

Report of the Portfolio Holders for Resources and Personnel Policy and Community Safety.

Community Health Bursary Scheme

1. Purpose of Report

The Council has been engaging with a wide range of community and health partners to meet its health and well-being objectives. This report identifies a number of important community health bursary projects seeking funding support.

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that:

- 1. The seven community health bursary projects in the Appendix totalling £14,000 be approved, with the one-off revenue development being funded from General Fund Reserves in 2024/25.**
- 2. A report on the outcomes and learning from the Community Health Bursary projects be presented to Cabinet for consideration during 2025/26.**

3. Detail

The Deputy Chief Executive, the Communities Officer (Health) and the Business Director of Liberty Leisure have worked together to consider a wide range of community health bursary projects that will improve the health and well-being of various communities in the north of the Borough. Importantly, some of these projects can also be accessed by residents in the south of the Borough. The bursary will support community health projects delivered by the voluntary, charitable and health sectors. The seven projects recommended for bursary support are detailed in the **Appendix**.

A number of important factors have been considered in identifying these projects. Firstly, ensuring that the projects reach a cross section of Broxtowe's communities, as well as considering future sustainability, in some cases through fees. It is recommended that a further report in the next financial year is presented to Cabinet, outlining the effectiveness of the community health bursary scheme, before any further funding is provided.

4. Key Decision

This report is a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 as it affects more than 2 Wards.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

This applies where a policy has been through pre-scrutiny or Policy Overview Working Group.

Not applicable.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There is no budgetary provision for the cost of these seven community health bursary projects. If Members were minded to approve the proposal, the additional one-off cost of £14,000 would be funded directly from General Fund Reserve balances in 2024/25.

7. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows: Whilst there are no direct legal implications arising from this report, the Council are able to offer such bursaries by using the general power of competence under Chapter 1 of the Localism Act 2011.

8. Human Resources Implications

The comments from the Human Resources Manager were as follows:

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

The Union comments were as follows:

Not applicable.

10. Climate Change Implications

The climate change implications are contained within the report.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

Not applicable.

13. Background Papers

Nil.