in these schemes will be people over 50, and by incorporating these specific exercises into their routines will help in the prevention of falls and accidents in the future. The new referrals we receive from the Exercise Referral/Heart Smart Schemes will encourage these people to take part in higher levels of physical activity and promote good mental health and wellbeing. The circuit training and Over 50's Club are actively looking for new members to promote the benefits previously mentioned. The Inclusive Club for children we have in place can also be expanded to more schools and we will also benefit from more equipment for specific exercises. This will promote all the benefits previously mentioned.

A3. Auxiliary Studios – Land, Sea and Air:

In recognition of 100 years since the start of WW1 to develop an intergenerational project involving young people interviewing and talking to local, current and ex service personnel about their experience of being in the UK forces. This will be filmed, edited and produced into a short DVD for distribution within the community.

A4. Leicestershire Lifeguards:

To help reduce drownings we aim to replace our worn and outdated training and rescue equipment. This will enable us to train our members and other groups and carry out rescues with the best possible equipment.

A5. CAHB – Vintage/Veteran Sports/Games:

To deliver Health and Wellbeing benefits through new affordable opportunities for older men and women to exercise through actively participating in a choice of adapted indoor sports and games at local venues. One objective is to encourage older men into exercising for flexibility and mobility improvements, while enjoying social interaction.

A6. LRYSA:

To enable the LRYSA to maintain and increase our activities by ensuring that we have a sufficient level of instructors (qualified to the high standard set by the RYA) plus safe & well maintained equipment available. Health and Safety is paramount in water sports especially with our more vulnerable students (some of which require 2:1 support from our instructors)

A7. Hinckley Town Tennis Club – Inclusive Tennis:

To improve the quality of life of those with Special Needs in the Hinckley and Bosworth area. We have already been liaising with one inclusive group, Achieve with Us. We aim to provide individuals with an enjoyable session of tennis coaching once a week at a local venue which is easily accessible to them. We believe that the health and wellbeing benefits to individuals will be considerable.

B. REDUCING SOCIAL ISOLATION:

B1. BYP Connect Gardening and Youth Group:

BYP Connect to Youth Group enables young people aged 11-14 years to participate in social/recreational activities in a safe structured environment enabling meeting other like-minded young people and making friends. We aim to involve the BYP Connect to Youth Group in community issues such as impact of bullying and intergenerational projects around learning about our past heritage from the elderly. BYP Connect to Gardening Club enables young people aged 12-15yrs the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills of gardening linking with the wider community via donating the home grown produce to the elderly and low income families. Both groups will integrate with the wider community via intergenerational activities and community events.

B2. Auxiliary Studios – The People's Voice:

Working with the local community, to produce a CD that showcases the talent of individuals and groups within Hinckley and Bosworth's voluntary and community sector. This will be done through interviews, videos, photographs and music creation. Copies of the CD will be available for wider distribution within the Borough.

B3. Hinckley Bereavement Support:

To reduce social isolation and loneliness for people who have lost loved ones and have been bereaved. The aim is to offer a range of social activities which are inclusive of the whole group. To share conversation and encouragement with those who understand the ups and downs as they adjust to life without their loved one.

B4. Concordia Theatre

To allow hearing impaired people to enjoy theatre performances. To replace the present old-fashioned, old technology and failing loop-hearing system within the auditorium and update to the infrared assistive audio system which aids communication for hearing impaired people with modern hearing aids.

B5. Growing Earl Shilton Social Capital

To encourage and support Neighbourhood Watch Voluntary Schemes in Earl Shilton to take on initiatives that increase the social capital in each scheme area. To share successful developments across the ESNHW network, so that capacity building grows the care for and support for the vulnerable and lonely, particularly in priority neighbourhood locations.

B6. Hinckley & Bosworth Community Transport & MS Society:

The aim is to provide accessible/affordable transport for people affected by Multiple Sclerosis in the Hinckley & Bosworth area, ensuring access to the existing/developing social and weekly groups. The aim is to ensure that those affected by the condition have access to social interaction and exercise reducing the impact of social isolation.

C. REDUCING SOCIAL ISOLATION - UNDER 5s:

C1. CAHB – Yummy Tots Group 0-5:

To develop a Parents and Toddlers group within the Wykin Estate, Hinckley which will provide opportunities for social interaction, at least once a week, between parents and their children in a local, non-threatening environment. The parents will be encouraged and supported to interact with their children through play and creative activities.

C2. Markfield – Speedwell Under 5's

To provide a collaborative and co-ordinated approach aimed at supporting and informing parents, guardians, carers and families of children under five who may suffer or be at risk of social isolation and loneliness by addressing factors and issues that affect their general happiness as outlined in the Leicestershire Together 2008 report "This Is Leicestershire"

C3. Bagworth Bumps and Babies Under 5s:

To provide regular sessions which support all mothers-to-be, new mums and dads, parents of older toddlers and children, with advice, ideas and inspiration. To facilitate a local meeting place for all, particularly those without their own transport.

C4. George Ward Centre – Tots Time:

To enhance the activities offered through our 'Tots Time' sessions. These sessions provide an opportunity for tots to engage in constructive play while socialising with their peers. They

also provide tots carers with opportunities for socialising as well as picking up parenting tips and techniques from peers and invited experts.

C5. Thornton – Fun & Fit Families

Provide a weekly ‘fun’ keep fit activity for families with pre-school children who are suffering from social isolation, either due to feeling unaccepted by the wider community, or having moved from a house in the city to a rural location. Not only will this increase community cohesion, by bringing together the whole community, but will help improve the health and well-being of the individual.