

**Thursday, 14 April 2022**

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## **AGENDA**

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## Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Time: 2:00pm – 5:25pm

Venue: New Shire Hall, Alconbury Weald

Present: Councillors Tom Sanderson (Chair), Hilary Cox Condron (Vice-Chair), Steve Count, Claire Daunton, Douglas Dew, Jan French, Ian Gardener, Bryony Goodliffe, Mark Goldsack, John Gowing, Ros Hathorn, Simon King, Lucy Nethsingha, Philippa Slatter, and Susan van de Ven

### 44. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillors Henry Batchelor (substituted by Councillor Susan van de Ven), Ken Billington (substituted by Councillor Mark Goldsack), Adela Costello (substituted by Councillor John Gowing), Steve Criswell (substituted by Councillor Simon King), Dan Schumann (substituted by Councillor Ian Gardener), Keith Prentice (substituted by Councillor Steve Count), and Firouz Thompson (substituted by Councillor Claire Daunton).

There were no declarations of interest.

### 45. Minutes – 2 December 2021 and Action Log

While discussing the second paragraph of item 41 on the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021, it was observed that the Council had not committed to a further round of funding for the Communities Capital Fund (CCF), although it was clarified that at the time of that Committee meeting, it had still been under consideration. Some Members expressed concern about the transparency of this decision, with the Committee only receiving a briefing shortly before the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022. It was observed that previous reports on the forthcoming budget had mentioned approximately £900k of the original CCF's £5m budget that remained unspent although it had been allocated, rather than any new funding, and Members were reminded that applications could be submitted for capital projects to the Council's Just Transition Fund. It was requested that the Committee be provided with a briefing note on the criteria for the Just Transition Fund and how to apply, as well as further explanation of the reasoning behind not continuing with the CCF in 2022/23, and for consideration to be given to providing the Committee with a report on how successful the CCF had been. **Action required**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

The Committee's minutes action log was noted.

## 46. Petitions and Public Questions

The Chair informed the Committee that no petitions or public questions had been received.

## 47. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Coroner Service Mortuary Facilities

The Committee received a report related to the approval of contracts for the provision of mortuary facilities to the coroner service in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Two separate contracts were required with the North West Anglia NHS Trust (NWAFT) and Cambridge University Hospital (CUH), as neither were able to provide complete coverage for the whole County. The proposed contract with NWAFT would run from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, with section 2.4 of the report detailing the causes for the retrospective nature of the contract's approval. The proposed contract with CUH would run from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, and the Assistant Director for Regulatory Services suggested to Members that the responsibility for awarding this contract could be delegated to the Interim Service Director for Communities and Partnerships, rather than the Executive Director for People and Communities.

While discussing the report, Members:

- Noted that section 2.3 of the report stated that the costs of the contract were in line with what other local authorities would pay, which appeared to differ from previous information that Members had received about the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough coroner service generally having a higher workload than other areas. Acknowledging that the service continued to carry out a higher number of inquests, mainly due to the specialised nature of the area's hospitals, as well as the high number of prisons located within the County, the Assistant Director clarified that the costs were not more expensive on a case-by-case basis, although he confirmed that the overall size of the proposed contracts were larger than other areas.
- Expressed concern that the report did not include any evidence to support the statement that the costs of the contract were in line with other local authorities. The Assistant Director noted that there were no alternative providers in the area.
- Sought clarification on how the standard NHS contract with NWAFT had been developed into one that was more advantageous to the Council, as mentioned in section 2.4.4 of the report. The Assistant Director clarified that although local authorities and NHS trusts had their own standard formats for contracts, the content of the contracts had scope for variation. The significant impacts of the pandemic on the length and cost of coronial examinations and investigations, for example, had demonstrated the potential for escalation in the contracts, and these had been taken into consideration to avoid escalations in fees in the future.
- Expressed concern that approval of the contract with NWAFT was being sought almost four years after the contract had commenced, and sought confirmation that the entire amount of the contract had been included in the Council's budget. Noting that the coroner service had only been in the remit of the Communities and Partnership Committee, and subsequently the Communities, Social Mobility and

Inclusion Committee, since 2019, the Assistant Director acknowledged the concerns and informed the Committee that work had already commenced on preparations for the contract with NWAFT that would commence in April 2023, in order to avoid a repeat of the situation. He also confirmed that the contractual values had been included in the Council's budget, and that while there had not been any uplift in the contracts' values over recent years when an inflationary factor was applied, the robust budgetary planning process in place would also avoid any future shortfalls.

- Confirmed that although there had been a period of disagreement between the Council and NWAFT, during which time payment had not been made for the provision of the service, both parties were now in agreement.
- Established that the contract with CUH would run until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, and agreed to delegate the responsibility for awarding the contract to the Interim Service Director for Communities and Partnerships, rather than the Executive Director for People and Communities.

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Approve the contract between Cambridgeshire County Council (the Commissioner on behalf of HM Coroner) and North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust (the Provider) which covers the provision of mortuary facilities during the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2023; and
- b) Delegate responsibility for awarding the contract between Cambridgeshire County Council (the Commissioner on behalf of HM Coroner) and Cambridge University Hospital (Addenbrookes Hospital) which covers the provision of mortuary facilities from 1st April 2022 to the Interim Service Director for Communities and Partnerships, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee.

#### 48. Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation

The Committee received a report on the commissioning of services for victims of domestic abuse, including refuge accommodation, a domestic abuse mobile outreach service, and dispersed safe accommodation. These services were three elements of the Council's Safe Accommodation Strategy that was approved by the Committee in July 2021. The Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Partnership Manager informed the Committee that a waiver to notify the proposed provider of refuge accommodation of intent to award had been granted, following the completion of a procurement process that concluded with only one compliant bid for each lot of the tender, and to ensure the continued provision of the service once the current contract ended.

While discussing the report, Members:

- Sought clarification on how a consistent mobile outreach offer across the County would align with the Council's Think Communities approach which focussed on local needs. Acknowledging that there were differences in how the service would need to

be provided and accessed across the County, the DASV Partnership Manager informed the Committee that, in order to shape the service appropriately, victims and survivors of domestic abuse had been consulted on how they felt the service should be provided. She also noted that the tender process allowed for small providers to work together under one lead provider, in order to ensure consistency across the County, and that the chosen provider would work with local services to offer the widest range of support as possible.

- Established that the funding received from the Government to support the Council fulfilling its statutory duty to provide safe accommodation had only been confirmed as ongoing, rather than under a specific timeframe. Noting that the service was accustomed to such uncertainty over future funding, the DASV Partnership Manager informed Members that break clauses would be included in the contracts where necessary.
- Observed that refuge accommodation was largely intended for people fleeing from situations outside of the County, and sought clarification on whether there were reciprocal arrangements for the provision of safe accommodation for Cambridgeshire residents in neighbouring areas. The DASV Partnership Manager confirmed that most Cambridgeshire residents would use services outside the area.
- Established that all the services, apart from refuge accommodation, were available to members of any sex and were not gender dependent. While acknowledging the importance of ensuring safe spaces for women, it was noted that Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) worked with all victims, regardless of their gender. The DSVA informed Members that the Council had recently recruited its first IDVA for specifically working with males.
- Confirmed that staff in the Library service had received training to support victims of domestic abuse and that posters were displayed in the libraries around the County to provide information on available support. Noting that the Council's website provided information on available support and links to other agencies' websites, the DASV Partnership Manager informed Members there were over 300 domestic abuse champions around the County, and that the national helpline was able to signpost any callers to the local services. She undertook to supply posters to any library in the County that lacked such material. **Action required**
- Requested a briefing note providing further information on how the mobile outreach service would operate. Noting that details of the operation of the service would be established by the selected provider, the DVSA Partnership Manager informed Members that it would include telephone, virtual and in-person support through collaboration with local providers, and she undertook to provide Members with a briefing note, as well as a template email that Members could send in response to residents' queries about available support. **Action required**
- Expressed concern that a waiver had been required as part of the procurement process.
- Clarified that the £1,140,318 funding received from the Government could be ringfenced by the Council, despite it being provided as a non-ringfenced grant.



The following additional recommendation was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Count and agreed unanimously:

- d) Request that the Strategy and Resources Committee ringfences the money identified in Section 1.2 of the report.

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Approve the contract for the provision of refuge accommodation, as set out in section 2.1 of the report;
- b) Approve the procurement exercise for a domestic abuse outreach service and delegate responsibility for awarding the contract to the Executive Director: People and Communities, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee; and
- c) Approve the procurement exercise for dispersed safe accommodation and delegate responsibility for awarding the contract to the Executive Director: People and Communities, in consultation with the Chair of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee.
- d) Request that the Strategy and Resources Committee ringfences the money identified in Section 1.2 of the report.

#### 49. CUSPE Policy Challenges Research – How Can We Best Align Partners and Community Assets to Ensure Whole Communities Can Access Opportunities to Enhance Social Mobility?

The Committee received a report from the Cambridge University Science and Policy Exchange (CUSPE), which suggested ways in which the Council could best align its partners and community assets to ensure whole communities could access opportunities to enhance social mobility. Having established a definition of social mobility, the researchers identified an increase in social, cultural and economic capital as being the underlying requirement for enhancing one's class position. Initially they had considered a digital platform to support this objective, however the response from interviews carried out during their research had been sceptical of such a solution. Several priorities emerged during the process, including awareness of opportunities, relationship building and volunteer management, which were largely centred around improving communication between different organisations. Attention was drawn to the six recommendations that were concluded from the research, as set out in section 7 of Appendix 1 of the report:

- (1) Enrich the Cambridgeshire County Council website's current online directory;
- (2) Create a database of ready-to-go volunteers;
- (3) Provide opportunities for mediation for community groups and share evidence of the positive impact of collaboration;

- (4) Invest in community hubs with affordable premises for hire;
- (5) Consult with community groups on the utility of a digital platform enabling networking between groups close in function and/or proximity; and
- (6) Model information flow and reach.

While discussing the CUSPE research and the researchers' recommendations, Members:

- Welcomed the research carried out by the CUSPE research team and the report that had been produced, noting the value in receiving external analysis and perspectives of how the Council worked.
- Queried whether the researchers were aware of any other local authorities having created a database of ready-to-go volunteers, as suggested in their second recommendation. While such databases had been created elsewhere, the researchers acknowledged that those examples had been of a less diverse nature than the proposed database, and therefore further investigation and work would be required. It was noted that the Trumpington Youth Partnership was developing a similar database, specific to its needs, which would also include a database of ready-to-go community assets.
- Drew attention to the Do IT national database for volunteers and its benefits for connecting the voluntary and community sector together. Noting that they had investigated various national databases and how they were managed, the researchers highlighted the burden of managing the databases, as well as the varying quality of volunteers on the databases, as significant issues. The proposed database would be an improvement by including a pool of volunteers that had already gone through any necessary processes of vetting or training on a local basis. It was suggested that although the Council would not necessarily need to manage such a database, it could support the development and implementation due to its central role in the community.
- Suggested that a centralised management of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) would be a welcome benefit of a database of ready-to-go volunteers, and queried how such a system would be able to deal with the different needs of agencies, such as short-term shift cover and long-term job requirements.
- Expressed concern that some people would be unable to benefit from a digital solution due to digital poverty, although it was acknowledged that the researchers had emphasised the importance of ensuring that a hybrid approach offered the opportunity for a physical alternative to those were unable to access a digital platform.
- Acknowledged the Council's important role as a partner that could link different agencies together.

- Highlighted libraries as community hubs that provided digital access to their local areas.
- Argued that the most effective way to put the findings of the research into practice was through the Council's decentralisation agenda, as it focussed on the needs of residents on a local basis.
- Expressed concern that recommendation (c) appeared to effectively delegate to officers the decision on which of the CUSPE recommendations should be taken forward, rather than involving the Committee in such a decision. It was agreed that a further report would be presented to the Committee once officers had considered the recommendations that had emerged from the CUSPE research. **Action required**

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note and comment on the research undertaken by CUSPE aligning partners and community assets to ensure whole communities can access opportunities to enhance social mobility;
- b) Consider the recommendations made by CUSPE, as set out in Section 7 of the CUSPE report; and
- c) Task officers to consider which of the CUSPE recommendations, if supported by the Committee, can and should be driven forward and delivered, either by the Council or in collaboration with its partners.

## 50. Decentralisation

The Committee received a report detailing the overarching purpose, principles and outcomes of the Council's decentralisation agenda. Emphasising that the report focussed on the underlying intended outcomes in order to establish a platform to work from, rather than identifying the actual mechanisms for achieving them, the Service Director for Communities and Partnerships highlighted the importance of maintaining and building on the relationships that had developed significantly with partner local authorities and organisations over recent years. In recognition of the need for decentralisation to be embraced across the whole Council, it was proposed that the Strategy and Resources Committee also participate in the development of the agenda, by considering the implications and opportunities that decentralisation would bring across the Council's work, and how it connected with other strategic priorities.

While discussing the report, Members:

- Expressed frustration that the report did not provide further detail on the mechanisms for achieving decentralisation or how the Council would work with district, city and parish councils, and suggested that a further report be presented to the Committee to consider such matters. Acknowledging that the report focused on the theoretical principles underlying decentralisation, the Service Director informed Members that a round of formal discussions had been held with district and city

councils, along with more operational discussions, although he acknowledged that Members of those councils also needed to be involved.

- Emphasised the need to involve parish councils more in the development of the decentralisation process.
- Argued that decentralisation was effectively already underway through the Think Communities approach, while initiatives such as the Innovate and Cultivate Fund, Food Poverty Alliance, and projects within the Library service, were expanding local networks, as well as social and cultural links.
- Acknowledged the complexity of decentralisation and the need for all the Council's committees and services to be unified in their approach, and it was noted that the new Chief Executive supported the agenda.
- Observed that the Covid-19 pandemic had brought local authorities, as well as community and voluntary organisations, closer to communities, but argued that it had also developed a greater resilience within communities themselves to support each other. Their empowerment and provision of tools, including financial resources, was a fundamental aspect of decentralisation.
- Expressed concern about the Strategy and Resources Committee becoming involved in decentralisation before more concrete proposals on mechanisms and a clearer strategy had been developed, and argued that it was within the remit of the Communities, Social Mobility Committee to undertake such work. The Service Director observed that it had currently only been discussed by the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee, and given the need for agreement and support from other Committees and directorates, it was important to widen the conversation to include more Members and officers.
- Considered whether the Committee should support the strengthening of local communities by requesting at least a further £5m to be allocated to the CCF. Noting that the Committee had already made such a request at its meeting in July 2021, some Members argued that such a matter should have been considered as part of the budget-setting process and discussion at the Strategy and Resources Committee and Full Council meetings in January and February 2022.

Councillor Count proposed an amendment to the recommendations which was rejected by the Chair as it was not submitted within the time requirements set out in the Constitution.

It was resolved by a majority using the Chair's casting vote to:

- a) Agree that the overall purpose of decentralisation is to improve Council decision making, and thereby outcomes for Cambridgeshire residents, by giving residents more opportunities to influence decisions that affect them;
- b) Agree that the work of officers across the Council being more embedded in local communities is one of the main ways for decentralisation to fulfil that overall purpose;

- c) Comment on the overall approach to aligning County Council services to local communities, as set out in this report; and
- d) Agree that Strategy and Resources Committee should next consider the implications and opportunities decentralisation will bring across the Council's work, and how it connects with other strategic priorities.

## 51. Anti-Poverty and Social Mobility

The Chair welcomed the new Interim Service Director for Communities and Partnerships, who presented a report to the Committee setting out how a range of practical actions being undertaken to address inequality and the consequences of poverty could be enhanced to tackle the embedded issues of social immobility as the root causes of such poverty and inequality. Attention was drawn to Figure 1 in the report, which demonstrated that while much of the Committee's work was focussed on anti-poverty, it was necessary to consider this as part of the broader social mobility agenda. Noting that this would be done through Community Wealth Building, the Interim Service Director emphasised that such work would cut across committee boundaries and organisational delivery structures, and would therefore require coordinated action, with a roadmap for this action set out in section 2.5 of the report.

The report also provided an update on the work of the Household Support Fund (HSF), and it was noted that the anticipated fluctuations and variations of expenditure made it difficult to manage the balance between overspending and underspending the available resources, with restrictions implemented in February to ensure the support could continue until the end of March 2022. The Council had approved an allocation of £1m for an HSF wider scheme, alongside an investment of £3.6m to fund the direct award voucher scheme throughout 2022/23, in the event that government funding was discontinued, and Members were informed that work had commenced with partners to establish what such support could look like, as indicated in section 2.16.12 of the report. The Interim Service Director highlighted concerns that had been raised during this work that the HSF currently worked only as a means for alleviating crisis rather than tackling root causes.

While discussing the report, Members:

- Expressed concern about the potential impacts that the ongoing conflict in Ukraine could have on fuel poverty and other areas. Acknowledging that impacts were already becoming evident, the Interim Service Director noted that the increase of the energy price cap on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 was also likely to have negative impacts, and informed Members that residents would be supported by linking them with providers so that they were aware of possible services and approaches that were available, although he acknowledged that simply signposting people was not necessarily the most helpful way to support people in crisis.
- Considered whether it was appropriate for the Strategy and Resources Committee to work with the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee on

developing a social mobility and community wealth building strategy, given that the responsibility lay with the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee.

- Acknowledged that the Council had allocated an additional £1m for the HSF, but expressed concern that there would not be sufficient financial resources to provide the level of support that was currently being considered, and it was suggested that the Strategy and Resources Committee could be requested to provide additional funding. Some Members also expressed concern about the recommendation to delegate approval of the final design of the new Household Support Fund wider scheme to officers, rather than the Committee making such an approval.
- Highlighted the important role that volunteers could play in providing support in areas of expertise that were beyond the capabilities of the Council.
- Expressed concern that there may not be sufficient funding available for the Council to continue to provide support to the end of March 2022, noting that the strain on resources could potentially be exacerbated if refugees arrived from the conflict in Ukraine. It was noted that the funding to the end of March 2022 was received from the Government and Members highlighted that the high demand reflected the need for such support. The Interim Service Director also acknowledged that the deadline to implement the new scheme by 1<sup>st</sup> April was also challenging, although he confirmed that the Council would be prepared to deal with a delay if necessary, with some elements of the new approach not needing to be in place immediately.
- Paid tribute to officers for managing the HSF under tight time constraints.
- Observed that the Council had learned of some residents needing support through HSF that had not previously been known for requiring such support, and queried how long this data could be held for, and whether the Council could proactively offer further perpendicular support. The Interim Service Director informed Members that due to the scheme being set up under tight time constraints, data retention measures had not been taken into consideration, and so the Council was unable to approach individuals with further offers of support from itself or partners due to strict regulations. However, as part of the ongoing evaluation and consultation with receivers of support, consent would be sought for this, and he confirmed that the new scheme would incorporate such measures. It was noted that such new relationships were built on trust and Members welcomed that the Council had been able to provide support to a wider range of residents.

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note and comment on the key themes discussed in the report;
- b) Endorse the proposals to take forward a whole Council approach to social mobility, anti-poverty, and Community Wealth Building;
- c) Recommend to Strategy and Resources Committee a joint workstream to take forward the roadmap described in Section 2.5 of this report to take forward social mobility and community wealth building as organisational priorities, with this approach supported and mirrored by officers;

- d) Comment on the options set out in section 2.6.12 of this report, to amend the way the current Household Support Fund wider scheme operates, and to identify further ways of achieving maximum value for money and impact; and
- e) Delegate the approval of the final design of the new Household Support Fund wider scheme to the Service Director for Communities and Partnerships, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee, in order that the scheme can launch from April 2022.

## 52. Finance Monitoring Report – January 2022

The Committee received the Finance Monitoring Report for People and Communities, as well as Public Health, covering the period to the end of January 2022. The Communities and Partnerships directorate continued to have a forecast overspend, although this had reduced to £428k since the previous meeting. Noting that the main causes of the overspend were reduced levels of income through the Library service and additional costs for the Coroners service, both as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Service Director for Communities and Partnerships informed Members that the 2022/2023 budget had accounted accordingly for these issues in order to remove the pressure on the directorate.

While discussing the report, Members requested a briefing note on how the two recorded overspends were being addressed. **Action required**

It was resolved unanimously to:

Review and comment on the report.

## 53. Communities Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Agenda Plan

Members paid tribute to the work led by the Service Director of Communities and Partnerships and thanked him for the support he had provided to the Communities and Partnership Committee, as well as the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee since they had been formed.

The Committee agreed to appoint Councillor Costello to the Cross Part Working Group for Library Services, and for the Spokes to consider nominations for the two new focus groups being set up for the Registration service. **Action required**

Confirming that the next meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April would include an additional item on the Council's response to the situation in Ukraine, and would be followed by a Committee workshop on performance management, the Committee noted its agenda plan.

Chair  
14<sup>th</sup> April 2022





## Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Minutes Action Log

This is the updated action log as at 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021, and it captures the actions arising from recent Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee meetings and updates Members on the progress in complying with delivery of the necessary actions.

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held on 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2021					
Minute number	Item title	Responsible officer(s)	Action	Comments	Status
9.	Innovate and Cultivate Fund – Process Updates	M Oliver	Organise a training workshop on the ICF and other funds with which the Committee is involved.	The outcome of the review was delayed and will be presented to the Committee on 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2022. Once the Committee has agreed the proposals of the review, we will set a date for Member training around the new fund criteria.	Action Ongoing
Minutes of Committee Meeting Held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2021					
37.	Cambridgeshire Registration Service Annual Report	P Gell	Arrange a focus group involving officers and external stakeholders to help improve the Registration Service.	Committee representation at workshops to be confirmed at July Committee. Nominations have been received. The intention is that the first meetings will take place in the new financial year	Action Ongoing
38.	Cambridgeshire Libraries Service Review	G Porter	Establish whether the Council could apply for the 'Library of Sanctuary' award.	No further update. The Library Service is continuing to work to support application for 'Libraries of Sanctuary' status and is being very proactive in supporting the council's response to the Ukrainian Refugees.	Action Ongoing

## Minutes of Committee Meeting Held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

45.	Minutes – 2 December 2021 and Action Log	P Fox	Provide a briefing note on the criteria for the Just Transition Fund and how to apply, as well as further explanation of the reasoning behind not continuing with the Communities Capital Fund in 2022/23.	Awaiting update	Action Ongoing
48.	Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation	V Crompton	Supply posters detailing available support for victims of domestic abuse to any library in the County that lacked such material.	Completed.	Completed
			Provide Members with a briefing note that includes further information on how the mobile outreach service would operate, and also provide a template email that Members could send in response to residents' queries about available support.	Completed.	Completed
49.	CUSPE Policy Challenges Research – How Can We Best Align Partners and Community Assets to Ensure Whole	M Oliver	Present a further report to the Committee once officers have considered the recommendations that emerged from the CUSPE research.	Officers are working through the recommendations in conjunction with the design of Household Support Fund and Social Mobility work and report will be scheduled in alongside further updates in those areas.	Action Ongoing

	Communities Can Access Opportunities to Enhance Social Mobility?				
52.	Finance Monitoring Report – January 2022	P Fox	Provide Members with a briefing note on how the library service and coroner service overspends were being addressed.	<p>In 2021/2 the Service continued to deal with the impact of the lost income due to Covid. Primary source of income is room hire which was rendered unviable due to restrictions on room occupancy. To mitigate the service sought new income streams e.g., £50k from Public Health to operate libraries as flow test distribution centres and vacancy control to reduce expenditure.</p> <p>In 2022/23 the service has a renewed focus on income generation and positioning itself to be a service which can be commissioned. We have a appointed Red Quadrant to work up an income generation plan/new approaches April – June 2022.</p>	Action Ongoing
53.	Communities Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Agenda Plan	P Fox	Spokes to consider nominations for the two new focus groups being set up for the Registration service	Nominations for the Registration Service Ceremonies Focus Group and Registration Service Functions Focus Group were considered by Spokes through email notification.	Action Ongoing



## Household Support Fund

To:	Communities, Social Mobility, and Inclusion
Meeting Date:	14 April 2022
From:	Paul Fox, Service Director Communities and Partnerships
Electoral division(s):	All
Key decision:	Yes
Forward Plan ref:	2022/026
Outcome:	That the delivery of Household Support Fund for the financial year 2022/23 adopts the overall approaches previously set out to the Committee in November 2021 and March 2022
Recommendations:	<p>The Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee is recommended to:</p> <p>a) Adopt, within the scope of any guidance issued, the approach to delivering the Household Fund in 2022/23 (as set out to Committee on March 2022 and informed by extensive co-production with partners) for the enhanced financial envelope now likely to be available to the scheme.</p> <p>b) Delegate to the Interim Director of Communities and Partnerships, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, additional decisions (including procurement decisions) in relation to the fund. This is in order that they may be made at pace following the late government announcement of the intention to resource Household Support Funds in 2022/23.</p> <p>c) Bring an update on the delivery of the scheme to the next meeting of the Committee.</p>

d) Delegate the consideration of matters relating to and impacting on the delivery of a direct voucher scheme to the Director of Education and the Children & Young Person Committee.

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## 1. Background

- 1.1 In October 2021, the government announced a Household Support Fund to run from 6 October 2021 to 31 March 2022. The Fund was intended to support those most in need over the winter months, primarily with food and fuel costs.
- 1.2 The indicative funding allocation for Cambridgeshire was £3,581,424.
- 1.3 The Children and Young People Committee approved a Direct Voucher Scheme for eligible families over the October half-term, Christmas school holiday, and February half-term periods on 19 October 2021. The funding allocation for the Direct Voucher Scheme approved by Committee was £1,124,266. On 11 November 2021, the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee agreed a process for delivering a Household Support Fund with the remaining balance of £2,457,158.
- 1.4 A report to the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee on 10 March 2022 provided members with an update on delivery of the scheme. This included the number of applications processed and supported. It also detailed changes that had been made to the scheme to align resources with the variable demand (and therefore expenditure) the scheme experienced throughout its course.
- 1.5 The Full Council meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 approved an allocation of £1m for a new Household Support Fund (HSF) wider scheme for 2022/23, alongside an investment of £3.6m to fund the direct award voucher scheme.
- 1.6 On 10 March 2022, the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee agreed to delegate approval of the final design of the new Household Support Fund for 2022/23 wider scheme to the Service Director for Communities and Partnerships, in consultation with the Chair of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee.

## 2. Main Issues

- 2.1 On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, the Chancellor made his Spring Statement. His speech included the statement *'I am doubling the Household Support Fund to £1bn with £500m of new funding. Local Authorities are best placed to help those in need in their local areas and they will receive this funding from April.'*
- 2.2 Based on the Chancellor's statement, the resource available to support a Cambridgeshire HSF for 2022/23 appears to be set to increase.
- 2.3 At the time of writing, no government guidance was issued for the HSF 22/23 and no confirmation was received on the indicative allocation to Cambridgeshire.

- 2.4 Since the drafting of the 10 March 2022 report to the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee, significant co-production work has been undertaken to design what was assumed to be a £1m HSF for 22/23. The remainder of this report updates the Committee on that process and sets out the rationale for adopting the approach developed so far to deliver a HSF that may be enhanced as a result of the Chancellor's recent announcement.
- 2.5 The Household Support Fund 21/22 provided emergency financial support to thousands of people in need. The limitations placed on the fund by the government meant that while the Council were able to distribute significant financial support to those who requested it, such support was short-term in nature. Such financial payments in themselves do little to address the underlying problems that the household is experiencing, or that have caused their need for support. The HSF which operated across the country in 2021/22 has therefore been categorised and criticised as a 'sticking plaster' approach.
- 2.6 The local funding set out in paragraph 1.5 is free of such restrictions. This enables the Council to consider a blended system that allows a crisis response as well as working to prevent more households reaching that crisis state. In particular, the intention is that the future offer will provide a much greater focus on financial sustainability and income maximisation. The aim of this is to provide a longer-term boost to household incomes and ensure that households who are struggling are better able to support themselves. It is also intended that this will be part of a wider support offer, linking families and households and helping them to navigate the existing support mechanisms they may not previously have been aware of.
- 2.7 An extensive co-production exercise is underway to help us design such a system and has already been through iterations of testing and development through discussions with various stakeholders. This exercise includes:
- Individual conversations with trusted partners that helped us deliver the 21/22 HSF,
  - A survey sent to all that received support from the scheme,
  - Follow up conversations with a sample of respondents to understand more about their experience,
  - Design sessions with district council partners and the Community Resilience Group (invitation list of approximately fifty organisations which includes district councils, public services and the voluntary and community sector).
- 2.8 The general agreement from all partners to date is that the approach set out in paragraph 2.6 is the correct one to deliver the most sustained and sustainable support to those who need it most.
- 2.9 For the reasons set out in paragraph 2.3, the total amount available to support the approaches set out above in 22/23 is unknown at the time of writing. However, it is logical that we should look to align available funding with the approaches set out above. In doing



so we will continue to apply the following principles to the design and delivery of the HSF for 22/23:

- Co-production of our offer and processes and the core of the HSF,
- Easy to understand and access,
- Minimised bureaucracy and administrative spend,
- Building upon on existing support networks and joining up local services, rather than duplicating them,
- Supporting those in need to navigate the complex systems of support available, not simply 'handing them off' or 'signposting them',
- Sharing learning and intelligence with our partners to help target our offers,
- Collaborating with partners across the public and voluntary sectors.

- 2.10 It is possible that the timely delivery of the scheme for 22/23 will require expenditure or procurement that will not be able to be agreed at a Committee meeting. It is therefore recommended that the existing agreement (to delegate the final design of the HSF scheme 22/23 to the Interim Director of Communities and Partnerships, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair), be extended to encompass the scheme as enhanced by any new government resource.
- 2.11 This work is complementary to the locally funded direct voucher scheme for 22/23 which has indicative funding as set out in paragraph 1.5. Any matters arising from new government allocation of HSF funding for 22/23 will be considered by the Director of Education and the Children & Young Person Committee.

### 3. Alignment with corporate priorities

#### 3.1 Communities at the heart of everything we do

The Cambridgeshire Household Support Fund will work closely with district councils and a wide range of trusted partners at a community level, enabling a localised approach to be taken to support a household in need where appropriate.

#### 3.2 A good quality of life for everyone

The Cambridgeshire Household Support Fund is designed to meet the urgent and immediate needs of households over the winter months. However, our scheme will also sit alongside broader support arrangements available via the countywide coordination hub, our district council partners, and a wide range of other service providers. Supporting Households out of crisis and onto a path of longer-term recovery will help to build capacity, resilience and self-reliance.

### 3.3 Helping our children learn, develop and live life to the full

At least 50% of the Fund is designed to support families with children. Alongside the direct voucher scheme, we will be identifying families in need and encouraging them to apply to the Fund.

### 3.4 Cambridgeshire: a well-connected, safe, clean, green environment

Helping households in immediate and urgent need will enable them to begin a pathway to longer term recovery. Our ability to connect supported people with other services, including digital skills training or our climate change work, will ensure we retain a longer-term focus on those households achieving sustainability.

### 3.5 Protecting and caring for those who need us

The Fund will provide immediate relief for households in crisis, and our scheme, which will sit alongside a broader range of opportunities to provide support, coupled with our ability to identify households in need that may not yet be known to us, will ensure we focus our support on those most in need.

## 4. Significant Implications

### 4.1 Resource Implications

The report above sets out details of significant implications.

### 4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

Any procurement activity undertaken will follow the Council's CPRs and the Procurement Team will be engaged to support. Procurement and contract procedure rules will need to be followed when commissioning the new services described in the report. The Fund will be managed through the local authority and staff employed through Cambridgeshire County Council

### 4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

The Council is likely to be required to provide management information to Department for Work and Pensions as a condition of the funding.

### 4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

It will be important that the Fund is made widely available to all households who may be in immediate or urgent need.

#### 4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

Communicating this Fund countywide, as well as engaging with district councils, parish and town councils and other trusted partners, will be essential if we are to ensure help reaches those people most in need.

#### 4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

Local Members will play a vital role in helping to promote the scheme, identify households who may need to apply to the scheme, and to support those households with their applications. At both county and district levels they provide a significant opportunity to ensure our Fund targets those in greatest need.

#### 4.7 Public Health Implications

The Household Support Fund is a potential source of support for community members experiencing hardship, however many of the challenges affecting the health and wellbeing of community members are structural and require a wider approach. The Household Support Fund's impact is greater, more sustainable, and preventative if it is part of a package of interventions that lever in different types of support within the system for community members through a co-ordinated pragmatic approach.

#### 4.8 Environment and Climate Change Implications on Priority Areas

##### 4.8.1 Implication 1: Energy efficient, low carbon buildings.

Status: Neutral

Explanation: There is unlikely to be any impact on buildings as a direct result of this Fund, although we will be seeking to support households into more efficient and greener energy deals as a broader benefit.

##### 4.8.2 Implication 2: Low carbon transport.

Status: Neutral

Explanation: There are unlikely to be any impacts on transport as a result of the scheme.

##### 4.8.3 Implication 3: Green spaces, peatland, afforestation, habitats and land management.

Status: Neutral

Explanation: There are unlikely to be any impacts on land as a result of the scheme.

##### 4.8.4 Implication 4: Waste Management and Tackling Plastic Pollution.

Status: Neutral

Explanation: There are unlikely to be any impacts on waste management as a result of the scheme.

##### 4.8.5 Implication 5: Water use, availability, and management:

Status: Neutral

Explanation: There is unlikely to be any impact on water usage as a direct result of this Fund, although we will be seeking to support households into more efficient water usage as a wider benefit of the scheme.

4.8.6 Implication 6: Air Pollution.

Status: Neutral

Explanation: There are unlikely to be any impacts on air pollution as a result of the scheme.

4.8.7 Implication 7: Resilience of our services and infrastructure and supporting vulnerable people to cope with climate change.

Status: Neutral

Explanation: Although the scheme itself may not directly improve resilience and households' abilities to cope with climate change, we anticipate a set of broader support arrangements which we hope will deliver longer term benefits.

Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance? Yes

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Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health?

Yes

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## 5. Source documents guidance

### 5.1 Source documents

[Anti-Poverty and Social Mobility Report, March 2022](#)

[Cambridgeshire Household Support Fund \(Excluding the Direct Voucher Scheme\) Report, November 2021](#)



## Innovate and Cultivate Fund – Endorsement of Recommendations and Future Fund

To: Communities, Social Mobility, and Inclusion Committee

From: Interim Service Director: Communities and Partnerships, Paul Fox

Meeting Date: 14 April 2022

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Forward Plan ref: Not applicable

Outcome: To provide this Committee with the outcome of the 30 March 2022 Innovate & Cultivate Fund (ICF) Recommendation Panel and an update of actions following the Member led review of the fund.

Recommendation: The Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee is asked to:

a) Agree to fund the following 13 applications through the Cultivate funding stream:

- i. Astrea Academy Trust
- ii. Cambridge & District Youth for Christ
- iii. Fusion Youth Projects CIO
- iv. The Blue Smile Project
- v. Deafblind UK
- vi. Find Your Wild CIC
- vii. March Make and Mend
- viii. The Mordens and Litlington Mobile Warden Scheme
- ix. Cambridge Re-Use
- x. Cambs Community Reuse and Recycling Network Ltd
- xi. Diamond Hampers CIC
- xii. Meadows Children and Family Win
- xiii. Anglia Ruskin University

b) Endorse the following recommendations resulting from the Member led review of the fund shown at 2.5 - 2.6.

- i. Retain a single countywide Recommendation Panel and increase the role of Think Communities place-based teams in the fund process at all stages.
- ii. Delegate the endorsement of Recommendation Panel outcomes to the Interim Service Director Communities & Partnerships, Paul Fox
- iii. Change the name of the Innovate & Cultivate Fund to Cultivate Cams.

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## 1. Background

- 1.1 The Innovation Fund was initially launched in November 2016. A review and refresh of the fund was carried out the following year resulting in the Innovate and Cultivate Fund as agreed by Communities and Partnership Committee on 24 August 2017.
- 1.2 The original allocation of funding was £1million. In 2019 and 2020, the General Purposes Committee reviewed the fund and agreed further allocations of £1million and £300k, bringing total fund allocation for the Innovate and Cultivate Fund to £2.3million.
- 1.3 A Recommendation Panel considers applications to the fund. In accordance with the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee decision of 8 July 2021, the panel is made up of seven elected members (or their nominated substitute) who are politically proportionate from the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee, officers or non-members representing Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Think Communities and Finance, plus a representative of Cambridgeshire Community Foundation.
- 1.4 The fund is open to voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations based in and outside of Cambridgeshire and public sector bodies in Cambridgeshire to deliver projects and ideas that help address the needs of residents and have a positive impact on Council services.
- 1.5 There are two funding streams to the Innovate and Cultivate Fund:
  - Cultivate: grants of £2,000-£15,000 aimed at encouraging local networks where people help themselves and each other. This is a single stage application process, where Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee consider the final recommendations of the panel before confirming award.
  - Innovate: grants of £15,001 - £50,000 for projects that demonstrate an innovative approach. This is a two-stage application process where second stage applicants present a more detailed project plan and quarterly activity and budget plans to the panel, after which the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee consider the panel recommendations before confirming award. This funding stream was suspended in 2020 to allow for increased focus on Cultivate grants for the remainder of the fund.
- 1.6 All applications to the fund are required to demonstrate a number of stated criteria including the following key criteria:
  - Project outcomes align with key funding priorities for Children & Families services, Adult Social Care, or other council priorities.
  - Projects show they will reduce pressure on council services and/or offer direct savings for the Council.

- Projects must be either new or build on an existing project in a new location or with new beneficiaries.

1.7 On 2 December 2021 this Committee received a paper setting out the annual evaluation of the fund and the outcome of the Member led review of the Innovate and Cultivate Fund. Committee agreed the following recommendations:

- a. Retain the current fund objectives and incorporate inclusion, biodiversity, and climate change into project criteria.
- b. Seek to increase the number of Cultivate Project Ideas to include projects which will support Anti-Poverty.
- c. Reduce potential for duplication of funding with District/City Councils.
- d. Devolve the funding to place based teams in each district.
- e. Arrange a workshop session with Cambridgeshire Community Foundation to explore a more creative application process.
- f. Remove the two-fund approach and keep only the Cultivate Fund for grants of between £2,000 and £15,000.
- g. Steering Group:
  - i. Increase the remit of the funds Steering Group to highlight achievements more often, as received through monitoring reports.
  - ii. Expand attendance at the Steering Group to include all four CoSMIC Spokes.
- h. Fund Recommendation Panel
  - i. Increase quorum to at least four members whilst removing a minimum officer requirement and ensure we can show that appropriate professional advice was taken instead.
  - ii. Review core officer representation to ensure no duplication.
- i. Support for community groups
  - i. Develop the toolkit concept further which will enable groups to become sustainable without CCC (Cambridgeshire County Council) funding.
  - ii. Develop proposal for peer support network of bidders.
- j. Make good use of reserve dates for approval by Communities, Social Mobility, and Inclusion to reduce waiting time for final decision.

k. Increase media and communication messages to voluntary and community contacts, members and others of the timescales and opportunities to apply.

l. Change the name of the fund to reflect removal of Innovate Fund and other changes.

- 1.8 In February 2022, as part of the business planning and budget setting process, £350,000 was allocated to the Innovate and Cultivate Fund for 2022/23.
- 1.9 This paper sets out the outcome of the 30 March 2022 Recommendation Panel for the Innovate and Cultivate Fund and updates Committee on progress made against the 2 December 2021 recommendations.

## 2. Main Issues

2.1 On 30 March 2022 the Recommendation Panel considered 21 applications to the Cultivate funding stream.

2.2 The outcome of the panel is that 13 Cultivate applications have been recommended for funding and are reported to this Committee for final decision, namely:

- ii. Astrea Academy Trust
- iii. Cambridge & District Youth for Christ
- iv. Fusion Youth Projects CIO
- v. The Blue Smile Project
- vi. Deafblind UK
- vii. Find Your Wild CIC
- viii. March Make and Mend
- ix. The Mordens and Litlington Mobile Warden Scheme
- x. Cambridge Re-Use
- xi. Cambs Community Reuse and Recycling Network Ltd
- xii. Diamond Hampers CIC
- xiii. Meadows Children and Family Win
- xiv. Anglia Ruskin University

2.3 A summary of each of the recommended applications is in Appendix 1. Full feedback will be given to applicants not successful in this funding round, including where alternative funding might be available and other support to achieve their proposed project ambitions.

2.4 The amount of grant funding committed to date from the £2.3 million allocated to the Innovate and Cultivate Fund is up to £1,953,110 for 91 projects over the full five-year period of this fund. If the 13 Cultivate applications recommended to the Committee within this report are approved, the total committed to grants will be up to £2,097,572 for 104 projects. After administration costs, the final committed spend from the £2.3m available funds is expected to be i.r.o £2,235,823 which leaves £66,177 of the current fund remaining, which will be carried forward to the new allocation of funding.

2.5 Officers and members of the Innovate and Cultivate Steering Group have fulfilled the recommendations shown at 1.7.and, as a result of careful consideration for the future fund, suggest further recommendations as follows.

2.5.1 (1.6 d)– Devolve funding to place based teams:

Officers, service leads, the fund Steering Group and previous and potential applicants to the fund have collaborated on developing a proposal on how best to take this forward efficiently and effectively for those involved.

It is agreed that increasing support and input at a more local level by those who know that local area well is beneficial. For efficient use of time for those involved in administering and managing the fund but more importantly for the ease of applying to the fund and especially for those wishing to deliver projects across more than one area, the Steering Group recommend retaining a single countywide Recommendation Panel.

In addition, it is suggested that there is a stronger emphasis on local impact by increasing the role of Think Communities Place Coordinators and Community Connectors in the fund process to include involvement in support and advice to applicants at the pre-application advice sessions, avoiding duplication and aligning projects to other funds available including via District, City Councils or others delivering in that area. They will provide place-based input to the officer reviews of each grant application and build a sustained and supportive relationship with the funded organisation for the duration of the project (and beyond).

2.5.2 (1.6 j)– Make good use of reserve dates for approval by Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion to reduce waiting time for final decision:

Even with the use of reserve dates, the time spent from application submission to final decision can exceed 4 months, which impacts on the start date for projects in the local delivery areas. For a fund of this size (now that the fund is focused only on the smaller £2k - £15k Cultivate funding stream), that can feel excessive and taking into account the increased Member involvement in the Steering Group and the Recommendation Panel, the Steering Group has asked for delegated approval of recommended projects to be given to the Service Director: Communities and Partnerships, which would allow fund applicants to be informed of the decision within a week of the Recommendation Panel. Thus, speeding up the process by, in some cases, 6-8 weeks.

To still allow for public scrutiny, it is proposed the outcome of the Recommendation Panel and Service Director endorsement will be shared with all elected members from Council via this Committee Chair, then added to Finance updates at the next available Committee meeting and published on the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation website. Any persons wishing to challenge a decision to fund a project can do so via Cambridgeshire Community Foundation/fund administrator.

2.5.3 (1.6 l) – Change the name of the fund to reflect the changes.

The fund Steering Group and Member review have suggested the Fund be renamed as Cultivate Cambs with immediate effect. The first funding round for Cultivate Cambs will have an application deadline of 1 August 2022 and be held quarterly thereafter.

2.6 It is therefore proposed the committee endorse the following recommendations:

- (a) To retain a single countywide Recommendation Panel and increase the role of Think Communities place-based teams in the fund process at all stages.
- (b) That the endorsement of Recommendation Panel outcomes is delegated to the Service Director: Communities and Partnerships.
- (c) The name of the Innovate & Cultivate Fund is changed to Cultivate Cambs.

### 3. Alignment with corporate priorities

#### 3.1 Communities at the heart of everything we do

The Fund affords opportunities for individuals and communities to develop their skills and resilience to undertake initiatives that improve and enable independence, health, and wellbeing.

#### 3.2 A good quality of life for everyone

The focus of the Fund is supporting people to live healthy and independent lives. It focuses upon the most vulnerable groups and enables a locally delivered approach which improves the outcomes for our citizens and communities, as well as to prevent and delay demand for statutory intervention.

#### 3.3 Helping our children learn, develop and live life to the full

A key focus of the Fund is to enhance delivery against this priority e.g., where the support of the voluntary and community sector could make a real difference to the lives of children and families, providing opportunities for the entire population to succeed and to enable improved outcomes.

#### 3.4 Cambridgeshire: a well-connected, safe, clean, green environment

There are no significant implications for this priority.

#### 3.5 Protecting and caring for those who need us

The fund focuses upon the most vulnerable groups and enables a locally delivered approach which improves the outcomes for our citizens and communities, as well as to prevent and delay demand for statutory intervention.

## 4. Significant Implications

### 4.1 Resource Implications

The report above sets out the implications for this priority in section 2 and Appendix 1.

### 4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

Although grants are exempt from procurement regulations, procurement advice has been taken on the grant application process and member involvement in recommending bids for award and final decision of award.

### 4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

Legal advice has been taken in the setting up of this Fund and in the creation of the grant application and monitoring process.

### 4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

The focus of this Fund on supporting the most vulnerable will mean this investment will make a positive contribution to issues of equality.

### 4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

The plans for engagement and communication of this Fund are as agreed at 8 November 2018 Communities and Partnership Committee meeting and as part of the recent member led review.

### 4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

Community empowerment sits at the heart of the Fund which enhances the opportunity for local community organisations to bid for projects which harness the energy of their community.

Members play a key role in managing the fund as part of the Steering Group and in considering each application on its own merits and against the fund criteria.

### 4.7 Public Health Implications

The Innovate and Cultivate Fund affords opportunities for individuals and communities to develop their skills and resilience to undertake initiatives that improve health and well-being. The approved projects also support interventions to support those most vulnerable to prevent their health and wellbeing needs escalating and service needs increasing.

The recommended proposal has the potential to reduce duplication, strengthen partnership collaboration and improve the alignment of resources to address prevention and other health issues prevention.

#### 4.8 Environment and Climate Change Implications on Priority Areas:

##### 4.8.1 Implication 1: Energy efficient, low carbon buildings.

Neutral Status:

##### 4.8.2 Implication 2: Low carbon transport.

Neutral Status:

##### 4.8.3 Implication 3: Green spaces, peatland, afforestation, habitats, and land management.

Neutral Status:

##### 4.8.4 Implication 4: Waste Management and Tackling Plastic Pollution.

Neutral Status:

##### 4.8.5 Implication 5: Water use, availability, and management:

Neutral Status:

##### 4.8.6 Implication 6: Air Pollution.

Neutral Status:

##### 4.8.7 Implication 7: Resilience of our services and infrastructure, and supporting vulnerable people to cope with climate change.

Neutral Status:

Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance? Yes

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Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?

Yes

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Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact? Yes

Name of Officer: Paul Fox

Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health? Yes

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## 5. Source documents guidance

### 5.1 Source documents

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation Innovate and Cultivate Fund application forms and guidance.

### 5.2 Location

Application Form:

<https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/ICF>

Guidance:

<https://www.cambscf.org.uk/icf.html>



Cultivate Fund applications recommended by the Recommendation Panel held on 30 March 2022 presented to the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee for final decision.

Applicant and Project Name	Project Description	Amount of funding requested
<p><b>Astrea Academy Trust</b></p> <p>'St Neots Youth Provision'</p>	<p>This is a 2-year project requesting £15,000 towards a Community Youth Worker post and a youth café, to provide a safe space, with constructive activities, for young people at risk of exploitation in St Neots.</p> <p>Astrea Academy Trust runs two secondary schools in St Neots, Longsands Academy and Ernulf Academy. This project is a partnership with the two schools and ONE Leisure, which has a site at Ernulf. It will also work with a wider multi-agency partnership to fund diversionary and engaging positive activities and safe spaces for young people to ultimately improve their outcomes, their health and well-being and keep them safe. They intend to recruit, train and support a team of volunteers to enable a greater reach and capacity although initially the intention is to meaningfully engage and support 50 young people.</p> <p>Astrea will provide a safe social space with a café (ONE Leisure at Ernulf) and some structured activities. Outreach would take place in school and volunteers would be trained for the main social space and the additional activities. The future sustainability of the project depends on a combination of volunteers who will be trained and other community groups seeing the benefits and taking this over in the longer term.</p> <p>This project meets the objectives of the Cultivate Community Youth Worker Model.</p>	<p>£15,000</p>
<p><b>Cambridge &amp; District Youth for Christ</b></p> <p>'Supporting Young People'</p>	<p>This is a 2-year project requesting £14,138.53 to increase the hours of a p/t Youth Worker in St Neots to enable them to run weekly breakfast sessions at a secondary school and establish a new weekly drop-in after school cafe at another school.</p>	<p>£14,138.53</p>

<p>across St Neots and the Surrounding villages'</p>	<p>Youth for Christ has experience of running youth activities and this grant will increase their Youth Worker from 50% FTE to 70% FTE to expand these activities to allow for additional mentoring, a weekly breakfast club and another Youth Café and outreach work across St Neots in some of its most in need areas.</p> <p>They will work with Ernulf Secondary school, Astrea Academy, The Food Bank, The Ely Diocese and others. They have piloted delivery of mentoring in schools, and the drop in café which they are now keen to develop and secure a long-term vision for as reliable, local youth services where young people can access a trusted professional in a safe, engaging environment. They aim to engage young people who are not attending school / lower attendance so this initiative will strengthen and compliment the Astrea Academy Trust application and extend the reach so that the youth offer across St Neots is accessible to all.</p> <p>This project meets the objectives of the Cultivate Community Youth Worker Model.</p>	
<p><b>Fusion Youth Projects CIO</b></p> <p>'Fusion Youth Projects'</p>	<p>This is 2-year project requesting £14,574.40 towards the salary of a full time Community Youth Worker to join the Fusion team in Huntingdon.</p> <p>Fusion will use a Community Youth Worker for two main projects – an in-school primary and secondary project and a volunteer project. This project will extend their reach to additional schools that they have not previously worked with including Hinchbrook and CRC Huntingdon. The core focus of this work will be to support the transition from primary to secondary and then working with those already at secondary school who are potentially less resilient and more immature than usual due to Covid-19. One in three children in this area are deemed to be living in poverty and multiple families are at risk of homelessness and the impact of the pandemic has worsened this situation with approx. 10% of the Oxmoor population having a clinical mental health diagnosis.</p> <p>The Youth Worker will also hold 1:1 session with any young people who require support prior to joining a group and support the development and delivery of existing and new projects and activities that will enable positive youth work</p>	<p>£14,574.40</p>

	<p>experiences for this cohort. Poor mental and physical health, poverty and poor social mobility and high rates of sexual and criminal exploitation and ASB amongst local young people means that a safe, supportive environment with professionals and role models can support significant change, reduce risks and promote better outcomes for the children and young people who access Fusion youth groups.</p> <p>120 children and young people will benefit from this funding (25 with additional needs).</p> <p>This application meets the criteria for the Cultivate Community Youth Worker Model.</p>	
<p><b>The Blue Smile Project</b></p> <p>‘Survive and Thrive transitions workshops’</p>	<p>This is a 9-month project requesting £13,130 to deliver Survive and Thrive workshop programmes across six Cambridgeshire secondary schools</p> <p>Blue Smile work with Children up to age thirteen who have emotional problems or poor Mental Health. They primarily operate in disadvantaged areas and run regular trips and activities. This project will engage Year 7 children at risk of ‘emotional based school refusal’ (EBSR) in 1:1 sessions with a therapist and six-week group workshops. 1-1 follow up sessions with the therapist and an additional group evaluation session will assess the impact of the programme.</p> <p>This project fits the local needs of children and young people well. There has been a specific increase in young people experiencing emotional school based avoidance which has become a more prevalent issue since the pandemic. Schools as a result are experiencing increased rates of persistent absenteeism and elective home education rates have increased.</p> <p>The areas of savings relate to reductions in school refusal, exclusion, missing from education, requiring alternative provision, and becoming NEET, leading to reduced Early Help/Intensive education interventions.</p>	£13,130
<p><b>Deafblind UK</b></p> <p>‘Early Intervention’</p>	<p>Deafblind UK are requesting £14,828 to work with 120 people from across the county through their Early Intervention project.</p> <p>The project aims to work with audiologists and opticians to provide a combined sight and hearing test. Deafblind UK will</p>	£14,828

	<p>work with Anglia Ruskin University to train students in dual sight and hearing tests. After the 6-month trial Deafblind UK will review the programme with ARU and assess the quantity of people that presented with potential dual loss.</p> <p>The second strand of the project also aims to work with audiologists and opticians to produce materials to raise awareness on the dual condition, this will be accompanied by a Sight and Hearing Health Roadshow allowing them to offer checks to the public and raise awareness of the dual condition.</p> <p>This project could potentially reduce the level of misdiagnosis of someone as deafblind. It could also be impactful in helping people to recognise their sensory loss as an issue and not simply an inevitable part of aging. It could also support people with learning disabilities to live independently for longer by diagnosing deaf blindness earlier. This cohort are often not recognised as having dual sensory loss as they are often not able to access dual sight or hearing tests.</p>	
<p><b>Find Your Wild CIC</b></p> <p>'Wild Wellbeing for Carers'</p>	<p>Find Your Wild are requesting £7,342 over one year to develop their Wild Wellbeing for Carers project. The project aims to work with forty older carers and those they care for through delivering a course of nature-based wellbeing activities.</p> <p>The project focuses on building peer support and promoting physical and emotional wellbeing whilst building social connections and physiological coping strategies. The two hour sessions will be run fortnightly for 24 weeks. The sessions are led by a trained outdoor educator and a Wellbeing officer. The project will collect baseline data via self-reported wellbeing measure to assess the impact of the project.</p> <p>Find Your Wild will work in partnership with Illuminate, a Cambridgeshire based charity that offer mental health training and coaching.</p> <p>Find Your Wild have also built relationships with Metropolitan Housing Association, Social Prescribers and Cambridge Mental Health Network. These partners have all identified clients who they wish to refer into this project.</p>	£7,342

	<p>Working alongside Metropolitan HA the project also aims to recruit and train a network of Wellbeing Champions who will help to identify and recruit people to the project from their communities.</p> <p>This project has the potential to help prevent, reduce, or delay individuals from needing care and support and reduce the incidence of carer breakdown.</p>	
<b>March Make and Mend</b>	<p>March Make and Mend is requesting £2,500 over one year to develop a Men's Shed. The project aims to work with thirty older isolated men people in Fenland.</p> <p>Men's Shed features as one of the Seed Fund projects within the ICF linked to the ASC priority of 'connecting to the local community and staying well'. The benefits of connecting to the community and companionship and purpose are of course beneficial and for a number of men who may not feel comfortable in participating in community activities, Men's Shed provide a place with purpose. The benefits of participating include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved health and wellbeing,</li> <li>• Increased independence and a sense of purpose for men who are lonely or isolated,</li> <li>• Increased community involvement and social networks promote residents' health and well-being,</li> <li>• Improved mental health,</li> <li>• Reduced feelings of isolation and loneliness,</li> <li>• An offer informal learning opportunities,</li> <li>• Preventing carer breakdown by providing a network of support and companionship,</li> <li>• Improved cognition and dexterity,</li> <li>• Strengthened connections between younger and older members of the community.</li> </ul> <p>As outlined above there are many documented benefits of the development of Men's Shed. This project has the potential to help prevent, reduce, or delay individuals from needing care and support with the specific focus on avoidance to our Older People's Team.</p> <p>The project is requesting £2,500, however the ICF Seed Fund Men's Shed is capped at £2,000 and it was therefore</p>	<p>Requested £2,500</p> <p>Revised offer: £2000</p>

	recommended by the ICF panel that the funding offered was £2,000.	
<b>The Mordens and Litlington Mobile Warden Scheme</b>  'The Mordens & Lilington Mobile Warden Scheme Relaunch'	<p>The Village Warden scheme is requesting £2,600 to review and relaunch village warden scheme that covers the South Cambs villages of: Guilden Morden, Steeple Morden, Bassingbourn and Lilington, with an aim of increasing the membership by twenty. The scheme offers support for older people enabling them to live independently in their homes and in the community they know.</p> <p>The scheme has a board of pro-active Trustees who wish to promote the service to increase uptake. It is hoped that this promotional push will increase membership which has dipped following Covid-19.</p> <p>The ICF funding will allow the scheme to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce a brochure promoting the scheme which will be distributed to GPs, chemists, post offices and local community groups. This will encourage more people to take up the offer of the Village Warden scheme,</li> <li>• Scope additional services such as support with benefit applications.</li> </ul> <p>The impact of Mobile Warden schemes in supporting people to stay happy and safe within their own homes is well documented. The project has the potential to support residents to achieve positive health and wellbeing outcomes such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reducing loneliness,</li> <li>- Improving mobility,</li> <li>- Providing co-coronation and support from other services delivered by the community and voluntary sector,</li> <li>- Acting as a helping hand and stop detrition of health and wellbeing through early intervention.</li> </ul> <p>This project has the potential to delay the need for low level care packages and reduce the need for respite care for its clients.</p>	£2,600

<p><b>Cambridge Re-Use</b></p> <p>'Customer access co-ordinator'</p>	<p>This proposal is requesting £15,000 to employ a customer access co-ordinator to support the core aim of the charity to reduce the economic inequality faced by those on low income by offering low-income families furniture and home wares donated by the general public at very low cost. The project will last one year, and the co-ordinator will be paid for 25 hours per week during this time.</p> <p>The project covers Cambridge, East Cambs and South Cambs and aims to support 1500 people.</p> <p>The co-ordinator will manage stock, arrange deliveries and handle sales, records etc. They will additionally provide information to people changing to universal credit and work with community groups to help people on low incomes.</p> <p>The direct beneficiaries are families on benefits and low income which are evidenced on application. 75% of customers are in local authority housing and 65% are wholly on benefits. Of these 31% are on housing benefit, 30% on Council Tax benefit and 10% on Universal Credit. This project will look to help a wide range of clients, including a rising number that are referred from social care and those who are self-referring and not yet at the point of requiring social care. They work closely with agencies such as Jimmy's, Cambridge Aid, Women's Aid and Cambridge Housing Society.</p> <p>This early intervention project is likely to reduce pressure on Children's Social Care and reduce domestic abuse incidents.</p>	<p>£15,000</p>
<p><b>Cambridgeshire Community Reuse and Recycling Network Ltd (CCORRN)</b></p> <p>The Food Bridge</p>	<p>The proposal is requesting £15,000 for two years towards the salary of a part time Project Coordinator to extend the reach of CCORRN's Food4Good initiative beyond Wisbech and into towns and villages in Fenland.</p> <p>The Project Coordinator will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate the collection and distribution of food across the food hubs utilising CCORRNs existing fleet resources.</li> <li>• Support new and existing local community groups to access the right types and quantities of food for people in their villages and towns so that people who cannot</li> </ul>	<p>£15,000</p>

	<p>drive to the main hub can access support in their own locality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrange swaps of surplus and proactive acquisition of food deficits.</li> <li>• Initiate and deliver food cooking clubs to share healthy eating and positive food relationship habits.</li> </ul> <p>The project will support 100 families (400 people) and is likely to reduce pressure on Children's Services (early help, youth offending,) and reduce school exclusions and domestic abuse incidents.</p>	
<p><b>Diamond Hampers CIC</b></p> <p>'The Attic'</p>	<p>Requesting £8800 towards the start-up costs of a new volunteer-run shop in Huntingdonshire that offers subsidised and free homewares and clothing for low-income families, and also the provision of essential items in 'moving on boxes' for care leavers moving to independent living.</p> <p>The project will also offer opportunities for income generation via its "Made in Huntingdonshire" area of the shop that will sell locally produced items. It will also provide a 'rent a suit' scheme for job interviews and signposting to services and support such as financial and debt advice via its network of local partners.</p> <p>The Attic will complement Diamond Hampers' affordable food shop, The Pantry. Once open, The Attic and associated support services will be self-sustaining via the income generated via sales. The project is expected to reduce pressure Children's Services (early help, youth offending,) and reduce school exclusions and domestic abuse incidents.</p>	£8,800
<p><b>Meadows Children and Family Wing</b></p> <p>'Specialist Family Support Drop In'</p>	<p>Requesting £14,520 for one year to provide weekly specialist family support drop-in sessions for 200 mothers and their children, who are survivors of domestic abuse, addressing social and/or economic needs and preventing risks promoting positive healthy lifestyles and outcomes.</p> <p>The drop-in sessions will be facilitated by two specialist trained domestic abuse facilitators, a family worker and playworker based at the Meadows Community Centre in Cambridge.</p>	£14,520



	<p>The domestic abuse workers will provide support on areas including managing abuse past separation including around child contact and financial abuse, housing, debt management, parenting support including managing children's behaviour and recovery following abuse, healthy lifestyles, and economic challenges post-covid. The support staff will provide emotional and practical support e.g. writing letters for legal aid, issuing food bank vouchers, applying for vital resources through Central Aid applications and the Household Support Fund, referrals for specialist support including Rape Crisis, contacting utility companies, housing and debt companies negotiating repayment plans, and liaising with partners including mental health teams.</p> <p>Additional grant funding will be sought elsewhere to ensure the longer-term sustainability of this project.</p> <p>This project is likely to reduce pressure on Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) and Early Help Family Workers, leading to savings and allowing the services to focus on new high-risk cases.</p>	
<p><b>Anglia Ruskin University</b></p> <p>'Child Sex Trafficking in England and Wales: The need to address the gaps in knowledge'</p>	<p>This project is requesting £7,529 toward the costs of developing and delivering pilot training workshops on child sex trafficking (CST) that will help upskill social workers, child protection practitioners and other frontline staff working with young people in communities across Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>This pilot training programme will fill a training gap as currently there are no training programmes that specifically focus on child sex trafficking. The National Crime Agency (2021) have indicated that CST has risen 535% over the last eight years and is continuing to surge. Another related issue the training will address is the exploitation of children and young people by county lines drugs gangs, including the increasing trend to recruit females for sexual purposes.</p> <p>The applicant undertook their original research with Cambridgeshire County Council Social Workers. This project will also involve other services working with children and young people thereby ensuring a multi-agency approach that includes early help and health services, and youth offending</p>	£7,529

	<p>services, which are often the agencies having first contact with vulnerable children and young people.</p> <p>This project is likely to reduce pressure on looked after children's services, including fostering services, residential care and potentially child protection conference processes, safeguarding reviews (serious case reviews) and youth offending services.</p>	
<b>Total grant offer:</b>	<b>£144,461.93</b>	

## Council Response to the War in Ukraine

To: Communities, Social Mobility, and Inclusion Committee

Meeting Date: 14 April 2022

From: Interim Service Director: Communities and Partnerships, Paul Fox

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Forward Plan ref: Not applicable

Outcome: To provide this Committee with an update of the reaction of the Council in relation to the war in Ukraine, in particular in relation to responsibilities and responses regarding the arrival of refugees.

Recommendation: The Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee is asked to note and endorse the actions set out in this paper and the verbal update that will be given to the meeting.

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## 1. Background

- 1.1 The Russian invasion of Ukraine has led to significant numbers of people fleeing the country, predominantly women and children.
- 1.2 The UK Government response to the war in, and support to, Ukraine has taken several forms. This report predominantly relates to the provision of a haven for refugees and the resulting implications for Cambridgeshire County Council and its partners.
- 1.3 In addition to the above:
  - 1.3.1 A letter from Cambridgeshire leaders to the Home Secretary called for the Prime Minister and the UK Government to showing greater compassion for those in the greatest and most immediate need, see below:

[Letter to the Home Office regarding conflict in Ukraine from leaders in Cambridgeshire - Cambridgeshire County Council website](#)

- 1.3.2 On 15th March, Councillor Stephen Ferguson, the Chair of the Council, gave a statement gave an address which was unanimously supported by Full Council, see below:

[Chair of Full Council's statement regarding Ukraine - Cambridgeshire County Council website](#)

- 1.3.3 At the time of writing, the Council continues to demonstrate solidarity with the people of Ukraine by flying the Ukrainian national flag at New Shire Hall.
  - 1.3.4 Information for the public on how they can support the people of the Ukraine is set out on the Council's website at:

[Standing with Ukraine - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

## 2. Main Issues

- 2.1 The main issues in this paper relate to the Council's response to the arrival of refugees from Ukraine under the two government schemes: the Family Scheme and the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.
- 2.2 This is a rapidly developing policy area and the timelines for committee reports mean that any detail provided is likely to become rapidly out of date.
- 2.3 For the latest detail on the Homes for Ukraine Scheme, Members are directed to:

[Homes for Ukraine: Guidance for Councils - www.gov.uk](#)

- 2.4 For the latest details on the Ukraine Family Scheme members are directed to:

[Apply for a Ukraine Family Scheme visa www.gov.uk](#)

- 2.5 The establishment of the countywide 'Local Resilience Forum' has been requested to formerly secure the cross-partnership emergency planning process and formally oversee strategic and tactical response.
- 2.6 A Cambridgeshire Ukraine Response Group has been established to bring together a system-wide partnership response. Attendees include representatives from all district and city councils, Think Communities, Library Services, Early Help, Education, Public Health, CCG and Community Voluntary Sector representatives. The group is following a similar approach to that provided by the Afghanistan Refugee Programme, as many support requirements are similar in nature, except for sourcing accommodation.
- 2.7 Under the leadership of the County Council, the group meets at least weekly to:
- Collate and review government data on arrivals;
  - Co-ordinate the local response, including safeguarding and accommodation checks;
  - Prepare welcome packs for arrivals, which include signposting for immediate welfare needs;
  - Discuss and address any emerging cohesion / welfare or local community support needs;
  - Bring about a joined up, system wide response that uses all relevant resources;
  - Co-ordinate internal and external communications, ensuring that residents and staff are aware of what is happening, and how they can help support the work of services and community groups.
- 2.8 District councils are using government guidance available to form their own local tasking groups which the County Council, health, and community voluntary services will link with to ensure a consistent, but local, response.
- 2.9 The County Council has allocated project management resource to support the countywide Response Group, as well as ensure robust oversight of information sharing, operating procedures, and data reporting to the government.
- 2.9.1 As the guidance, information and response will evolve between the time of drafting and the date of the Committee, the Committee will receive a presentation/ verbal update of the issues current at the time of the meeting.

### 3. Alignment with corporate priorities

#### 3.1 Communities at the heart of everything we do

Our response should and will put communities at its centre. The Ukraine response group has representation from the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) and our Think Communities Service will play a key role in linking County, district and VCS wraparound offers.

### 3.2 A good quality of life for everyone

The aim of our response is to support the resettlement of this group in the most inclusive way possible, responding to both specific needs and universal services to provide 'wrap around' support to those arriving under these schemes

### 3.3 Helping our children learn, develop and live life to the full

Our multi-agency, cross-sectoral approach will include consideration of the needs of children and young people.

### 3.4 Cambridgeshire: a well-connected, safe, clean, green environment

There are no significant implications for this priority.

### 3.5 Protecting and caring for those who need us

Our multi-agency, cross-sectoral approach will include consideration of the most vulnerable and in need.

## 4. Significant Implications

### 4.1 Resource Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

The impact on Council services is difficult to estimate given the numbers arriving under these schemes cannot be estimated in advance. However, we are seeking to use data available to us to estimate changes in demand for our services. The government has indicated that there will be a £10,500 allocation to local authorities per individual in year one of the scheme. There are no commitments for similar funding for future years, although the government has indicated this will be kept under review. Further guidance on the use of this funding is awaited at the time of writing, although it appears that the money will be paid to upper-tier local authorities. The proportion to be allocated to lower tier local authorities will be a matter for local determination.

In addition, the government is also providing additional funding to councils to provide education services for children from families arriving from Ukraine under this scheme. The Department for Education (DfE) will allocate funding on a per pupil basis for the three phases of education at the following annual rates:

- Early years (ages 2 to 4) - £3,000
- Primary (ages 5 -11) - £6,580
- Secondary (ages 11-18) - £8,755

These tariffs include support for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

### 4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

None

#### 4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

The implications for checking the DBS status of both sponsors and guests under the scheme are unclear at the time of writing.

#### 4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

This is a response to a specific group identified by their status as refugees eligible for travel to the UK under a defined UK Government scheme.

#### 4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

The significant engagement and communications issues arising from these schemes will be considered through membership of the relevant groups set up to take forward the work in this area. There is a communications strategy and group established.

#### 4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

Community engagement and VCS involvement sits at the heart of our response to this issue. Member involvement should and will play a key part in this, but should recognise the relative roles and responsibilities of the Council and its partners.

#### 4.7 Public Health Implications

Support will be needed to enable refugees to access appropriate health services for their physical, emotional, and mental health needs as well as any prevention, screening, and vaccination needs.

#### 4.8 Environment and Climate Change Implications on Priority Areas:

##### 4.8.1 Implication 1: Energy efficient, low carbon buildings.

Neutral Status:

##### 4.8.2 Implication 2: Low carbon transport.

Neutral Status:

##### 4.8.3 Implication 3: Green spaces, peatland, afforestation, habitats, and land management.

Neutral Status:

##### 4.8.4 Implication 4: Waste Management and Tackling Plastic Pollution.

Neutral Status:

##### 4.8.5 Implication 5: Water use, availability, and management:

Neutral Status:

##### 4.8.6 Implication 6: Air Pollution.

Neutral Status:

4.8.7 Implication 7: Resilience of our services and infrastructure, and supporting vulnerable people to cope with climate change.

Neutral Status:

Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance? Yes

Name of Financial Officer: Martin Wade

Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by the Head of Procurement? N/A

Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by the Council's Monitoring Officer or LGSS Law? Yes

Name of Legal Officer: Fiona McMillan

Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact? Yes

Name of Officer: Paul Fox Interim Director of Communities and Partnerships.

Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications? Yes

Name of Officer: Amanda Rose

Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact? Yes

Name of Officer: Paul Fox, Interim Director of Communities and Partnerships.

Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health? Yes

Name of Officer: Val Thomas

## 5. Source documents guidance

### 5.1 Source documents

As per substantive report

### 5.2 Location

As per substantive report



## Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Agenda Plan

Published on 1st April 2022

### Notes

The definition of a key decision is set out in the Council's Constitution in Part 2, Article 12.

\* indicates items expected to be recommended for determination by full Council.

+ indicates items expected to be confidential, which would exclude the press and public.

The following are standing agenda items which are considered at every Committee meeting:

- Minutes of previous meeting and Minutes Action Log
- Agenda Plan, Training Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels

Committee date	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports	Agenda despatch date
14/04/22	Innovate and Cultivate Fund – Endorsement of Recommendations and Fund Update	E Matthews		04/04/22	06/04/22
	Update on the Council's Response to the Situation in Ukraine	P Fox			
	Household Support Fund	P Fox	2022/026		
	Committee Workshop – Performance Management				
21/07/22	Anti-Poverty and Social Mobility	P Fox		11/07/22	13/07/22
	Cambridgeshire Skills Six-Month Review	T Meadows			
	Domestic Abuse Act – One Year On	R Hill			
	Decentralisation	P Fox			

Committee date	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports	Agenda despatch date
	Support for Informal Carers and Young Carers	M Oliver			
	Household Support Fund – Review, Findings and Next Steps	P Fox			
	Archives Service Update and TNA Accreditation	G Porter			
<i>[01/09/22] Reserve date</i>					
01/11/22	Anti-Poverty and Social Mobility	P Fox		21/10/22	24/10/22
	Library Service Review Update	G Porter			
	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Coroner Service Annual Report	P Gell			
	Business Planning Update for 2022-27	T Kelly			
08/12/22	Anti-Poverty and Social Mobility	P Fox		28/11/22	30/11/22
	Cambridgeshire Registration Service Annual Report	P Gell			
	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Trading Standards Annual Report	C Pawson			
	Decentralisation in Action	P Fox			
	Support Cambridgeshire Annual Report	M Oliver			
	Review of Draft Revenue Business Planning Proposals for 2023-28	T Kelly			
<i>[12/01/23] Reserve date</i>					
23/03/23	Anti-Poverty and Social Mobility	P Fox		13/03/23	15/03/23

Committee date	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports	Agenda despatch date
	Cambridgeshire Skills Six-Month Review	T Meadows			
	Libraries Service Annual Report	G Porter			
<i>[04/05/23] Reserve date</i>					

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