

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Neighbourhood Services

Recommendation

That the following Strategic Partner funding is awarded to Charnwood Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) for core running costs and for the Specialist Money Management and Debt Advice element.

Organisation	Amount Awarded 2020/21 (Year 1)	Amount Awarded 2021/22 (Year 2)
Charnwood Citizens Advice Bureau	£62,428 + £28,500 = £90,928	£62,428 + £26,500 = £88,928

Reason

To enable Strategic Partner grants awarded to be finalised with an approved Service Level Agreement and appropriate information to be supplied to the Council about the outcomes of the projects / services and determine final grant award amounts.

Authority for Decision

Section 8.1 of the Constitution enables Officers with delegated authority to take such action as may in his or her opinion be necessary or appropriate in connection with the implementation of decisions properly authorised by the Council or a committee of the Council, the Cabinet or a committee of the Cabinet.

Decision and Date

Julie Robinson 11/3/20

Background

Under the provisions of the Corporate Plan to 2016 - 20, there is a commitment to make Charnwood an attractive place for all through funding community groups / organisations and providing a range of diverse opportunities and events.

Detail

Cabinet at its meeting on the 16th January 2020 (Min 68.) approved that up to £90,928, for Year 1 and 2, be awarded to Charnwood Citizens Advice Bureau and that the Head of Neighbourhood Services be given delegated authority to finalise the terms and conditions of the Strategic Partner Grants awarded and Service Level

Agreements and agree a final grant award amount with Charnwood Citizens Advice Bureau, in consultation with the Lead Member.

The Lead Member has been consulted and is in agreement with the recommendation.

Financial Implications

The budget for the Strategic Partner Grant Scheme for 2020/21 will be £295,400 subject to budget approval, which includes for an amalgamation of the Strategic Partner and the Specialist Money Management and Debt Advice grant budgets. There is currently a potential shortfall of £1800 in 2021/22 which will be resolved as part of the 2021/22 budget setting process.

The amounts awarded to CAB are within the available budget and take into consideration the shortfall in 2021/22.

Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Overall Risk	Risk Management Actions Planned
Grants do not deliver the objectives of the Grants scheme	Unlikely (2)	Minor (1)	Very Low (2)	The grants have been assessed against the scheme's criteria and will be linked to the provision of appropriate monitoring information.
That Strategic Partner Organisations cannot demonstrate sustainability	Unlikely (2)	Significant (2)	Low (4)	That the financial profile of the organisations is reviewed at application and after the first year. Where there are concerns about sustainability further assurance is required before funds are released.

Key Decision:
Background Papers

No
Cabinet 16th January 2020 Min. 68