

## Decision under Delegated Powers

### Officer Requesting Decision

Neighbourhoods and Partnerships Manager

### Officer Making The Decision

Head of Neighbourhood Services

### Recommendations

To provide £30,000 of financial support for the expansion of the Community Hub Transition Model to develop spokes at other food bank locations throughout the borough to enable easy access by residents. The hub and spoke model will create similar access in other areas of the borough including local 'pop up' shops.

### Reasons

To ensure there is financial support in place to support the establishment, opening and running of the additional localised spoke model, ensuring access for members of the outside of Loughborough and to ensure sustained support is in place to those who need it moving forward.

### Authority for the Decision

Heads of Service have delegated authority to submit bids for and enter into agreements for grants and other funding sources up to a value of £200,000 and to incur expenditure within the Council's approved capital/revenue budget in accordance with approved rules and procedures. (section 8.3 of the Constitution).

### Decision and Date

*Julie Robinson*

**2/6/2021**

### Background

As part of the Borough Council's submission to LCC for Contain Outbreak Management funding a sum of £30,000 was allocated to support the spoke model elements of the hub transition model for the provision of a pathway for those in hardship and associated food poverty to access support and empower their move from dependency to self-reliance.

It is recognised that as we move into recovery there is a need to help those struggling with anxiety and stress of feeding both themselves and their families and provide them with a certain amount of financial respite alongside support to regain some control over budgeting and other areas of their lives.

The spoke model provides members increased access across the borough with a 'Pop Up' tool kit for the running of 'pop up' hubs in identified locations across the borough linked to the CCA Hub and the provided services.

The funding will enable a Pop Up tool kit to be provided (Spoke model) to include marketing and merchandise, food storage to include thermal chill boxes and racking etc plus wifi tablets for processing of details and access to the database, along with training and volunteer development.

In addition, the funding will support the Community Hub and Spoke Model marketing and merchandise and production of membership packs.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications for the Council. The project costs are approximately £30,000, Charnwood will receive £30,000 as part of the LCC Contain Outbreak Management Funding allocation. This amount will be paid to the Council and was identified as part of the Council's allocation of the Contain funding submitted to LCC for sign off. All sums agreed to be paid will be coded to X464 T0100 BG505. These monies will be paid to John Storer Charnwood, who will co-ordinate the work on behalf of the wider CCA / group.

### **Risk Management**

<b>Risk Identified</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Risk Management Actions Planned</b>
Failure to receive the funding to allocate for the agreed purpose	Low	Low	Ensure funding process is completed and funding is received. Confirmation has been received from LCC

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: LCC Contain Funding Spreadsheet