

Appendix 1

Executive response in respect of Voluntary and Community Infrastructure Organisations Funding Review, Phase One Overview and Scrutiny Enquiry

Date received by Executive: **04/12/18**

Date of Executive response: **05/02/19**

Lead Member(s) responsible for preparing response:

Cllr Richard Wenham, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Resources

Lead Director(s) responsible for supporting preparation of response:

Sue Harrison, Director of Children's Services

No.	Recommendations of O&S enquiry	Is the R'n accepted by Exec?	Response including proposed action(s)	Lead(s)	Deadline for delivery
1.	That financial payments to a total of £69,000 be provided to the infrastructure organisations for the financial year 2019/20	Yes	The Executive has included £69,000 in the MTFP for 2019/ 20. The VCS Infrastructure review has highlighted their role in supporting the voluntary and community sector which is recognised and valued. Our continued support needs greater definition in commissioning to ensure outputs and outcomes are addressing the	Director of Children's Services	31/03/19

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			challenges around community cohesion and the community resilience priorities for Central Bedfordshire.		
2.	That subject to the support of the Executive a second phase of the review be undertaken to consider the long-term arrangements for supporting the voluntary and community sector, including Citizens Advice and the Infrastructure Organisations.	Partially	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree with the scrutiny task force recommendation that a second phase of the review is necessary. 2. Agree that this second phase be sponsored by the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources, in place of a scrutiny task force. 3. Request Officers to prepare a Project Implementation Document (PID) to scope the parameters of the review, outline the timescale for completion and the resources and capacity required to undertake the review and set a realistic timeframe for preparation of the PID. 4. Delegate responsibility to the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Deputy Leader 	Director of Children's Services.	tbc

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			<p>and Executive Member for Corporate Resources to approve the PID ensuring the Council's relationship with the entire Voluntary and Community sector (VCS) is in scope; exploring how the sector supports the delivery of the Council's statutory obligations; where there is leverage of external resources and grant income and where greater clarity might be required to ensure the sector can adapt to changing needs and future challenges.</p> <p>5. Agree that the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources be asked to nominate two Executive Members and, in consultation with the Chair of Corporate Resources OSC</p>		

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			nominate two non - Executive Members to participate in the Phase 2 review.		