

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES**APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS TO THE COVID PARTNERSHIP SOCIAL RECOVERY FUND AND THE COMMUNITY HUB FOOD PLAN FUND****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek Committee approval for applications for funding over £5k from the Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery Fund or the Community Hub Food Plan Fund.
2. To update Committee for oversight purposes of applications for funding for £5k or less from the Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery or the Community Hub Food Plan Fund.

Information**The Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery and the Community Hub Food Funds**

3. The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee approved £800k to support the development of the Community Hub Food Plan from the Contain Management Fund in January 2021. The £1m Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery Fund was approved by Communities Committee in June 2021.
4. At the September 2021 Communities Committee, Members approved the governance and distribution principles for both funds, including a £50k small projects element to both.
5. A 2 or 3 stage approval process dependant on application value was approved. Firstly, all applications would be channelled through the appropriate Needs Assessment group or the Food Insecurity Network for consideration and endorsement by those with appropriate operational expertise.
6. Stage 2 agreed was that the LRF Humanitarian Assistance Group (HAG) (whilst in operation), would play a key role in giving either partnership endorsement or approval (depending on value) to ensure a whole systems approach to applying the funding that built on the partnership collaboration established during the pandemic.
7. For applications over £5k endorsed by the HAG, stage 3 agreed was that they would be brought to this Committee for formal approval. Those under £5k approved by the HAG could be immediately actioned, but with full details reported to Committee for appropriate Member oversight.

Applications Received

8. **Appendix 1** to this report contains the details of applications over £5k that have been given endorsement by the HAG for both the Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery Fund £297,565 and the Community Hub Food Funds £136,190. This report seeks Committee approval of these applications.
9. **Appendix 2** to this report contains details of applications £5k or under that have been given endorsement by the HAG, for both the Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery Fund £8,050 and the Community Hub Food Funds £28,086. This report invites the Committee to review these applications for oversight purposes.

Other Options Considered

10. None

Reasons for Recommendations

11. The applications recommended for approval have been reviewed and endorsed by the relevant Needs Assessment Group or the Food Insecurity Network as meeting pandemic related needs presenting in our Communities. They have been further reviewed and endorsed by the broader Community Support partnership through the HAG to ensure a joined-up system approach.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

13. **Appendix 1** seeks the approval for £297,565 of applications from the £1m Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery Fund and £136,190 of applications from £800k Community Hub Food Fund. **Appendix 2** details £36,136 of application approved by the HAG.
14. If all applications in **Appendix 1** are approved by Committee, the balance remaining would be £694,385 in the Covid-19 Partnership Social Recovery Fund and £635,724 in the Community Hub Food Fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee

- 1) Approves those applications for funding recommended in Appendix 1; and
- 2) Reviews those applications that have received partnership approval set out in Appendix 2.

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Constitutional Comments (LW 28/09/2021)

15. Communities Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (RWK 21/10/2021)

16. The financial implications are set out in paragraphs 13 and 14 of the report. The applications for funding detailed in the report will be funded from existing budget allocations.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All .