

Report to: **Executive**

Date: **19 December 2019**

Title: **Partnership Funding**

Portfolio Area: **Communities – Cllr David May**
Wellbeing – Cllr Jonathan Hawkins

Wards Affected: **All**

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y**

Date next steps can be taken: **After call in period 2 January 2020**

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RECOMMENDATION: that the Executive

- 1. Considers the feedback given by each partner as shown in appendix A based on the following:**
 - i.** local need
 - ii.** alignment to the Council’s Corporate Strategy
 - iii.** statutory duty
- 2. Decides which of the following partners to award funding to and by how much per annum for the next three years:**
 - i.** South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership
 - ii.** South Hams Citizens Advice
 - iii.** South Hams Community Volunteer Service
 - iv.** Ivybridge Ring and Ride
 - v.** Totnes & Dartmouth Ring & Ride (Newton Abbot Community Transport Group)
 - vi.** South West Youth Games
 - vii.** South Hams Museums Group

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 This report provides feedback from each of the partners South Hams District Council currently funds.
- 1.2 Members are asked to consider the merits of each partner submission which can be found in appendix A of this report and decide which partners they would like to enter into a three year funding agreement with.

2. Background

2.1 On 19 September 2019 Executive resolved that a commissioning model be adopted to award partnership funding from 2020-2023 based on one or all of the following: local need, alignment to the Council's Corporate Strategy and statutory duty.

3. Outcomes/outputs

3.1 Each of the Council's partners has submitted a paper detailing:

- The services they provide
- How Council funding would be spent
- How their services meets local need
- How their service aligns to the Council's Corporate Strategy
- How their service meets statutory duty
- What other funding they receive and how they spend it

3.2 The partner submissions can be found in Appendix A of this report and can be summarised as follows:

Partnership	2019/20 Funding £	Corporate theme	Future funding required
South Devon AONB	20,700	Environment	Yes
South Hams Citizens Advice	51,867	Wellbeing	Yes
South Hams Community Volunteer Service	10,000	Community	Yes
Ivybridge Ring & Ride including South Brent and Dartington	4,710	Wellbeing Environment Community	Yes
Totnes and Dartmouth Ring & Ride delivered by Newton Abbot Community Transport Group	7,370	Wellbeing Environment Community	Yes
SW Youth Games	2,000	Wellbeing Environment	No
South Hams Museums Group	4,000	Community Enterprise	Yes

4. Options available and consideration of risk

4.1 Increase Funding

Should the Executive be minded to adopt this option and increase the total amount of funding to partners, it would need to seek approval from full Council and monies be identified by the Council's Section 151 Officer, to meet the cost pressure that additional spend would cause.

4.2 Maintain Funding

This option should only be adopted if partners clearly demonstrate one or more of the following: local need, alignment to the Council's corporate strategy and or statutory duty.

4.3 Withdraw or Decrease Funding

This option should only be adopted if partners do not demonstrate one or more of the following: local need, alignment to the Council's corporate strategy and or statutory duty. If this is the case affected partners should be informed as quickly as possible to ensure they are able to make contingency plans for future funding of their service.

5. **Proposed Way Forward**

5.1 Executive decide at Committee today which partners it would like to fund for the next three years from 1 April 2020.

5.2 Partners are advised of the decision made by Executive by the end of December 2019 in order that they can plan their service delivery accordingly.

6. **Implications**

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance	Y	<p>The Council has the power to award grants to organisations under section 1 of the Localism Act 2011. In exercising the power the Council must satisfy its public law duties. The Council has identified a clear process and criteria against which applications will be assessed which is essential for reasons of openness, fairness and transparency.</p> <p>Subject to budget the Executive Committee has the power to decide whether it wants to enter into partnerships.</p>
Financial implications to include reference to value for money	Y	<p>Executive Committee has the power to award partnership funding provided there is budget provision to do so. The current partnership funding budget is £96,647. Should the Executive Committee wish to award more than this figure it would have to seek approval from full Council and monies be identified by the Council's Section 151 Officer to meet the cost pressure that additional spend would cause.</p>
Risk	Y	<p>See section 4 of the report which sets out the risks associated with the awarding of partnership funding.</p>

Supporting Corporate Strategy		Council Theme – Efficient and effective
Climate Change - Carbon / Biodiversity Impact		Each partnership will need to be considered on its own merits. Some partners clearly align to the council’s environment corporate strategy theme.
Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications		
Equality and Diversity		N/A
Safeguarding		N/A
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder		N/A
Health, Safety and Wellbeing		N/A
Other implications		None

Appendices:

Appendix A – Partnership Funding Submission Forms