

From: Mike Hill, Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services
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To: Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee – 22 September 2021

Decision No: N/A – For information only

Subject: **Decision taken between Cabinet Committee Meetings – Interim infrastructure support to the Voluntary Sector**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Past Pathway of Paper: Cabinet Member Decision

Future Pathway of Paper: N/A

Electoral Division: County-wide

Summary: A decision to fund a pilot for Volunteering Infrastructure across the county and a Strategic Recovery Fund to support the voluntary sector in Kent was taken by the Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services between meetings of the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee. This decision could not be reasonably deferred to the next meeting of the Cabinet Committee which had been re-scheduled from 7 September to 22 September for the reasons set out in paragraph 1.2 below.

Recommendation:

The Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee is asked to note that Decision 21/00074 to fund a pilot for Volunteering Infrastructure across the county and a Strategic Recovery Fund to support the voluntary sector in Kent was taken between meetings of the cabinet committee in accordance with the process set out in the Council's constitution.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services has taken 21/00074 to fund a pilot for Volunteering Infrastructure across the county and a Strategic Recovery Fund to support the voluntary sector in Kent. The budget for this is contained within the 2021/22 KCC revenue budget, approved by County Council on 11th February 2021.
- 1.1 The decision was taken between meetings of the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee, as it could not reasonably be deferred. It was agreed at Cabinet on 24 June that this support for the voluntary and community sector would be in place by September and delaying the decision any longer than early September would mean that support would not be available until well

into October. This support is an interim measure for this financial year until the final draft of the Civil Society Strategy is adopted later in the year, which will set the framework for our ongoing and long-term support to the sector.

2. The report submitted to the Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services in advance of the decision being made is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. The signed Record of Decision is attached as Appendix 2.

3. Recommendation(s)

The Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee is asked to note that Decision 21/00074 to fund a pilot for Volunteering Infrastructure across the county and a Strategic Recovery Fund to support the voluntary sector in Kent was taken between meetings of the cabinet committee in accordance with the process set out in the Council's constitution.

4. Background Documents

- Equalities Impact Assessment (appended)
- Record of Decision
- Report 21-00074 Interim support

5. Contact Details

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