



Meeting nameMeeting of the People CommitteeDateTuesday, 19 March 2019Start time6.30 pmVenueParkside, Station Approach, Burton Street,
Melton Mowbray, LE13 1GHOther informationThis meeting is open to the public

Members of the People Committee are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the following items of business.

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Membership

Councillors A. Pearson (Chair)

- T. Beaken
- M. Graham
- P. Posnett
- D. Wright

R. de Burle (Vice-Chair)

- P. Faulkner
- S. Lumley
- M. Sheldon

Quorum: 4 Councillors

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| Agenda despatched | Monday, 11 March 2019 |

| No. | . Item | | | |
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| 1. | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | | | |
| 2. | MINUTES To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2018. | 1 - 6 | | |
| 3. | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Members to declare any interest as appropriate in respect of items to be considered at this meeting. | 7 - 8 | | |
| 4. | CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 31 JANUARY 2019 The Director for Corporate Services to submit a report to update the Committee on the progress of schemes within Capital Programme to 31 January 2019. | 9 - 12 | | |
| 5. | BUDGET MONITORING APRIL-DECEMBER 2018 The Director for Corporate Services to provide a report for information on actual expenditure and income incurred on this Committee's services compared to the latest approved budget for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st December 2018. Note this is based on the old CSA service structure as it has been previously agreed that the financial monitoring reports for 2018/19 will be reviewed on this basis. Moving forward the 2019/20 budget setting process has been based on the new People priorities. | 13 - 20 | | |
| 6. | BOTTESFORD YOUTH CLUB PETITION The Deputy Chief Executive to provide a report for Members to consider the Bottesford Youth Club (BYC) petition, received initially at Full Council on 13th February2019, which has been referred to this Committee in accordance with Procedure Rule 24. | 21 - 52 | | |
| 7. | COMMUNITY GRANT REVIEW The Deputy Chief Executive to provide a report to introduce to Members the concept of adopting a new policy for considering Community Grants in future years. | 53 - 56 | | |
| 8. | CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU The Deputy Chief Executive to provide a report to update members regarding the future relationship between Melton Borough Council and the Melton branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau in light of the recent reduction to the annual MBC contribution through the Community Grants Budget. | 57 - 60 | | |
| 9. | URGENT BUSINESS To consider any other items that the Chair considers urgent. | | | |

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| Meeting name | People Committee |
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| Date | Wednesday, 14 November 2018 |
| Start time | 6.30 pm |
| Venue | Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray, LE13 1GH |

Present:

| Chair | Councillor A. Pearson (Chair) | |
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| Councillors | R. de Burle (Vice-Chair) M. Blase M. Graham D. Wright | T. Beaken P. Faulkner M. Sheldon |
| Observers | | |

Officers Deputy Chief Executive Administration Assistant (HA) Learning, Skills and Healthier Communities Manager Corporate Services Manager Housing, Welfare and Safer Communities Manager

| Minute No. | Minute |
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| 18 | Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Councillor Posnett. |
| 19 | Minutes of previous meeting of 120918 The minutes of the meeting held on 12 th September 2018 were confirmed and authorised to be signed by the chair. |
| 20 | Declarations of interest Councillor Pearson declared an interest as a County Councillor. |
| 21 | Capital Programme Monitoring to 30 September 2018 and Capital Programme 2018-2023 The Corporate Services Manager provided a report to: To update the Committee on the progress of schemes within the Capital Programme to 30 September 2018 To determine the Committee's Capital Programme for 2018-2023 based on a review of spending in the current year's programme and schemes included in the programme for later years. Reference was made to 3.1.2 which shows actual expenditure to 30 September 2018 from the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) as £0, Members were advised that MBC is still waiting for confirmation on expenditure to date from the Lightbulb Team at Blaby District Council who are undertaking the work. MBC are pushing for this information and it will be referred back to the Committee once it is received. Councillor Pearson advised that a report has now been prepared by the Health and Wellbeing Board and a copy can be provided for Members at the next meeting. Reference was made to 3.2.2 and Appendix C in respect to customer centric systems review at a cost of £80k. The current CRM is no longer supported, cannot be updated or amended and the My Account system will cease to be supported after March 2020. The review will look at the capacity and capability of our systems. The £80k is the average cost of such a system and Members are not being asked to agree to this cost at this stage as it is a figure being put forward in a business case to start the process. Once further information and more confirmed costs are sourced, it will be referred back to Committee for discussion. Reference was made to 3.2.3 that the current CCTV provision is under review as the cameras are nearing the end of life. |

| | RESOLVED that: 1. The Committee notes the progress made on the capital schemes as was attached at Appendix A 2. The Committee approved the revised Capital Programme for 2018-2023 as was attached at Appendix B. |
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| 22 | Customer Complaints Policy |
| | The Housing, Welfare and Safer Communities Manager provided a report to: |
| | Ask the Committee to adopt a revised 'Customer Complaints Policy' to include the proposed changes to respond timescales, escalation routes and complaint methods. |
| | To ask the Committee to adopt, as part of the overall Policy, a new 'Unreasonably Persistent and Vexatious Customer Policy', to include the definition and subsequent management of such customers. |
| | Reference was made to 3.4 - expected response times. It was discussed that front line staff are to be trained give them the opportunity and empowerment to resolve complaints as they are received, however if this is not satisfactory the complaint moves to Stage 1 where a Service Team Leader would investigate and reply within the new timescale of 15 working days. If the customer is still dissatisfied the complaints moves to Stage 2 where a review will be made by an appropriate senior officer and then approved and signed by the relevant Director or Assistant Director, or, depending on the circumstances, might involve a review by a senior officer independent of the service, again within 15 working days. In the event the customer is still dissatisfied, they can submit a written complaint to the ombudsmen. |
| | Reference was made to Appendix 3 – Unreasonably Persistent or Vexatious Customer Policy. Section 4 of the Policy provides a definition of an unreasonably persistent or vexatious complainant. |
| | It was agreed that a copy of the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) which are produced quarterly and taken to SMT can be brought to future meetings for further discussion and for Members to see trends. |
| | RESOLVED that: |
| | The Committee approved the adoption of the 'Customer Complaints Policy' as was set out in Appendix 2 with immediate effect. The Committee approved the adoption of the 'Unreasonably Persistent and Vexatious Customer Policy' as was set out in Appendix 3 with immediate effect. |
| | 3. The Committee approved the recommendation that the Deputy Chief Executive will have the authority to make amendments to the Policies with the Chairman of the People Committee. |

| 23 | Community Safety Update |
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| | The Learning, Skills and Healthier Communities Manager provided a report to: |
| | Update Members regarding the response to recent community safety issues and provide information relating to a review of CCTV provision across the Borough. To also outline the updated 'Community Safety Partnership Action Plan' which provides operational direction to the existing 'Community Safety Partnership Strategic Plan (2017 – 2020). |
| | Attention was given to Appendix 1 which shows the 5 main priorities the updated action plan focuses on: Crime and antisocial behaviour; Predict, Prepare and Prevent; Supporting Vulnerability; Horizon Scanning and Community Focus. |
| | The effectiveness of the partnership arrangements in place as a result of the 'Community Safety Partnership' and the introduction of the neighbourhood support officers working alongside the tenancy management and antisocial behaviour officers has resulted in quick response times to recent high profile incidents. It is important to have early intervention to prevent safeguarding issues at a later stage. |
| | The Committee was advised that the current CCTV system throughout the town is in need of an update, the quality of images is poor and maintenance and upkeep amount to £8520 per year. A CCTV review will be carried out by the 'Community Safety Partnership' led by the Council and a business case will be brought to this Committee early in 2019. |
| | RESOLVED that: |
| | The Committee approved the proposed 'Community Safety Partnership Action Plan' as set out in Appendix 1. The Committee authorised the initial review of CCTV provision across the Borough which is to be carried out by members of the 'Community Safety Partnership'. |
| 24 | Annual Report on Equality and Diversity |
| | The Learning, Skills and Healthier Communities Manager provided a report to: |
| | Update the Committee on the progress made by the Council to embed 'Equality and Diversity' within service, policy development and delivery; work undertaken to meet our public sector equality duty as required by equality legislation and deliver services which are accessible and meet the needs of Melton's residents. |
| | Reference was made to 3.4 showing the 4 equality objectives for the period 2016-2020. |
| | Attention was drawn to 5.1 with a amendment to the opening line, the line should read: |

| | The Council has an annual budget of £4,000 to help with the associated resourcing for Equality and Diversity. Support is provided through an agreement with an Equality and Diversity specialist |
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| | Reference was made to 5.2 advising that the Single Equalities Scheme, Action Plan and set of Equality Objectives are reviewed every four years, the next one due 2020. |
| | RESOLVED that: |
| | 1. The Committee noted the progress made in meeting the Council's equalities duties and commitments as outlined in the report. |
| 25 | Locality Based Services – Utilisation of Community Centres |
| | The Learning, Skills and Healthier Communities Manager provided a report to: |
| | Inform the Committee on potential ways forward for usage of the three Community Centres that are located in three of the Council's four 'Priority Neighbourhoods', following the completion by Leicestershire County Council (LCC) of their 'Early Help Review'. |
| | Reference was made to 3.5 that the Neighbourhood Support Service has led to increased engagement with priority areas, however, if we could base our services from the community centres it will enhance the impact the service can have upon residents. 3.6 lists additional suggestions to further increase and enhance ongoing development of trailblazing developments that support our commitment. |
| | Reference was made to 5.1 highlighting the loss of £34k towards the running costs of the centre. It is expected that the Council can continue to operate as it is not anticipated that the shortfall will be in the next financial year as the effect is due to take place from April 2020. |
| | RESOLVED that: |
| | The Committee agreed to support the aim to reinvigorate The Cove, The Edge and Fairmead Community Centres by trialling initiatives from within existing resources. The Committee agreed what is learnt from the proposed trials will be |
| | used to inform the broader corporate asset review being led by the Director for Growth and Regeneration. |
| 26 | Sports and Physical Activity Strategy The Learning, Skills and Healthier Communities provided a report to: |
| | Seek approval for the 'Sports and Physical Activity Strategy' for the Melton borough, developed in line with national priorities and key stakeholder consultation, whilst reflecting the Council's 'Corporate Priorities' for local context. |

| | Reference was made to Appendix A which sets out the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy for the Borough, without a Strategy there is a risk that the Council might not be addressing the right issues or prioritising resources effectively. Appendix B , the government strategy recognises an active lifestyle leads to improved physical health and mental wellbeing. |
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| | Section 4 highlights how the adoption of the strategy will have a positive impact on the Council's key People priorities. |
| | Section 3.6, alongwith Appendix A highlights that physical activity varies through life stages but should be a natural part of everyday life. Section 3.8 lists some of the key issues faced in the Borough in regard to childhood excess weight, adult inactivity and an ageing population. |
| | Adoption of the Strategy will have a positive impact on all of the Council's key People priorities. By working holistically we will ensure we will get the best possible value from our scare resources. Our current funding has been reduced from £100K to £53k which currently will not put a strain on MBC budges, however, a strategy with identified purposes should maximise the opportunities for securing external funding to support initiatives or for opportunities for voluntary and community sector organisations to benefit such as through Lottery money by using the strategy as a basis for identifying areas of demand. |
| | RESOLVED that: |
| | The Committee approved the 'Physical Activity and Sport Strategy' as attached at Appendix A. The Committee approved a delegation to the Deputy Chief Executive to authorise minor, future amendments to the strategy based on identified developments, learning or trends. |
| 27 | Urgent Business |
| | There was no urgent business to discuss. |

The meeting closed at: 7.50 pm

Chair

Advice on Members' Interests

COUNCIL MEETINGS - COMMITTEE MINUTES : DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Interests need not be declared at Full Council in relation to Committee Minutes which do not become the subject of debate at Full Council (i.e. Minutes referred to solely on a page by page basis when working through the Minutes of each Committee.)

An interest must be declared at Full Council as soon as it becomes apparent that a relevant Committee Minute is to be debated – this applies even if an interest has been declared at Committee and is recorded in the Minutes of that Committee.

PERSONAL AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

If the issue being discussed affects you, your family or a close associate more than other people in the area, you have a personal and non-pecuniary interest. You also have a personal interest if the issue relates to an interest you must register under paragraph 9 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

You must state that you have a personal and non-pecuniary interest and the nature of your interest. You may stay, take part and vote in the meeting.

PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

If a member of the public, who knows all the relevant facts, would view your personal interest in the issue being discussed to be so great that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest and it affects your or the other person or bodies' financial position or relates to any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration then **you must state that you have a pecuniary interest, the nature of the interest and you must leave the room*.** You must not seek improperly to influence a decision on that matter unless you have previously obtained a dispensation from the Authority's Governance Committee.

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

If you are present at any meeting of the Council and you have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter to be considered or being considered at the meeting, if the interest is not already registered, you must disclose the interest to the meeting. You must not participate in the discussion or the vote and you must leave the room.

You may not attend a meeting or stay in the room as either an Observer Councillor or *Ward Councillor or as a member of the public if you have a pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest*.

BIAS

If you have been involved in an issue in such a manner or to such an extent that the public are likely to perceive you to be biased in your judgement of the public interest (bias) then you should not take part in the decision-making process; you should leave the room. You should state that your position in this matter prohibits you from taking part. You may request permission of the Chair to address the meeting prior to leaving the room. The Chair will need to assess whether you have a useful contribution to make or whether complying with this request would prejudice the proceedings. A personal, pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest will take precedence over bias.

In each case above, you should make your declaration at the beginning of the meeting or as soon as you are aware of the issue being discussed.*

*There are some exceptions – please refer to paragraphs 13(2) and 13(3) of the Code of Conduct

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Agenda Item 4

PEOPLE COMMITTEE

19 MARCH 2019

REPORT OF DIRECTOR FOR CORPORATE SERVICES

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 31 JANUARY 2019

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update the Committee on the progress of schemes within Capital Programme to 31 January 2019.

2.0.1 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 Members note the progress made on the capital schemes for 2018-19 and year-end forecast as attached at Appendix A.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 <u>Capital Programme Monitoring</u>

- 3.1.1 Under the Capital Programme Project Appraisal System, monitoring of actual capital expenditure against authorised expenditure is undertaken on a regular basis and reported to the Senior Leadership Team. Appendix A gives details of the spending against budget for all schemes within this Committee up to 31 January which is the latest available information at the agenda date.
- 3.1.2 The overall position for all capital schemes falling within this Committee is as set out below:

| Allocated Funding 2018/19 Budget | | Authorised Funding 2018/19 (Business Case Approved) | Actual Expenditure to 31 January | Year End Forecast | Year End Variance (-) Underspend |
|---|-------|--|--|----------------------|--|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| General | | | | | |
| Fund | 413 | 413 | 204 | 418 | 5 |

- 3.1.3 To date expenditure of £204k has been incurred from the Disabled Facilities Grant of £409k. The work is undertaken by the Lightbulb Team at Blaby District Council. It should be noted that any underspend will need to be paid back or permission from Government to carry this forward.
- 3.1.4 Warm Homes Grant expenditure is projected to be £9k against a budget of £4k. The additional spend will be funded by Disabled Facilities Grant and the capital programme for future years has been updated accordingly.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Policy and corporate implications in relation to the current capital programme were addressed in setting the current year's budget. Any policy and corporate implications for the proposed capital programme should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to these schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The financial and resource implications for the proposed capital programme have been addressed within section 3.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The general power under Article 3 of the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002 enables housing authorities to give discretionary assistance, in any form, (e.g. grant, loan, equity release) for adaptations. There is no restriction on the amount of assistance that a local authority may provide for housing adaptations; discretionary assistance may be given in addition to, or as an alternative to, mandatory DFG. For the proposed capital programme individual schemes could have links to legal issues. These should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to these schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 Individual schemes could have links to community safety issues. These should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to those schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 Individual schemes could have links to equalities issues. These should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to those schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 There will be risks associated with each of the individual projects and these should be considered as the schemes progress through the decision making process. There is also the risk that the Council is unable to fund all of the schemes in the Capital Programme and therefore public expectations may not be met.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 Individual schemes could have links to climate change issues. These should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to those schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 Consultation takes place between project managers and the Financial Accountant to determine the information to be included in Appendix A. In addition, the capital programmes reports are submitted to the Council's Programme Board. The extent to which consultation has been undertaken on individual schemes is set out in the associated project mandates.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 To varying degrees all wards are affected by capital schemes within this Committee

| Contact Officer: | Jaz Bassan |
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| Date: | 15 February 2019 |
| Appendix: | Appendix A - General Capital Programme Progress Report – January 2019 |
| Background Papers: | Oracle Financial Reports |
| | Budget Holder Comments on Performance |
| Reference: | X:\Cttee, Council & Sup Cter Product View Product April 2018.19\190319/DG- Capital Prog. Monitoring- Apr |
| | 18 to Jan 2019 |

PEOPLE COMMITTEE

APPENDIX A- GENERAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT JANUARY 2019

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 PROGRESS REPORT

| Project Ref | | Grant Funded | Business Case Approved | Budget for Year | Actual April 18 to Jan 19 | Forecast | Variance (-) = Underspend | |
|-------------|--|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|--|
| | | Y/N | Y/N | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | |
| 6410 | Disabled Facilities Grants (Private Sector Mandatory) | Y | Y | 409 | 204 | 409 | 0 | Since October 2017 The Lightbulb Team at Blaby District Council carry out the DFG process for all Leicestershire district councils. They are in the process of providing a position on expected spend to year end. It should be noted that any underspend will need to be paid back or permission from Govt to carry this forward |
| 6412 | Warm Homes Grants | Ν | Y | 4 | 0 | 9 | | Half of this budget is committed to date. It is expected that the budget will be spent by year end. An over spend is forecast which will be covered by the DFG grant. |

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TOTAL - GENERAL EXPENSES

413 204 418

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Agenda Item 5

PEOPLE COMMITTEE

19TH MARCH 2019

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR FOR CORPORATE SERVICES

BUDGET MONITORING APRIL TO DECEMBER 2018

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide information on actual expenditure and income incurred on this Committee's services compared to the latest approved budget for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st December 2018. Note this is based on the old CSA service structure as it has been previously agreed that the financial monitoring reports for 2018/19 will be reviewed on this basis. Moving forward the 2019/20 budget setting process has been based on the new People priorities.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the financial position and year end forecast outlined in Appendix A for each of the services to 31st December 2018 be noted.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 As part of the Council's budget monitoring procedures all budget holders are asked on a quarterly basis to provide details of service and financial performance. Copies of the budget holders' returns are available for further information.

Overall Position

- 3.2 A summary of income and expenditure for services is attached at Appendix A. This information has previously been circulated to Members as part of the Members' Newsletter.
- 3.3 A summary of the income and expenditure for services compared to the approved budget at December 2018 is as follows:

| | Approved | Apr to | Apr to Dec | Year to date | Year End | Year End |
|----------|-----------|---------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| | Budget @ | Dec 18 | 18 Net | Variance | Forecast | Variance |
| | Dec 2018 | Budget | Expen- | (Under)/Over | | (Under)/Over |
| | | _ | diture | spend | | spend |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| General | 1,643,040 | 799,139 | 673,317 | (125,822) | 1,594,127 | (48,913) |
| Expenses | | | | | | |

3.4 The current year to date variance is an underspend of £125,822 of controllable expenditure. The year-end forecast is an underspend against latest budget of £48,913 for general expenses.

Key Service Areas

3.5 The Key Service Areas report for those services within the remit of CSA previously is attached in Appendix B. This report is presented to the Strategic Leadership Team on a monthly basis and highlights the high risk budgets that were identified as part of the Council's budget protocols. These budgets are reviewed with budget holders monthly. Those budgets which are more complex in nature are supported by more detailed analysis of the service usage that drives the costs. The latest version is attached which is the period to the end of February 2019.

Budget Variance Exception Reporting +/- £10k

3.6 As part of the budget monitoring process, variances are being promptly and proactively managed, facilitating more detailed reporting. Details of the more significant year end forecast variations +/- £10k (as shown in Appendix A) are also set out below:

3.6.1 Overspends

Wheels to Work £24,730

The majority of the overspend relates the bad debt write offs £17k that will need to be undertaken as part of the scheme closure following the decision of the Place committee at its meeting on the 9th January 2019.

Community Service Grants £13,680

Melton have committed to provide funding to the Melton and District Money and Advice Centre (MADMAC) for the remainder of the year which was not budgeted for.

Public Conveniences

The Public Conveniences overspend is due to a delay in start on site which resulted in staff remaining in post where they were expected to terminate in 2017-18 and redundancy costs, totalling £67.4k.. As a result of the delay of savings of £15.3k were made for Premises Related costs which offset some of the overspend. Finally there is a projected shortfall in income of £5.4k due to the delay in opening.

3.6.2 <u>Underspends</u>

Rent Rebates - HRA £30,227

Based on December estimates to DWP the forecast has been reviewed and outturn is expected projected to be better than budget due to the improved projections around the overpayment recovery position.

Rent Allowances £101,348

Based on December estimates provide to DWP the forecast has been reviewed and outturn is expected to be better than budget. As above the overpayment recovery for the aged debt position has resulted in an improvement in net contribution.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Policy and corporate implications were addressed in setting the current year's budget. There are no further policy and corporate implications arising from this report.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 All financial and resource implications have been addresses within section 3.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 As the report is exclusively concerned with financial matters, there are no direct legal implications arising from the report. Any individual revenue projects could have links to legal and procurement issues and early advice should be sought. These implications should be covered in any associated reports and forms lined to these projects as they progress through the decision making process.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 Community safety issues were addresses in setting the current year's budget. There are no further community safety issues arising from this report.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 Equalities issues were addressed in setting the current year's budget. There are no further equalities issues arising from this report.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 The regularity of budget monitoring for each specific budget is based on the level of risk attributed to that budget. This is determined at the start of the

financial year and is reported to members as part of the Council Tax setting report.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no climate change issues arising from this report.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 Budget Holders and the Service Accountant discuss the financial performance of the service accounts at the budget monitoring meetings arranged with reference to the current budget monitoring protocols.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 All wards are affected.

| Contact Officer: Jasv | vinder Bassan |
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| Date: | 5 th March 2019 |
| Appendices: | Appendix A – Summary of Income & Expenditure |
| | Appendix B – Budget Monitoring – Key Services Areas |
| Background Papers: | Oracle Financial Reports |
| | Budget Holder comments on performance |
| Reference: | X:\committee\committee,council\ People Committee\2018-19\19032019 |

Appendix A

People Committee Summary of Income & Expenditure April To December 2018

| | | Original Budget | Approved Budget @ December 18 | April - December Budget | April - December Net Expenditure | Variance Underspend (-) | Year End Forecast | Year End Variance Underspend (-) | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| General Expens | es | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Public Convenie | nces | 36,150 | 36,150 | 29,882 | 92,748 | 62,866 | 93,383 | 57,233 | 8 |
| 2 Leisure Vision | | 31,500 | 30,160 | 4,865 | 15,230 | 10,365 | 31,960 | 1,800 | 8 |
| 3 Waterfield Leisu | ure Pools | -187,930 | -189,450 | -171,224 | -154,120 | 17,104 | -191,000 | -1,550 | 8 |
| 4 Open Spaces | | 43,400 | 43,400 | 36,022 | 27,596 | -8,426 | 43,450 | 50 | \otimes |
| 5 Rent Rebates - N | Non HRA | 520 | 520 | 1,740 | -1,908 | -3,648 | 2,920 | 2,400 | \otimes |
| 6 Rent Rebates - H | HRA | -55,110 | -55,110 | -41,333 | -133,998 | -92,665 | -85,337 | -30,227 | \odot |
| 7 Rent Allowance | S | -31,070 | -31,070 | -23,303 | -192,659 | -169,357 | -132,418 | -101,348 | \odot |
| 8 Registered Socia | al Landlords | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ٢ |
| 9 Private Sector H | lousing Renewal | 22,110 | 22,110 | 11,055 | 18,551 | 7,496 | 22,110 | 0 | ٢ |
| 10 Homelessness | | 135,120 | 150,620 | 111,305 | 125,926 | 14,621 | 150,620 | 0 | 8 |
| 11 Other Private H | ousing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ٢ |
| 12 Melton Lifeline | | -16,770 | -24,090 | -37,750 | -40,704 | -2,954 | -24,090 | 0 | \odot |
| 13 Other Housing S | Services | 0 | 3,000 | 2,250 | 0 | -2,250 | 3,000 | 0 | ٢ |
| 14 Customer Servio | ces | 801,110 | 820,550 | 621,725 | 561,248 | -60,477 | 818,100 | -2,450 | \odot |
| 15 Community Serv | vice Grants | 60,620 | 65,620 | 49,215 | 61,270 | 12,055 | 79,300 | 13,680 | 8 |
| 16 Community Safe | ety | 141,890 | 121,470 | 175,660 | 221,855 | 46,195 | 115,470 | -6,000 | \odot |
| 17 Welland Wheels | s to Work | -29,600 | 31,750 | 26,654 | 42,024 | 15,370 | 56,480 | 24,730 | 8 |
| 18 Council Tax Ben | efit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ٢ |
| 19 Strategic Sports | & Leisure Development | 2,250 | 26,100 | 2,375 | 30,258 | 27,883 | 18,870 | -7,230 | 8 |
| 20 Total Controllal | ole Costs | 954,190 | 1,051,730 | 799,139 | 673,317 | -125,822 | 1,002,817 | -48,913 | |
| 21 Total Uncontrol | llable Costs | 591,310 | 591,310 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 591,310 | 0 | |
| 22 Total - General | Expenses | 1,545,500 | 1,643,040 | 799,139 | 673,317 | -125,822 | 1,594,127 | -48,913 | |

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BUDGET MONITORING- KEY SERVICE AREAS 2018-19 1 APRIL 2018 - 28 FEBRUARY 2019

APPENDIX B

| | | Latest Approved Budget | Budget to Period 8 | Adjusted < Actual to Period 8 | <vari< th=""><th>ance></th><th>Projected Full Year Variance</th><th></th></vari<> | ance> | Projected Full Year Variance | |
|------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| | Service Area | £ | £ | £ | Adverse £ | Favourable £ | () = Favourable £ | |
| | General Expenses EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | |
| | Rent Rebates - Non HRA (Net) | 520 | 1,933 | (1,714) | - | 3,648 | (2,060) | © Improved projection due to overpayment recovery position. |
| | Rent Rebates-HRA Properties (Net) | (55,110) | (45,925) | (165,752) | - | 119,827 | (29,167) | Based on December estimates to DWP forecast has been reviewed and outturn is expected projected to be better than budget. As above overpayment recovery position to be reviewed. |
| | Rent Allowance Payments (Net) | (31,070) | (25,892) | (255,862) | - | 229,970 | (97,210) | Based on December estimates to DWP forecast has been reviewed and outturn is expected projected to be better than budget. As above overpayment recovery for aged debt position has resulted in an improvement in net contribution. |
| Page | Homelessness | 152,120 | 128,180 | 141,495 | 13,315 | - | 1,900 | Demand is continuing to remain high due to the changes in legislation. Agency costs are £7k more than budget due to long term sicknesses in the team in the first half of the year. The overspend will be offset by virements from areas with savings. |
| e 19 | Customer Services | 882,550 | 690,164 | 622,497 | - | 67,667 | 0 | Salary savings due to vacant posts (including Customer Experience Manager), secondments, salary sacrifice for additional holiday pay and maternity leave. Additional DWP inding confirmed in relation to UC against that expected and other DWP grants received. Work is underway to identify where additional DWP New Burdens income will be used and if not committed will be reserved at y/e. |
| | Wheels to Work | 31,750 | 28,353 | 33,749 | 5,396 | - | 21,000 | Adverse position due to additional redundancy costs which has been partly offset from monies from sales of equipment. Supplementary Estimates of £74k have already been approved and processed. Finally £17k for bad debts has been included. |
| | Total Expenditure | | | | 18,711 | 421,112 | (105,536) | |

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Agenda Item 6

PEOPLE COMMITTEE

19 MARCH 2019

REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BOTTESFORD YOUTH CLUB PETITION

1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider the Bottesford Youth Club (BYC) petition received initially at Full Council on 13th February which has been referred to this committee in accordance with Procedure Rule 24.
- 1.2 To update members on progress to date in relation to the Youth Club funding.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That a further report is given in six months with an update on discussions.

2.2 That members note the outcome of the Safer Melton Partnership meeting held on 8th March 2019 in relation to funding for Bottesford Youth Club.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 On 13th February 2019 at Full Council, the Mayor was presented with a petition from Bottesford Youth Club to request the Council continue funding the Youth Worker post. (Attached as Appendix A).
- 3.2 The petition contained 362 signatures and raised the following matters to be addressed:
 - The Youth Worker plays an integral role in contributing to the success of the only Youth Club in the village;
 - Removal of funding for the Youth Worker post risks closure of the Youth Club and consequential adverse impact of closure which includes:
 - A significant amount of anti-social-behaviour in the villages will return;
 - The Young People of Bottesford and Vale of Belvoir villages will be at an increased risk of being involved in "County Lines" drug dealing/taking and other serious organised crime;
 - That the young people in the villages will not have a safe and fun environment to meet up, play, and talk about any issues affecting them.
 - The petition also contained examples of how the club addresses a range of issues faced by young people and testimonials from volunteers and parents.
- 3.3 Melton Borough Council (MBC) has funded a Youth Worker post in Bottesford since 2007. Youth services are typically a County Council responsibility and the Borough does not provide funding to any other youth provision in the area. In times of financial challenge, key stakeholders must work with the Council to find alternative funding streams and self sustaining options such as greater engagement with the Melton Community Lottery.

- 3.4 MBC has funded this provision in Bottesford since 2007 the cost has usually been covered by external monies received for most of the intervening period. For the last two years this has not happened and the whole cost has fallen on the Council, hence a review was initiated as part of the Budget for 2019/20.
- 3.5 As a result of this review, a proposal was put forward to members at Full Council to withdraw the support given to the Youth Club, consequently putting the post of the Youth Worker at risk of redundancy.
- 3.6 MBC have been keen to engage with both the Youth Club and the Parish Council to explore alternative sources of funding and how we could support with this. Whilst communication lines had been open in this respect, BYC started a petition to highlight the impact of potential closure on the youths and community of Bottesford.
- 3.7 The petition was presented to the Mayor at Full Council on 13th February 2019 with 362 signatures. Whilst the number of signatories was below the level which required a more formal Council response the feelings and sentiment expressed of the importance to the local community were shared and recognised by the Council and therefore referred to the next meeting of the People Committee, in line with the procedure rule.
- 3.8 There was a discussion regarding the Youth Club as part of the budget setting item at the Full Council meeting on 13th February 2019. As part of that discussion there was agreement that funding would be provided for one more year, with the preference being for that money to be found through the Safer Melton Partnership. A meeting of that partnership is scheduled for Friday 8th March 2019 when this will be considered and the outcome will be reported verbally to this committee.
- 3.9 The offer of support from MBC to explore how this could be achieved remains as we look to enter into dialogue with both the Parish Council and BYC around their long term funding options.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This links with our organisational priority of becoming a more agile and commercial council, securing our financial future. Furthermore, it is in line with our objectives for the Melton Community Lottery to enable community groups to become self sustaining with reduced dependency on traditional local government grant funding.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 BYC have just 2 supporters registered on their Melton Community Lottery page. However, 362 supporters signed the petition. If just 250 of those supporters signed up to just one weekly ticket each, it would generate revenue in excess of what is required to fund the Youth Worker.
- 5.2 A decision was taken during the revenue budget setting item at Full Council on 13th February 2019 to fund the Youth Club provision for one more year, preferably through external community safety funding but if not then from the corporate priorities reserve; thus ensuring the council delivers both the required ongoing savings, whilst providing sufficient time for the youth club to make alternative longer term funding arrangements.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 None identified.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 It is important to note that the value of the service is undisputed across all stakeholders. This includes the police who are of the view that this is a valuable service which contributes to lower levels of ASB in Bottesford.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment was completed at the time of the proposal to withdraw the funding support. However, this was not done on the basis of whether the Youth Club should continue but on the Council's proposal not to fund the post. A full risk impact could not be done due to a lack of available information on the club's finances which would have given an indication of whether they could continue to fund the post.

9.0 **RISKS**

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|-------------|---|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| K E | В | High | | | | |
| L I H | C | Significant | | | | |
| 0 0 D | D | Low | | | | |
| U | E | Very Low | | | 1,2 | |
| | F | Almost Impossible | | | | |
| | | | Negligible 1 | Marginal 2 | Critical 3 | Catastrophic 4 |
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IMPACT

| Risk | Risk Description |
|------|---|
| No | |
| 1 | BYC unable to source funding for 2020/21 |
| 2 | BYC unable to retain Youth Worker post if funding cannot be sourced |
| 3 | |

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 No issues relating to climate change.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 Consultation has taken place with the Youth Worker whose role was directly affected by the proposals. Wider consultation continues to take place with BYC and the Parish Council with an early meeting scheduled to discuss non Melton Borough Council funding from 2020/21 onwards.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 Bottesford Ward particularly as well as other wards across the Vale of Belvoir.

| Contact Officer | Aysha Rahman |
|--------------------|--|
| Date: | 19 March, 2019 |
| Appendices : | Appendix A – Petition - Bottesford Youth Club |
| Background Papers: | |
| Reference : | X:\Cttee, Council & Sub Cttees\People Committee\2018-19\5 190319 |

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Bottesford Youth Club

Recipient: Melton Borough Councillors

Letter: Greetings,

We really need your help to ensure that Melton Borough Council continues to fund a Youth Worker for 10 hours a week to guarantee that our local Youth Club can stay open after February 2019. Bottesford is a village in the Vale of Belvoir and forms part of the Borough of Melton in Leicestershire. Bottesford Youth Club is the ONLY youth provision for young people in this area. Melton Borough Council created this funded role in 2007 to (successfully) address the significant amount of anti-social behaviour coming from local young people - specifically the increase in vandalism, graffiti, criminal damage such as damage to cars, arson and antisocial behaviour in the village.

We were informed on Tuesday 11th December 2018 that the funding for the Youth Worker role is likely be stopped by Melton Borough Council and that you, the Melton Borough Councillors, will be voting on this issue in February 2019.

Without this Youth Worker role we are also specifically concerned about the following issues;

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These are issues that will affect Young People in villages across the Vale within the Borough of Melton - specifically we have Young People who attend from Bottesford, Redmile, Stathern, Woolsthorpe, Muston, Harby, Eaton, Branston and Barkestone. The BYC Committee and Parents/Carers/Supporters really really need your help to vote to continue to fund this role. More about the club

We have a thriving youth club run by an experienced and trained Youth Worker covering Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. The club attracts up to 30-40 Young People per evening - & provides a service to an average of 80 Young People every week aged 11 to 17 years old.

The job description for Youth Worker specifically states "..Targeting young people at risk of exclusion from school and/or in trouble with the police. Meeting parents to offer advice and support as well as guiding and supporting young people in their personal, social and educational development to help them reach their full potential in society."

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"As a volunteer and also now Chair of the YC I have seen first hand how important the club is in this rural location - the Club is full of a diverse bunch of kids - from the 10 year olds on a Friday night racing round on the drift bikes to the 15 year olds on a Tuesday talking to our Youth Worker about being excluded that day from school and other issues they really don't want to share with teachers or parents - and that for me is what the Youth Club is all about". Peter, Chair BYC and Parent, Muston

"My son attends youth club every week. He is autistic and is socially isolated at school. My son has found it impossible to engage positively in any other club finding them often to competitive or exclusive. Youth club staff and volunteers make a real effort provide a supportive environment enabling him to participate alongside his peers. Youth club is the only social activity he engages in as they welcome children to participate at their level and offer a broad range of activities - truly something for everyone. ." Deborah, Vale of Belvoir Parent.

PLEASE DO VOTE TO KEEP THIS FUNDING IN PLACE! Thank you very much for your help and support BYC Committee and supporters (Bottesford Youth Club registered charity number 511198)

Comments

| Name | Location | Date | Comment |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------|--|
| Carla Fox | UK | 2018-12-23 | This is so valuable to the kids in our village. My son goes and absolutely loves it. Dave Bishop plays a massive part not only in the youth club but the village in general to lose him would be devastating and the kids would be heartbroken if they couldn't go to youth club anymore. |
| Annette Lofthouse | Grantham, England, UK | 2018-12-23 | My grandson Olly loves going here & im sure lots of other children do too give the children somewhere safe to go where they can socialise with kids of the same age group |
| Gwyneth baker | Nottingham, England, UK | 2018-12-23 | My son is Autistic and attended the club from the age of 10 when in it's infancy, through inclusive activities he was able to engage with his peers and develop communication and socialisation skills. At 17 he was awarded the Young Citizen Award from Melton Borough Council for his help as a volunteer at the club. This achievement would not have been possible without the complete support and understanding from all the staff and the opportunities BYC have offered him over the years. |
| Lynne Bradshaw | UK | 2018-12-23 | Because I used it as a teenager, it needs to stay as nothing else to do! |
| Louise Hamer | Nottingham, UK | 2018-12-23 | I'm signing because this is an awesome facility for kids in the village and beyond. |
| Philippa Tinkler | London, UK | 2018-12-23 | The youngsters need somewhere to go that is suitable for their agegroup. It provides a place to socialise thst is supervised, somewhere where they have an adult to talk to about problems if necessary thus helping to keep them safe and more able to resist temptations such as drugs and alcohol |
| Nicola Carman | Nottingham, England, UK | 2018-12-23 | A youth worker is essential in Bottesford as this village is expanding. |
| Emma Burton | Bottesford, England, UK | 2018-12-23 | the youth club is an essential resource for the youngsters of Bottesford and the surrounding villages |
| Ian Kitchener | Bottesford, England, UK | 2018-12-23 | The youth club is a necessity if the village is to grow as Melton insists it must. Our local Councillors should support the club. |
| Emma Hathaway | Grantham, England, UK | 2018-12-23 | My son has loved coming to this safe, fun environment. I feel confident as a parent leaving him with a capable and experienced team. Do not think it's just inner city kids need such resources. Rural kids do too!! |
| Andrew Christou | Nottingham, UK | 2018-12-23 | Andrew christou |

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| Lyndsay Warburte | on Grantham, England, UK | 2018-12-23 | My kids love coming here we need a safe place for them to hang out with there friends we need to keep this ! |
| STEVE RYAN | MILTON KEYNE: England, UK | 5, 2018-12-23 | The kids need their club |
| Hannah Culpin | Nottingham, UK | 2018-12-23 | My son attends this youth club, and loves every minute he is there, it is a great place for all young children to go, have some freedom and interact with other children from the surrounding villages. It is a great place that should be kept, to help the younger generation and provide them with a safe environment to be in, instead of going around the streets and finding trouble because they are bored. This youth club should remain open |
| Jo Norris | Bottesford, Notts, England, UK | 2018-12-23 | I think the youth club is an extremely valuable asset to the village, it offers a place for the local kids to enjoy. The people who run it along with all the volunteers work so hard for the kids it would be a massive shame to lose it |
| Rachel Hall | Normanton, England, UK | 2018-12-23 | My kids benefited massively from this provision, a truly great environment for so many of our young people with fantastic staff |
| Luci Ryan | Bottesford, England, UK | 2018-12-23 | As a rural village miles from where our borough council is located we don't benefit from lots of services they provide. Bottesford is earmarked for considerable expansion yet the Council think they don't have to provide additional services. The kids can walk to youth club, expensive and infrequent public transport means they cannot access youth services elsewhere. |
| Helena Rymaszewska | Nottingham, England, UK | 2018-12-23 | The youth club provides a much needed service for the youth of Bottesford and surrounding areas. It would be a great shame for that provision to lose its funding. |
| Felicity Kitching | Sedgebrook, England, UK | 2018-12-23 | Young people in the village really need this facility. |
| colleen marilyn Saggers | Bottesford, England, UK | 2018-12-23 | Bottesford youths need this club and it's been proven to help youngsters in many ways , better to prevent trouble than it's repercussions |
| Andrew Thompson | Bottesford, England, UK | 2018-12-23 | It is essential for not only Bottesford kids, but also throughout the Vale. If they lost this, it doesn't bear thinking about. Melton must be able to find the funding for this? They are allowing the population of Bottesford to grow, so they MUST provide services for the young people in our community! |
| Dawn O'Grady | Geantham, England, UK | 2018-12-23 | It is a much needed facility for the areas youth |
| Vicky Greenhough | Stoke Ferry, England, UK | 2018-12-24 | Loosing the youth club would be detrimental to so many, the children and the volunteers. Where will the children go if |

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| Name | Location | Date | Comment |
|-------------------|--|------------|---|
| | | | this facility is revoked? It works and so many benefit from it so why replace what isn't broken?! |
| Lisa Riley | Preston, UK | 2018-12-24 | My son attends this club. He enjoys meeting other teenagers his age in a safe and fun environment. It keeps him entertained and off the Xbox, social and building positive relationships in the community. |
| Rachael Ashworth | Bottesford, England, UK | 2018-12-24 | This is a vital service for the local community. |
| Angela .oore | Screveton, England, UK | 2018-12-24 | I believe that its important to support the young people of today to be the best they can in the ever changing world of tomorrow. The youth club does that! |
| Hugh Spencer | Bottesford, England, UK | 2018-12-24 | Since the development of the youth club the amount of ASB in Bottesford has fallen considerably. Our police support presence has been cut to ribbons with one officer only to cover 39 villages of the Melton Rural North beat, this only accentuates the need of structured activities for young impressionable youngsters. |
| Christian Venning | Barking, England, UK | 2018-12-24 | Our friend's daughter goes to this club. It's important for young people to have a place like this to go to, it would be awful to see it go. |
| Alan Dillon | Nottingham, England, UK | 2018-12-24 | This is a vital element of village life for our younger people. |
| Chris heckford | Nottingham, England, UK | 2018-12-24 | The youth of today need all the support they can get! |
| Lisa Sharp | Bottesford, England, UK | 2018-12-24 | I think this is important for the children of bottesford |
| JUNE LEEKE | Bottesford, England, UK | 2018-12-24 | This is all there is in the way of organised activities in our large village. Closure could lead to an increase in vandalism by bored teenagers which will cost more in the long run to put right. |
| Steve Ryan | Milton Keynes, UK | 2018-12-24 | Great safe place for the kids to hang out. |
| Britta Bayman | Normanton, Bottesford, England, UK | 2018-12-25 | It is such a valuable and well trusted activity for our kids - both in the parish and in the wider community. It is well run and Dan not be allowed to fail. |
| Dave West | Bingham, England, UK | 2018-12-25 | My son travels from Bingham to attend Bottesford youth club and has now made many good friends in the village. I would be happy to help support this organisation as Bingham has no youth club |
| Rowena Harrop | Grantham, England, UK | 2018-12-26 | There are not enough provisions for young people and it will cost the council much more money to scrub off graffiti and replace broken benches etc when the youngsters have nothing constructive to do. |

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| Name | Location | Date | Comment |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------|---|
| linda blake | Hyde, England, UK | 2018-12-26 | We need to occupy our teenagers instead of leaving them to roam the streets. There should be more facilities not less. |
| Aaron Hodgson | Ruskington, England, UK | 2018-12-26 | It's inportant that young people have a place to go, have fun and be safe! |
| Frances Stapleton | Bottesford, England, UK | 2018-12-26 | Bottesford Youth Club is an integral and important part of the village and the Vale of Belvoir giving the young people the opportunity to continue to improve their social and life skills. Develop their physical and mental skills through leadership, fellowship friendship. To lose it would be catastrophic to the community. |
| Susan Claricoats | Bottesford, England, UK | 2018-12-27 | This is needed as it keeps the kids off the streets and they are doing things to keep them occupied. Very worthwhile service |
| Michelle Mabbitt | Bottesford, England, UK | 2018-12-27 | It is a valued organisation to help keep kids safe and off the streets. |
| Janet Denny | Barkestone, England, UK | 2018-12-27 | Without the Youth Club there is very little for children within the vale to do. The bus service is poor, having already been cut and this is a service to the whole community within the vale. |
| Vicky Ross | Whatton, England, UK | 2018-12-29 | My kids absolutely love it there. There is no where else for them to go. |
| Claire Starbuck | Ingoldisthorpe, England, UK | 2018-12-29 | This is a vital community requirement for young people in a rural environment. Please continue the funding. |
| Claire Starbuck | Ingoldisthorpe, England, UK | 2018-12-29 | This is an essential community requirement for our young folk in a rural environment. |
| Gerry Short | Mumbai, India | 2018-12-29 | Youth clubs help build communities by providing a place for young people to socially interact in a safe environment |
| Tristan Cotton | London, England, UK | 2018-12-29 | It's the right thing to do |
| Sharon Colegate | Crich, England, UK | 2018-12-29 | Youth groups are important for the whole community |
| Simon Hargrave | Gaddesby, England, UK | 2018-12-30 | Youth work provides an environment in which all young people can mix, play, socialise and learn together. It can be a particular support for young people who are not thriving in mainstream education. One of the main problems facing young people in rural communities is the lack of things to do. I fully support the desire to keep Bottesford Youth Club going and its youth worker in place. We should have more of these in the Borough's villages not less |
| Lascelles Heslop | muston, England, UK | 2018-12-30 | There is a phrase/ saying that Prevention is better than cure that said to give young people a good grounding of what it is to be a redponsible member of their community and society for me is Very important work that the Youth |

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| | | | Club Brings and Keeping the Youth Club open is a small priceless Human Interaction is very important for society and community |
| Sam Salden | Granby, England, UK | 2018-12-31 | I think this is a hugely positive support for the community of Bottesford. |
| John Bentley | Grantham, England, UK | 2018-12-31 | It's such an important hub for the village |
| Barbara Pugh | Cropwell Bishop, Notts, England, UK | 2018-12-31 | I have a grandson in Bottesford and this will affect him. |
| Kevin Murphy | Bunny, England, UK | 2019-01-01 | Finding cuts hurt people. Youth is the future. |
| Andy Moss | Nottingham, UK | 2019-01-02 | Youth clubs should be kept open not closed down |
| Dom Evans | Carshalton, UK | 2019-01-02 | It sounds an excellent cause |
| Kate Bowles | Nottingham, England, UK | 2019-01-03 | It's important for the village to have a successful youth club. |
| Jenny broddell | Bottesford, England, UK | 2019-01-03 | It is such an important facility for the kids to have in the village. |
| Bev Tring-Urbanski | Kimberley, England, UK | 2019-01-03 | Where do the kids go if these clubs are shut down? I know, they hang around the streets getting up to no good. Keep the clubs open! |
| Bernard Carey | Nottingham, England, UK | 2019-01-08 | This is an important Rural Asset and Melton Borough Council have in recent times shown a poor level of support for this village which is at the edge of their area, yet they wish to dramatically increase the housing provision. |
| Corbyn George | UK | 2019-01-08 | We desperately need this youth club and it's leader Dave Bishop to carry on in Bottesford |
| Louise Brown | Nottingham, England, UK | 2019-01-08 | This is a fantastic club ran by very dedicated and committed individuals. Should absolutely be supported to address the needs of young people living in a rural environment |
| Julianne Christou | Nottingham, UK | 2019-01-21 | It's a great place for young people to meet each other have fun and experience new things. Good luck! |

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Signatures

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|-------------------|--|------------|
| Peter Booth | GranthM, England, UK | 2018-12-20 |
| Carla Fox | UK | 2018-12-23 |
| Andy McDonald | Bottesford, England, UK | 2018-12-23 |
| Amanda Johnson | Leicester, England, UK | 2018-12-23 |
| Heather lockett | Nottingham, UK | 2018-12-23 |
| Stephen Johnson | Barkestone, England, UK | 2018-12-23 |
| Deborah Jallands | Nottinghamshire, England, UK | 2018-12-23 |
| Suzanne Taylor | Nottingham, UK | 2018-12-23 |
| Tracey Marrs | Nottingham, England, UK | 2018-12-23 |
| Louise McDonald | Grantham, England, UK | 2018-12-23 |
| Naomi Clint | Grantham, UK | 2018-12-23 |
| Clare Barker | Nottingham, England, UK | 2018-12-23 |
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| Julia Thomas | Melton Mowbray, England, UK | 2018-12-29 |
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| Katherine Caldwell | Wirral, UK | 2019-01-19 |
| Jason Douglas | Derby, England, UK | 2019-01-19 |
| James Darkin | Market Deeping, UK | 2019-01-20 |
| Sam Darkin | Grantham, England, UK | 2019-01-20 |
| Julianne Christou | Nottingham, UK | 2019-01-21 |

Agenda Item 7

PEOPLE COMMITTEE

19 MARCH 2019

REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY GRANTS REVIEW

1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce the concept of adopting a new policy for considering community grants in future years.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Members to approve an initial consultation on future Community Grants Policy to take place in May/June 2019.
- 2.2 Members to note to a further report will be brought back to members in the new Council year to consider the results of the consultation and any proposed changes to the existing Policy.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The Community Grants funding budget has been allocated for the 2019/20 financial year. Elected Members have been involved in the decision making process regarding the allocation of grants as the Council continues to face ongoing budget pressures. The 2019/20 Community Grant funding allocation is set at £43,000 with no current plans to change this for 2020/21.
- 3.2 The decision making process used by the Council during the recent funding review has highlighted the lack of clear demonstrable linkage to the Council's Corporate Plan and key priorities.
- 3.3 To ensure Melton Borough Council (MBC) receives maximum social value for its residents, it is felt that a new approach is required for how this money is to be spent in the future. A review of how this is achieved is long overdue.
- 3.4 The Council's corporate people priorities are currently based around:
 - 1. Helping people fulfil their potential and achieve their ambitions;
 - 2. Working with our partners to address vulnerability and tackle the root causes of social problems;
 - 3. Building safe, happy and healthy communities;
 - 4. Focussing on our priority neighbourhoods, supporting people to overcome disadvantage and live well independently.

- 3.5 An outline of the principles that will shape the consultation questions are as follows:
 - Inform stakeholders what the current process and value of community grants budget is and the rationale for change Agree/Disagree;
 - Inform stakeholders of the corporate priorities and evidence-based social value principles that will shape the proposed criteria for the bidding process – Agree/Disagree;
 - Invite opinions on allocating/reviewing grants on an annual basis or the option to commit to longer term arrangement – up to 3 years - and the rationale for the preferred choice (subject always to budget availability);
 - Invite opinions on the proposal to link applications for funding to fundraising activity including engagement with the Melton Community Lottery;
 - Invite opinions on the potential to add value to the funding, such as through achievement of external match funding, partnership activity or additional volunteer hours;
 - Inform rationale for providing evidence of financial accounts along with a breakdown of how the funding will be spent Agree disagree.

This list is not exhaustive.

- 3.6 The outcome of the consultation will inform the process used which in turn will allow officers to make informed decisions when looking at future grants allocations.
- 3.7 It is not envisaged that grants will be automatically renewed each year as they have been previously. However, we do recognise that organisations may need to look for some certainty in their funding over the medium term and we will look to develop our thinking around this as part of the consultation process. We will also want to explore how we can best maximise the value of this £43k budget, such as for example attracting additional volunteer capacity or attracting external match funded cash investment.
- 3.8 When the consultation has completed we will bring a report back with firm recommendations which will include an implementation timetable that will provide clear information regarding any new process.
- 3.9 As well as consultation with voluntary and community sector organisations we will also seek views of other key partners interested in these outcomes.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This proposal is linked to the Council's Corporate Priorities and specifically to its People priority around working with our Partners to address vulnerability and tackle the root causes of social problems, building safe, happy and healthy communities.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Recognising the pressures of diminishing resources, it is vital that the Council gets maximum value from the money that is available to support the voluntary and community sector.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from the contents of this report but it is envisaged that legal support will be required in the creation of a new policy.

7.0 **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

7.1 A robust process of allocating grants against the Council's priorities can only serve to reap benefits across all areas including community safety.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 An equality impact assessment will need to be completed when drawing up the policy but again, it is envisaged a fair and transparent process will ensure the Council gives due regard to equalities considerations as part of the process and is consistent in its approach

9.0 **RISKS**

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| K E | В | High | | | | |
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| 0 0 D | D | Low | | 1 | | |
| | E | Very Low | | | | |
| | F | Almost Impossible | | | | |
| | | | Negligible 1 | Marginal 2 | Critical 3 | Catastrophic 4 |
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IMPACT

| Risk No | Risk Description |
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| 1 | Community Groups eligible for funding may lack the expertise to put forward a strong bid. |
| 2 | Public and media backlash as a result of funding being withdrawn from longstanding and existing groups |

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 No issues relating to climate change.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 This is just a consultation exercise at this point in time.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 All Wards affected

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| Date: | 19 March, 2019 |
| Appendices : | None |
| Background Papers: | Any documents that inform the report must be listed Any document listed must be available should a member of the public ask to see it |
| Reference : | X:\Cttee, Council & Sub Cttees\People Committee\2018-19\5 190319 |

Agenda Item 8

PEOPLE COMMITTEE

19 MARCH 2019

REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To update members regarding the future relationship between Melton Borough Council and the Melton branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau in light of the recent reduction to the annual MBC contribution through the Community Grants Budget

2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That members note the current position regarding the Melton Citizens Advice Bureau.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Melton Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) operated from the MBC Parkside office for 3 days per week, utilising between 18 and 20 volunteers to support residents with advice and guidance on a range of issues, including employment advice, homelessness and housing advice and money management.
- 3.2 The CAB also operates a money advice service which is funded centrally through Leicestershire County Council, yet provides specific money advice on a referral basis to residents in the Melton Borough.
- 3.3 Members have recently authorised a £17k reduction in CAB funding for the 2019/20 financial year, taking the annual contribution from £44k to £27k.
- 3.4 Subsequent discussions with the CAB have covered aspects of service delivery, in the context of the £17k reduction in funding. Although we are yet to receive any formal notification or model of how the service will operate from 1 April 2019, discussions have covered the following issues:
 - A reduction in the overall desk space available to the CAB at Parkside
 - A subsequent reduction in the overall CAB offer in Melton
 - Potential use of Children's Centres and Community Centres through the delivery of a more 'outreach' based offer
- 3.5 The Council acknowledges that with any reduction in the service offered by the CAB comes a reduction in the rental income derived from their presence in Parkside.
- 3.6 To allow the CAB additional time to formulate and present their alternative delivery plans, the Council has agreed to sustain the current payment levels for Q1 2019/20. The CAB has been offered support from officers to formulate a mutually beneficial service, including the long term retention of the 20 CAB volunteers and sustainment of the valued advice provided by the Melton CAB.

3.7 The CAB has committed to presenting officers with a future plan by the end of April 2019.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The attached policies link into the following Corporate Priority:
 - Helping people fulfil their potential and achieve their ambitions.
 - Work with our partners to address vulnerability and tackle the root causes of social problems, building safe, happy and healthy communities.
 - Focussing on our priority neighbourhoods, support people to overcome disadvantage and live well independently

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The financial implications of the proposed changes to Melton CAB service provision are outlined in the report

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the report but it is envisaged that legal support will be required to deal with ongoing provisions in relation to leases/licences.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 No implications are expected

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 An equalities Impact Assessment has been completed for the initial removal of the £17k funding from the CAB. An updated EIA will be provided when the full impact of the proposal has been determined through the receipt of a future plans document from the CAB.

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IMPACT

| Risk No | Risk Description |
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| 1 | Negative media coverage as a result of the proposed changes |
| 2 | Impact upon local residents should the CAB reduce their presence at Parkside |
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10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 None

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 No consultation with the public has been undertaken as a result of the proposed changes, however consultation with the CAB continues.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 All wards affected.

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| Date: | 7 March 2019 |
| Appendices : | None |
| Background Papers: | None |
| Reference : | X : Committees\? |