



<b>Subject:</b>	Community Development Grants Programme 2017/18
<b>Date:</b>	11 October 2016
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<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to make Members aware of the potential shortfall in the Community Development Grants Programme budget for 2017/18 if Members are minded to agree a one year extension of the current portfolio of grants awarded in 2016/17.
1.2	The budget for the current contracts is made up of the following sources of funding, including; £1,404,000 from the Department for Communities under the Community Support Programme, £1,050,483.00 from Council and an additional investment of £635,523 from Council in 2015/16 and 2016/17 .
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Note the potential deficit in the Community Development Grant Programme budget and related implications for grant allocations in 2017/18.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Council has traditionally invested approximately £2.6m annually in support of local Community Development activity of which £1.568m comes directly from the Department for

	<p>Social Development (DSD) via their regional Community Support Programme. The Community Development Grant Programme covers General Advice Grants, Capacity Building Grants, Revenue Grants for Community Buildings and our small grants which include Summer Scheme and Community Development Project Grants.</p>
3.2	<p>For the past two years this funding has been supplemented by £635k of non-recurrent allocations. This has been used to enable the grants programme to be extended to cover the new Council areas and to fund a larger number of organisations.</p>
3.3	<p>The delay in the transfer of regeneration and community development functions and an associated financial support package, has meant there has not been the opportunity to redesign and align related budgets including our Community Development Grants Programme and thereby negate the ongoing requirement for the additional allocated budget.</p>
3.4	<p>Officers have been advised DfC are currently reviewing the CSP, however, no formal information has been issued in relation to the scope of this review or any potential impact on the allocation model. In the absence of any detailed information, officers are planning on the basis of a consistent level of CSP grant to the Council for 2017/18.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The Director of Finance and Resources has already reported to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that the Council may be in a deficit position in regards to the rates settlement with Land and Property Services. This means that the additional non-recurrent resource required from the Council to extend the existing CDGP into 2017/18 may not be available.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no equality or Good Relations implications</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
4.1	None