

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Personnel Policy

Citizens Advice Nottinghamshire Central and South1. Purpose of Report

To provide Cabinet with an update on activity at the Broxtowe Division of Citizens Advice Nottinghamshire Central and South and approve the release of the third year of grant aid funding as approved by Cabinet in July 2024.

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to note the report from Citizens Advice Nottinghamshire Central and South and RESOLVE to release the third year grant aid funding of £73,750 for 2026/27 accordingly.

3. Detail

In July 2024, Cabinet approved grant aid of £73,750 to the Broxtowe Division of Citizens Advice Nottinghamshire Central and South ("CANCAS Broxtowe", previously known as Citizens Advice Central Nottinghamshire), which included £10,000 towards the annual rental of accommodation in the Council Offices. The resolution included a commitment to award grant aid at this level in both 2025/26 and 2026/27, subject to a suitable Service Level Agreement and monitoring being in place. This three-year funding settlement was seen to provide some much-needed stability for CANCAS Broxtowe and give it a platform to lever in additional funds from other sources.

Under the terms of the funding settlement and the Service Level Agreement, CANCAS Broxtowe has submitted its update report for 2025/26. This is presented in the **Appendix** for consideration.

The overall budget for grants to voluntary organisations in 2026/27 is £168,800. An amount of £73,750 has been earmarked from the overall grant aid budget towards CANCAS Broxtowe.

4. Key Decision

This report is not a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

Not applicable.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Interim Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer were as follows:

The overall budget for grants to voluntary organisations in 2026/27 includes an amount of £73,750 which has been earmarked for CANCAS Broxtowe. This includes £10,000 towards the rental obligation for the office accommodation at the Council Offices in Beeston.

7. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

The Council is empowered to make grants to voluntary organisations by virtue of Section 48 Local Government Act 1985 (as well as other legislation). Having an approved process in line the legislation and the Council's Grant Aid Policy will ensure the Council's compliance with its legal duties.

8. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

Not applicable.

10. Climate Change Implications

No climate change implications have been identified in relation to this 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

As this is not a change to policy an equality impact assessment is not required.

13. Background Papers

Nil.