

SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

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| Urgent Decision?(yes/no) | No |
| If yes, reason urgent decision required: | |
| Annexes/Appendices (attached): | Annex 1 - Themed Performance Indicator Tables Annex 2 - Agreed Support for Voluntary Organisations 2018/19 |
| Other available papers (not attached): | Report and Minutes of the Community & Wellbeing Committee, 22 January 2019 |

Report summary

This report shows how each of the voluntary organisations in receipt of financial support from the Council contributes to achieving the Council's Corporate Plan priorities and those of the Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board.

Recommendation

- (1) That the Committee notes the report and evidence of how each of the voluntary organisations supported by the Council impact on the Council's corporate priorities and those of Surrey's Health and Wellbeing Board.

1 Implications for the Council's Key Priorities, Service Plans and Sustainable Community Strategy

- 1.1 This report links to the Council's Key Priority "Supporting our Community". It also relates to the Core Values of "Openness" and "Integrity".

2 Background

- 2.1 Each year the Council funds Voluntary Groups who provide valuable service to residents in the Borough.

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- 2.2 The overall support package amounts to £190,000. The cash element makes up £82,000 of the overall package, whilst the remaining £108,000 covers Notional Grants for Licence, Rent and Services Charges, Car Parking for Volunteers and the Subsidy for Staff Parking permits. The details of the financial support provided by the Council is summarised in **Annex 2** attached to this report.
- 2.3 Whilst there appears to be widespread recognition that our voluntary organisations are helping deliver many of the Council's priorities, previously there has not been a documented account of this.
- 2.4 At the Community and Wellbeing Committee on 22 January 2019, members requested details on how the Council's Voluntary Support Criteria links to the Councils Key Objectives.
- 2.5 This report has compared the activity of the various voluntary organisations' receiving financial support from the Council to the Council's Corporate Plan priorities and the priorities of Surrey's Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.6 All the voluntary organisations supported by the Council were asked to complete a pro-forma, in which they were to identify how they contributed to the success of Council Corporate Plan priorities and those of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.7 A summary of these findings are attached as **Annex 1** to this report.

3 Financial and Manpower Implications

- 3.1 The work undertaken by many of our voluntary organisations, including Central Surrey Voluntary Action (CSVA) and Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB), offers support to people. This support prevents greater demands on existing Council services by moderating service demand.
- 3.2 **Chief Finance Officer's comments:** The budget for total net support to Voluntary Organisations for 2019/20 is £190,124, as recommended to Council by this Committee on 22 January 2019. This includes cash grants of £84,124 and the notional cost of licences for accommodation and parking.

4 Legal Implications (including implications for matters relating to equality)

- 4.1 There is no statutory obligation on the Council to support voluntary organisations.
- 4.2 **Monitoring Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

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5 Sustainability Policy and Community Safety Implications

- 5.1 The Voluntary Organisations play an important role within the Borough, providing support to a wide range of our residents. They also provide valuable input into a range of statutory services and organisations.

6 Partnerships

- 6.1 The Council has a proud history of supporting voluntary organisations and has many well developed partnerships.
- 6.2 In the emerging model of future service delivery, it is increasingly recognised that partnership working between local authorities and other public organisations and the voluntary sector forms a fundamental strand of future effective operation.

7 Risk Assessment

- 7.1 There are no risks associated with the recommendations within this report.
- 7.2 The lack of a sustainable financial future for many of our voluntary organisations could have a serious detrimental effect on Borough residents, with a disproportionate impact on those most vulnerable in the community.

8 Conclusion and Recommendations

- 8.1 The report outlines the impact of the voluntary organisations on key criteria for the council and the health and wellbeing of our residents.
- 8.2 The report recommends that Members note the report and evidence of how each of the voluntary organisations supported by the Council impact on the Council's corporate priorities and those of Surrey's Health and Wellbeing Board.

9 Wards Affected: All wards