

Decision Number: 25(2017/18)

## **Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement**

### **The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012**

Subject: Sevenoaks District Better Care Grant

Details of Decision taken: Four applications to the Sevenoaks District Better Care Grant receive funding to enable projects to proceed as set out in the applications, as follows:

- Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge £ 39,917.37
- Citizens Advice North & West Kent £ 40,000.00
- West Kent Mind £ 40,000.00
- PS Breastfeeding CIC £ 18,250.00

#### **Reason for Decision**

- The Government has given the Council additional funding to fund provision of support services and projects to help reduce pressure on hospitals and NHS services and increase applications for financial assistance through the 2017 Housing Assistance Policy.
- The Sevenoaks District Better Care Grant was set up to attract applications for innovative projects working with local people to identify and reduce avoidable health and social costs associated with housing related issues.
- The funding round closed on 28 February 2018 and 5 applications were received. The applications were appraised using a template.
- Officers recommended that four applications, from Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge, Citizens Advice North & West Kent, West Kent Mind and PS Breastfeeding CIC should receive a total of £138,167.37.
- One application, from Imago Community, was not recommended to receive funding as it did not reach the scoring threshold for funding.

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**All Documents considered:**

A summary of the applications is attached at Appendix A.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision:

None

**Financial implications**

Funding for the Sevenoaks District Better Care Grants is funded from Government funding.

**Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement**

There are no legal implications from this decision



**Equality Impacts** (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty)

Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups, and (iii) foster good relations between people from different groups. The decisions recommended through this paper directly impact on end users. The impact has been analysed and does not vary between groups of people. The results of this analysis are set out immediately below.

Question	Answer	Explanation / Evidence
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The projects supported by this decision will make improvements to local communities and make positive contributions to Equalities by assisting older people, those who are hoarders and those breastfeeding to access information and home adaptations that will help improve their wellbeing and will help keep them out of hospital and GP surgeries.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to	Yes	

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promote equality of opportunity?		
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		No mitigations required
 Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted  Cllr Michele Lowe – Portfolio Holder for Housing & Health		
Details of any conflicts of interest a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker  None  b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict  None		
Decision taken by:	Portfolio Holder for Housing & Health	
Signed by Portfolio Holder		
Date of Decision	9.3.18	
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