

# AGENDA ITEM 10

## COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015

### REPORT OF HEAD OF COMMUNITY & NEIGHBOURHOODS

#### APPROVAL OF CONTRIBUTION OF MONIES TOWARDS SUPPORTING LEICESTERSHIRE FAMILIES & PERFORMANCE REPORT

##### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request that a growth bid is agreed for a three year period from 2016/17 until the end of the financial year 2018/19 and report to members performance to date in relation to Melton's Supporting Leicestershire Families Programme (SLF).

##### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Members approve the establishment of a reserve fund for £30,000 per annum from 2016/17 for three financial years until 2018/19 totalling £90,000.**
- 2.2 **Members approve and make a recommendation to Policy, Finance and Administration Committee that £90,000 is allocated to the reserve fund to cover the required contribution to Leicestershire County Council. The Funding to be provided from savings in the current financial year.**
- 2.3 **The Committee instructs officers to produce detailed 6 monthly performance reports to ensure that the service is meeting the needs of our families and showing the impacts upon the Council.**

##### 3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Melton Borough Council has managed and delivered the Melton SLF Programme since May 2013. This has been delivered in partnership with Leicestershire County Council.
- 3.2 The Council has made a contribution of £30,000 per annum for the initial period of the Programme which originally was funded until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.
- 3.3 The initial criteria for families referred to SLF for support was:
- Worklessness (adult in family on out of work benefit)
  - Young Person in family involved in offending
  - Any member of family involved in ASB
  - A child has significant difficulties at or with school and formal education.

Following the rollout of 'Phase Two' of the programme the criteria has been increased to include the following:

- Parents and Young People involved in crime or antisocial behaviour
- Children who have not been attending school regularly

- Children who need help
- Adults out of work or at risk of financial exclusion, and young people at high risk of worklessness
- Families affected by domestic violence and abuse
- Parents and children with a range of health problems, including drug and alcohol use.
- The reserve fund is required to facilitate this expert support in preparing the new contract.

3.4 There is currently a manager and four support workers that deliver the programme in the Borough. To date the Melton SLF Team has worked with 47 families with a total of 196 individuals. Appendix 1 shows an overview of performance.

3.5 More detailed information and analysis will be provided to members on performance in January 2016 at which stage officers will be in a position to extract the data required to show current impacts of the programme that impact directly upon Melton Borough Council.

3.6 All the other district Council's in Leicestershire, Leicestershire County Council and the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner has committed funding towards the next three years of the programme.

#### **4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The Supporting Leicestershire Families Programme impacts on our People and Place priorities and also links to the Council's transformation and Me & My Learning Programmes.

4.2 SLF is an area that is helping the Council create social, financial and digital independence in the lives of our more vulnerable families with children.

4.3 By agreeing to the funding for a further three years the Council is committing to participate with Leicestershire County Council and other partner agencies to manage and develop SLF.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 It is requested that a reserve fund is established from the forecast underspend on the General Fund in 2015-16. Members will be presented with regular updates on the performance of this service, this will include considering the way forward after this 3 year period from 2016/17.

#### **6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS**

6.1 There are no direct legal implications.

#### **7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY**

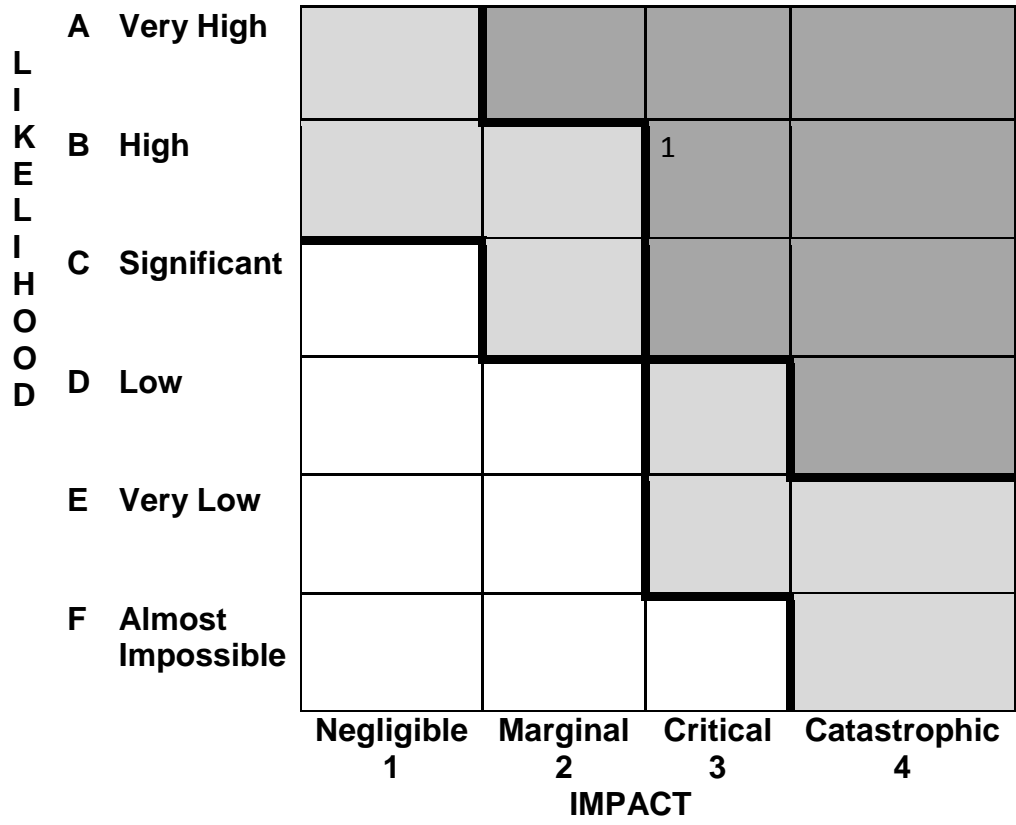
7.1 The SLF programme impacts positively upon reducing crime, re-offending and anti-social behaviour

**8.0 EQUALITIES**

8.1 There are no specific equalities implications with regard to this report. The work undertaken in this area has links into delivering services to vulnerable residents in a fair and equitable way and the programme is designed to ensure it positively impacts recipients of this service.

**9.0 RISKS**

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Risk No	Risk Description
1	Discontinuation of SLF in Melton results in increased crime and ASB if no funding is agreed.

**10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE**

10.1 There are no specific climate change implications with regard to this report.

**11.0 CONSULTATION**

11.1 Officers in finance have been consulted with regard to this report.

**12.0 WARDS AFFECTED**

12.1 All wards are affected.

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Appendices : Appendix 1 – Basic Performance Information

Reference : X : Committees/CSA/2015-16/181115/HR SLF