

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE	5 SEPTEMBER 2017	5
BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE CVS SUPPORT			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Council of Voluntary Services (CVS) is funded through the Countywide Infrastructure Support Programme (CISP) as part of the LCC Central Gateway Grants. This funding has been confirmed for a further 18 months subject to an 'in kind' contribution from the Local Authority. This contribution is not a monetary request but is a commitment from the Council to host a 'hot desk' one day a week for the use of the CVS Co-ordinator to an estimated notional value of £1,500.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee are recommended to approve:

An 'in kind' contribution to support the continued work of the CVS, estimated at a notional value of approximately £1,500.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	✓
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	✓
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	✓
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	

REPORT

- Central Government Grants offer an opportunity for organisations to apply for strategic funding to enable the people of Lancashire to live a healthy life, live in a decent home in a good environment and have employment that provides an income that allows full participation in society.
- During the last round of CCG funding, Lancashire County Council made provision for a Countywide Infrastructure Support Program (CISP) to be developed by the fund.

3. The objective of the CISP is to ensure that high quality support is available across the county in terms of third sector development and volunteering opportunities.
4. The Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Council of Voluntary Services is a registered charity working with groups and organisations in the Voluntary, Community and Faith sector helping to ensure that the Fylde Coast has thriving, strong communities providing opportunities to build capacity and enhance effectiveness of the sector. It is an infrastructure body supporting organisations helping people in need.
5. The BFWCVS has been granted funding through the CISP for a period of 18 months.
6. This funding has been confirmed subject to a notional 'in kind' contribution from the Local Authority. This contribution is not a monetary request but is a commitment by the Council to host a 'hot desk' for one day each week for the use of the CVS Co-ordinator to the estimated value of £1,500.
7. Simon Lawton, the CVS Co-ordinator, will interact with representatives of Fylde charities and community-based non-profit organisations to offer free of charge advice on issues including governance, fundraising and bid-writing, planning, marketing and monitoring.
8. Simon will supply his own laptop and would need access to a desk and printing facilities for the equivalent of one day per week which could be broken down into several hours across a few days a week or a split morning/afternoon to accommodate Fylde's existing obligations.
9. The Customer Services Manager has confirmed there is capacity to allow use of one of the reception interview rooms on a Monday morning and Friday afternoon each week.
10. Fylde Council recognises and values the contribution to public services and wellbeing which is made by third sector organisations. We are also very much aware that in recent years, different economic circumstances have drastically altered the playing field in terms of how organisations are funded with the result that only well organised third sector groups can thrive and provide a valuable contribution to the local community.
11. Providing this 'in kind' support will allow the CVS to continue work in support of third sector organisations delivering help to those in need across Fylde.
12. Further information is available from Simon Lawton, CVS Co-Ordinator (Fylde Coast): simon.lawton@cvsbwf.org.uk; 07528726554.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	None arising directly from this report
Legal	None arising directly from this report
Community Safety	None arising directly from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising directly from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising directly from this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising directly from this report

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
N/A	N/A	N/A