

HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 27 JANUARY 2016

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH VCS ARRANGEMENTS – REQUEST FOR ONE OFF FUNDING CONTRIBUTION



Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council

REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE – COMMUNITY DIRECTION

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WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To request a one off funding contribution, to sustain the Borough's VCS Infrastructure Organisation for the period January – March 2016.

2.0. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. To agree a one off funding contribution of £3,600 (proportionate to the number of direct beneficiaries within the Hinckley Area) 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. A report was presented to the Hinckley Area Committee on 23rd November 2015, seeking a one off contribution of £15,000, to sustain the Hinckley and Bosworth VCS Infrastructure Organisation, Next Generation Community Connects (NGCC).
- 3.1.1 The report outlined the successful progress of our VCS arrangements, including our locality based VCS commissioning arrangements, to help sustain frontline service delivery. Full details were explained in the report, including an evaluation report of VCS Commissioned work during 2014/15.
- 3.1.2. The subsequent recommendation from the Hinckley Area Committee, was that this funding request should be met from the authority's General Fund.
- 3.1.3. A report was therefore presented to Executive Members on 3rd December 2015, seeking the £15,000 contribution. It should be noted, at this point, we were three weeks away from the NGCC Trustee Board having to issue redundancy notices to all staff.
- 3.1.4. Therefore, given the urgency of this matter, Executive Members agreed to support the request for £15,000. It was also agreed that a contribution should be sought from the Hinckley Area Committee, proportionate to the number of direct beneficiaries within the Hinckley Area, in respect of the 2014/15 VCS commissioned projects.
- 3.1.5. Therefore, this report seeks to secure a funding contribution of £3,600 from the Hinckley Area Committee. The total number of direct beneficiaries resulting from VCS commissioned work during 2014/15 was 4501, of these 1080 (24%), reside within the Hinckley Area. Appendix 1 provides details of commissioned projects for 2014/15.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (IB)

4.1 If endorsed by Hinckley Area Committee a £3,600 supplementary budget funded from Special Expenses Reserves will require approval by the Deputy Chief Executive Corporate Direction.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (MR)

5.1. The Council is empowered by the Local Government Act 2000 to promote the economic and social well-being of its area. The work of VCS clearly falls within that power

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

8.1.

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.

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10.2. 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: Report presented to Hinckley Area Committee 23rd November 2015

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