

## **CABINET – TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2018**

### **DAYTIME SUPPORT SUSTAINABILITY & TRANSITION GRANT AWARDS 2018-19**

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#### **Introduction**

1. The Daytime Support Sustainability and Transition Fund 2018-19 was open to applications from all community and voluntary organisations providing daytime support services, to apply on behalf of these services.
2. The aim of the funding is to support the continuation and development of community and voluntary sector daytime support opportunities in Oxfordshire, and to further support these services to increase their self-sustainability. This funding comes from the Adult Social Care precept.
3. As per the agreed cross-party panel decision making process, the cross-party panel reviewed the applications and assessed them against the grant criteria as set out in the guidance. This process was supported by officer recommendations.
4. This paper sets out the final cross-party panel recommendations for allocation of the Sustainability and Transition Fund 2018-19, for decision by Cabinet.

#### **Background**

5. Daytime support is an important part of the lives of many people. It provides vital links to the community that help people to live independent and fulfilling lives. As demand for social care grows and government funding reduces, we need to make sure that daytime support is fit for the future and sustainable over the longer term. Following the decisions made at Cabinet in January and full council in February 2017, we have now implemented a new, flexible countywide system of daytime support in Oxfordshire.
6. Oxfordshire's voluntary sector delivers excellent support to many vulnerable people; and the majority do so without funding from Oxfordshire County Council.
7. Some of these daytime support voluntary sector services had contracts with the county council, which ended on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. We want as many of these services to continue as possible, but recognise that this is a decision for individual organisations. These organisations were eligible to apply to the Transition Fund in 2017-18 for transition funding, to enable them to move to more self-sustaining models as their contracts end.

8. Several of the services which previously had contracts with the county council have decided not to apply for this further funding in 2018-19, as they have successfully transitioned to self-sustainability with local support.

### **Our approach**

9. Whilst we want to support as many community and voluntary sector daytime support services as possible to flourish independently, we recognise some services require some additional support. The Sustainability Fund is available to support these services, with £250,000 available each year.
10. We also want to support the development of new, self-sustaining initiatives. The Innovation Fund will be available to support these services, with £100,000 available each year. Applications for 2018-19 will open in early 2018.
11. We recognise the importance of supporting and enabling services which had contracts with the county council, to transition to more self-sustaining models. £550,000 of additional Transition Funding was made available for 2017-18 and 2018-19.
12. £300,000 was available for services whose contracts with the council ended at the end of August 2017, for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Applicants were asked to outline how they would use the funding applied for to work towards becoming self-sustaining.
13. This paper and Cabinet decision is for the allocation of the available Sustainability and Transition funding in 2018-19. This fund is £500,000 in total (£250,000 Sustainability Fund and £250,000 Transition Fund).
14. The cross-party panel have been keen to identify whether the funds are being paid from the Sustainability or Transition element of the fund. This is to ensure services are encouraged to continue with their sustainability planning, in recognition that the transition element will not be available next year.
15. Support has been and continues to be available to voluntary and community organisations, and communities and groups, through Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action. They have been supporting services to develop and action their sustainability plans, and to submit applications to the grant fund.

### **Process**

16. The process was set out and agreed by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care at the Delegated Decisions Meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
17. Applications to the fund were open from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

18. These applications were assessed by the cross-party panel against the criteria outlined in the guidance notes at Annex 1.
19. Applicants, along with their local county councillor, will be notified by e-mail of the Cabinet decision. Applicants will be notified of the decision by the end of January 2018.
20. Funding arrangements will be made in February, to start on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

## Criteria

21. The fund was open to applications from community and voluntary sector organisations providing, or seeking to provide, daytime support services. We want to support these services to continue to exist, flourish and develop across Oxfordshire. The following criteria were set out alongside the application form (see Annex 1).
22. These **daytime support services** support people to **live well** in their **local communities**. They need to **offer what people have told us they need** from daytime support. In the case of these services, this is mostly: social contact; getting out of the house; maintaining independence; seeing friends; having a meal. Many of these services also provide a much-valued break for carers.
23. They also need to be **rooted in local communities**; this means well-used; connected to and supported by local organisations, people and businesses; linked to other local support and opportunities; and supported by volunteers.
24. We will **prioritise the grant funding** at supporting those services which **require this financial support** to enable them to provide daytime support opportunities locally.
25. We will judge applications according to both:
  1. The **need for the service**, including
    - Increased risk of multiple deprivations, with reduced alternative opportunities for daytime support.
    - Increased risk of loneliness and isolation, with increased need for daytime support.
  2. The **need for our financial support**, including:
    - The service is providing support in an area/to people at risk of multiple deprivations, and is unable to become self-sustaining through combinations such as increasing charges and fundraising.
    - The service is already good value for money, largely volunteer-run and raises significant income through fundraising, but there are critical expenses which it cannot cover without this transition funding as their contracts end.

- The service is provided by a community/voluntary organisation which cannot reasonably rely on its own resources to support its transition to a more self-sustaining model.

## **Assessment of applications**

26. There were 25 applications received, two of which were on behalf of multiple services (Age UK Oxfordshire and Daybreak).
27. Having carefully assessed all the bids received against the established criteria, the cross-party panel are recommending the following. Details of the cross-party panel recommendations are set out in Annex 2.
- (a) To approve the requested funding for the following bids:
    - (1) Bromsgrove Day Centre
    - (2) Berinsfield Voluntary Day Centre
    - (3) Carterton Day Centre
    - (4) Charlbury Day Centre
    - (5) Cluster Care Group
    - (6) Daybreak services
    - (7) Thame & District Day Centre
    - (8) The Thursday Club (Watlington Age Concern Day Centre)
    - (9) Volunteer Link Up
    - (10) Watlington & District Age Concern Drop In
    - (11) Oasis Group (Witney)
  - (b) To approve the requested funding for the following bids, subject to conditions (these are specified in the cross-party recommendations – annex 2 and mostly relate to a requirement to further develop sustainability plans, and in most cases with a requirement to work with Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action).
    - (1) Age UK Oxfordshire services
    - (2) Chalgrove Day Centre
    - (3) Eynsham Day Centre
  - (c) To approve the requested funding for the following bids, recognising the split between the sustainability and transition elements (detailed in 29).
    - (1) October Club
    - (2) Forget Me Not (Bicester)
  - (d) To approve the recommended funding amount for the following bids (the proportion of the requested funding amount recommended to award is specified in the cross-party recommendations – annex 2).
    - (1) Chinese Day Centre
    - (2) Chinnor Day Centre
    - (3) Happy Place
    - (4) Highlands, Age Concern Chipping Norton
    - (5) RVS Cornhill Banbury Day Care

- (6) RVS West Way Day Centre
  - (7) Stonesfield Lunch Club
  - (8) Wychwoods Day Centre
- (e) To approve the recommended funding amount for the following bids, recognising the split between the sustainability and transition elements (detailed in 29).
- (1) RVS Cornhill Banbury Day Care
  - (2) Thursday Club (Deddington)
- (f) To reallocate the remaining amount to the Innovation Fund. Applications to this fund will open in early 2018, for the financial year 2018-19. This will provide one-off funding to support the development of new, self-sustaining daytime support opportunities across the county.

## Financial and Staff Implications

28. This table summarises the funding requests and cross-party panel funding recommendations and the total financial impact.

Name of Service	Name of Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Age UK services	Age UK Oxfordshire	£125,000	£125,000
Berinsfield Voluntary Day Centre	Berinsfield Voluntary Day Centre	£15,000	£15,000
Bromsgrove Day Centre	Bromsgrove Day Centre	£9,000	£9,000
Carterton day centre	Carterton Day Centre	£5,000	£5,000
Chalgrove Day Centre	Chalgrove Day Centre	£12,500	£12,500
Charlbury Day Centre	Charlbury Day Centre	£3,600	£3,600
Chinese Community Day Centre	Oxfordshire Chinese Community	£14,535.20	£10,000
Chinnor Day Centre	Chinnor Day Centre	£11,500	£10,000
Cluster Care Group	Cluster Care Group	£5,160	£5,160
Daybreak services	Daybreak Oxford	£100,000	£100,000
Eynsham Day Centre	Eynsham Day Centre	£2,660	£2,660
Forget Me Not	Bicester	£15,000	£15,000 (£5,000 & *£10,000)
Happy Place Day Centre	Oxfordshire Older Chinese Community	£7,000	£5,000
Highlands Day Centre	Highlands Day Centre	£10,000	£7,000
Oasis Group	Witney	£4,495	£4,495
October Club	October Club	£20,000	£20,000 (£15,000 & *£5,000)
Cornhill Banbury Day Care	Royal Voluntary Service	£11,000	£10,000
West Way Day Centre (Field House)	Royal Voluntary Service	£11,259	£5,000
Stonesfield Lunch Club	Stonesfield Lunch Club	£5,940	£5,000
Thame & District Day Centre	Thame & District Day Centre	£12,000	£12,000
The Thursday Club	Watlington & District Day centre	£2,000	£2,000
The Thursday Club (also Deddington Day Centre)	Windmill Thursday Club	£11,000	£6,000 (£5,000 & *£1,000)
Volunteer Transport & Befriending Services	Volunteer link Up	£7,850	£7,850

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Watlington & District Age Concern Drop in	Watlington & District Day Centre	£7,000	£7,000
The Wychwoods Day Centre	Wychwoods Day Centre Ltd, The	£6,633	£5,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>£435,132.20</b>	<b>£409,770</b>

29. The \*denoted amounts reflect where the cross-party panel recommend recognising the split between the sustainability and transition elements, with the transition element (\*) awarded for specified initiatives to increase sustainability and innovation.

### **Equalities Implications**

30. Equality and inclusion implications have been considered. The proposal to offer grants to community and voluntary sector services is only thought to confer a benefit on those with a protected characteristic and there is no adverse impact on those individuals.
31. All criteria for grant funding will require services to demonstrate how they meet the 'need' criteria, which includes consideration of impact. This will also be taken into account in the decision processes.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

32. **Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:**
- (a) **Congratulate the voluntary sector for its dedication and commitment to continuing to provide much valued services, and managing this transition process;**
  - (b) **approve for funding the bids listed under 27 (a) above;**
  - (c) **approve for funding the bids listed under 27 (b) above, subject to conditions as set out in the cross-party panel recommendations (Annex 2);**
  - (d) **approve for funding the bids listed under 27 (c) above, recognising the split between the sustainability and transition elements, with the transition elements awarded for specified to increase sustainability and innovation;**
  - (e) **approve the recommended funding amount for the bids listed under 27 (d) above;**
  - (f) **approve the recommended funding amount for the bids listed under 27 (e) above, recognising the split between the sustainability and transition elements, with the transition elements awarded for specified initiatives to increase sustainability and innovation;**
  - (g) **approve transferring the remaining amount, as set out under 26 (f) above, to the Innovation Fund 2018-19.**

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Background papers: Transition and Sustainability Fund 2018-19 Application Forms  
Annex 1: Guidance & Application Form Sustainability and Transition Fund 18-19  
Annex 2: Cross-party panel recommendations

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