



Scrutiny Committee

18th June 2019

Report of:

Director for People and
Communities

FUTURE OPTIONS FOR CITIZENS ADVICE LEICESTERSHIRE

1.0 Corporate Priority:

- 1.1 Working 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.

2.0 Summary:

- 2.1. This report provides an update for the Scrutiny Committee regarding two options from Citizens Advice Leicestershire (CAL) (formally Citizens Advice Bureau) as to how they would operate within the grant allocated by the Council. The update is provided prior to a decision being made by the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Access and Engagement on whether any of the options represent a satisfactory use of the grant funding in terms of value for money to enable implementation by 1st July 2019 and if so which option.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 **That the Committee receive an update on the options proposed by Citizens Advice Leicestershire prior to a decision being made by the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Access and Engagement**

4.0 Reason for Recommendation:

- 4.1 It is important for the Scrutiny Committee to be updated on high profile matters that may have a significant impact on the Borough and the Council achieving its Corporate Priorities.

5.0 Alternate Options Considered

- 5.1 Not applicable as no decision is being made by Scrutiny Committee.

6.0	Report Detail
6.1	As part of the budget setting process the Council approved a reduction in grant to the Citizens Advice Bureau now known as Citizens Advice Leicestershire (CAL) of £17k per annum; the total reducing from £44k to £27k.
6.2	CAL have identified two different options as to how they would operate within the grant allocated by the Council.
6.3	On 5 th June 2019, Cabinet granted the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Access and Engagement delegated authority to determine whether either of the options proposed by Citizens Advice Leicestershire or any alternative options emerging from the ongoing discussion represent a satisfactory use of the grant funding in terms of value for money to enable implementation by 1 st July 2019 and if so which option..
6.4	At the time of writing the report, the options were not available but will be presented verbally to the Committee at the meeting.

7.0	Consultation and Feedback (including Scrutiny Committee)
7.1	No consultation is required to provide an update to the Scrutiny Committee. The item has been entered onto the Forward Plan as it is a Key Decision.

8.0	Next Steps
8.1	Prior to 28 th June, the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Access and Engagement shall exercise her delegated authority as detailed above.

9.0	Financial Implications
9.1	There are no financial implications for Scrutiny to receive an update.

10.0	Legal and Governance Implications:
10.1	Scrutiny Committee are able to receive updates in accordance with their Functions and Procedure Rules.

11.0	Equality and Safeguarding Implications:
11.1	There are no implications.

12.0	Community Safety Implications:
12.1	N/A

13.0	Other Implications
13.1	None

14.0 Risk & Mitigation:

14.1 There are no risks in Scrutiny Committee receiving an update.
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Background Papers:

None.

Appendices

Appendix One – Cabinet Report dated 5 th June 2019

Report Timeline:

Director Approval : 8th June 2019

Monitoring Officer Sign Off: 10th June 2019

Exempt Reports

Not applicable

Date of Review to make public

Not applicable as public document

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