

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

17th JUNE 2015

REPORT OF HEAD OF COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBOURHOODS

BOTTESFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY- REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To seek members approval to award an allocation of £1,000 to support the Bottesford Community Library Project.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Members approve an one-off allocation of £1,000 from existing budgets to support the Bottesford Community Project..**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

Background

- 3.1 Leicestershire County Council have recently undertaken a full Library provision review, which has resulted in a number of changes to the library service across the County.
- 3.2 Whilst libraries within large market towns are remaining (this includes Melton Library) there are a number of smaller libraries that face an uncertain future
- 3.3 However, the majority of these are being supported by LCC to develop a Community Library. The community in Bottesford have an ambition to develop a Community Managed Library service in Bottesford.
- 3.4 The organisation has developed an Outline Business Plan, which has been accepted by LCC to develop the service. This is attached as Appendix A..
- 3.5 The Bottesford Library Organisation has requested a £1,000 one-off contribution from the Bough Council to help with the set up costs for this service.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Approval of this project has direct implications around:
- Encouraging strong, healthy and resilient communities.
 - To effectively manage demand delivering well-respected value for money customer focused services with pride and efficiency.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Should members approve the allocation, it will be met from existing budgets held within Communities & Neighbourhoods.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 No direct legal implication shave been identified.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 No direct Community safety Implications have been identified.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 An Equalities Impact has not been carried out on this process; however, initial assessment would indicate a positive impact from this project.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 **Probability**



Very High A				
High B				
Significant C				
Low D	1			
Very Low E				
Almost Impossible F				
	I Neg- ligible	II Marg- inal	III Critical	IV Catast- rophic

Impact →

Risk No.	Description
1	Members do not support the grant allocation.
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10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 No Direct Implications have been identified.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 The Bottesford Library Group have undertaken a full consultation process as part of their successive bid to Leicestershire County Council to establish a community library in Bottesford.

12.0 **WARDS AFFECTED**

12.1 Primarily the Bottesford ward is affected.

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Appendices: A- Bottesford Community Library business plan

Background Papers: None

Reference: X:\Cttee, Council & Sub Cttees\CSA\2015.16\170615\HR-Bottesford community Library