

DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Subject	SLA for the Community Associations/Community Partnerships 2025-26
Officer Requesting Decision	Communities Projects Officer
Officer Making the Decision	Chief Officer – Communities and Homes
Authority for Decision	<p>Cabinet on 2 December 2024, item 64.</p> <p>Cabinet approved the recommendations of the report of the Chief Officer – Communities and Homes concerning proposals for the Council's continued funding of the local voluntary and community sector for 2025/26.</p>
Recommendation	<p><i>Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 12) concerning proposals for the Council's continued funding of the local voluntary and community sector for 2025/26.</i></p> <p>RESOLVED THAT – IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -</p> <p><i>(1) the £84,250 grant funding of the community associations, community partnerships and Foodbank, as detailed in table 1.0, be considered as part of budget setting for 2025/26;</i></p> <p><i>(2) each of the community associations and community partnerships be allocated £1,000 to administer, in consultation with local Ward Members, as micro grants (£300 or less) to small grassroots organisations developing initiatives within their ward. Any unspent allocation will be repayable to the council at the end of the 2025/26 financial year;</i></p>
Alternatives considered and rejected	<p>Not to have the SLAs would reduce support to communities living in the areas with issues of multiple deprivation.</p> <p>Discussions with the community associations identified that the SLA funding provides a much valued income - it enables them to cover the cost of the already existing, long-term and regular services as well overhead expenses of their organisation. Obtaining support for these costs</p>

	<p>from other sources is often difficult, as many funders tend to support new initiatives and attach stricter conditions, making it challenging to ensure long-term stability.</p> <p>This financial support is a means of the Council enabling the community associations and community partnerships to tackle issues within their communities, with an emphasis on issues that impact on the key determinants of health such as being in work, accessing services and combatting loneliness.</p>
Decision	To award the SLA's for 2025-26 for the Community Associations / Community Partnerships
Reason	To create SLAs that allow the council to award funding to support the communities and provide activities which recognise the council's corporate strategy 2025-2035.
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Background Papers	N/A
Decision record kept until	
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