

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Requesting Decision

Neighbourhoods and Partnerships Manager

Officer Making The Decision

Head of Neighbourhood Services

Recommendations

To provide £20,000 of financial support to the Charnwood Food Poverty Group (CFPG), who have been working as part of the Charnwood Community Action Hub and are actively involved in the Community Hub Transition project, leading on co-ordinating the work of establishing the Spoke 'pop up' shops as part of the project across the borough and co-ordinating the ongoing work of the CFPG.

Reasons

To ensure that the Charnwood Food Poverty Group can support and co-ordinate the delivery of the group, along with the Spoke elements of the transition project.

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 £20,000 was allocated to cover some of the financial implications of the work of the Charnwood Food Poverty group (CFPG) will undertake to deliver the spoke model elements of the Community Hub Transition project as well as continuing the co-ordination work of food poverty group partners.

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 cover the costs of such things as FareShare membership, contribute to the CFPG Development Officer post which co-ordinates the work of this group, along with funding towards equipment, training and other running costs.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the Council. The funding level agreed is £20,000, Charnwood will receive £20,000 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 BG502. These monies will be paid to The Bridge, who manage the CFPG finances on behalf of the wider CFPG partners.

Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
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