

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2023

Report Title	Strengthening Local Communities Grant			
Purpose of Report	To approve the allocation of the Strengthening Local Communities Grant from Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board.			
Decision(s)	<p>The Committee RESOLVES to:</p> <p>a) Approve the allocation of the Strengthening Local Communities Grant.</p> <p>b) Delegate Authority to Strategic Director of Communities in consultations with the Chair & Vice Chair of Community Services and Licensing on any amendments to the proposed allocation value.</p>			
Consultation and Feedback	Director of Community Services, Head of Community Services, Stroud & Berkeley Vale Integrated Locality Partnership.			
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Options	Any amendments to this proposal would have to be approved in partnership with Stroud & Berkeley Vale Integrated Locality Partnership.			
Background Papers	None			
Appendices	<p>Appendix A – Terms of Reference: Integrated Locality Partnerships Stroud & Berkeley Vale</p> <p>Appendix B - Equality Analysis Form</p>			
Implications (further details at the end of the report)	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

1. INTRODUCTION

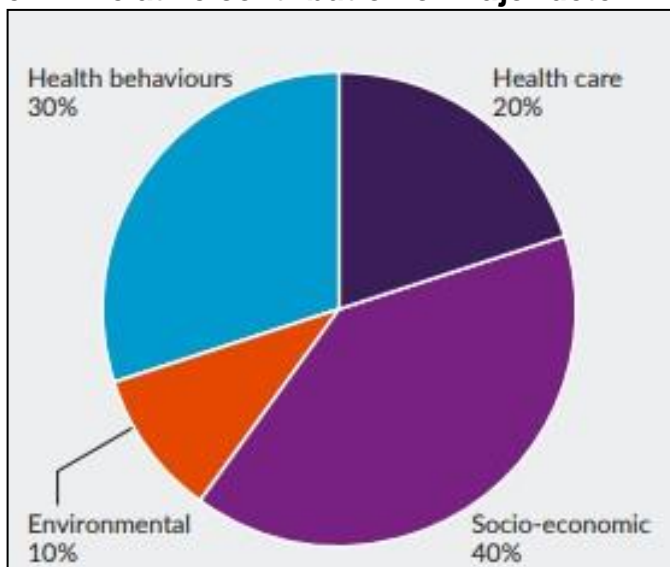
- 1.1 Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board have awarded a grant of £150,000 to each district council in the Gloucestershire to continue the development and delivery of the collaborative work to improving the health and wellbeing of Gloucestershire citizens.

- 1.2 The grants aim is to enable Stroud District Council to work in conjunction with Stroud and Berkeley Vale Integrated Locality Partnership, commissioners, VCSE organisations and communities to co-create and deliver community facing initiatives based around local priorities that positively influence wider determinant circumstances and reduce health inequalities.
- 1.3 Stroud and Berkeley Vale’s Integrated Local Partnerships is made up of officers from Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Gloucestershire Health & Care Trust, 3 Primary Care Network Clinical Directors, Gloucestershire County Council, Stroud District Council, Community Wellbeing Service and VCSE representation.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Our health is influenced by our physiological characteristics, health behaviours and lifestyles, our social and community networks, and our physical, social and economic contexts.

Figure 1 – Relative contribution of major determinants to our health



- 2.2 Figure 1 illustrates the provision of health care services plays an important role in health outcomes and rightly requires focus and attention. However, once we understand the relative impact of the various factors influencing our health outcomes it becomes clear that in order to truly influence health on a population level, we need to focus action on the other contributory factors, which have traditionally been seen as outside the boundaries of the health and care system; namely the wider determinants and health behaviours.
- 2.3 Given the functions and enabling roles which District Councils have across the determinants of health, they play an important role in improving the health and wellbeing of their citizens and communities. For health inequalities to be addressed effectively, interventions must be built on developing community-based programmes, which enable empowerment, control, self-determination, and the freedom to lead lives that people have reason to value.

2.4 The Strengthening Local Communities Grant compliments existing county-wide, community-based initiatives whilst ensuring the resourcing and delivering of universal services at a scale and intensity are proportionate to the degree of need. This will ensure that our most intensive focus is in the areas where need is greatest, aiming to improve the health of the whole population, across the social gradient, while simultaneously improving the health of the most disadvantaged fastest, thus contributing to a reduction in health inequalities.

3. MAIN POINTS

3.1 The Strengthening Local Communities grant must be allocated in line with Stroud and Berkeley Vale’s Integrated Local Partnership key priorities, which are: -

- Children and Young People’s Mental Health
- Frailty, Dementia and Carers.

3.2 The grant will also contribute to the delivery of CW1 (Community resilience) and CW4 (Leisure and Culture Services) actions within the Council Plan. Please see below the actions which the grant has direct impact on:-

- CW1.1 - Develop community led networks and community hubs across the district by helping communities to develop their own networks and hubs, connecting smaller and larger hubs and providing support and training.
- CW1.2 Act to improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people in the district through delivery of a new 3 year Health and Wellbeing Plan
- CW4.3 Increase physical activity and sports participation through our Healthy Lifestyles Scheme in partnership with the Gloucestershire We Can Move programme.

3.3 The grant will also support the delivery of the 3 Year Physical Activity Action Plan and Health & Wellbeing Plan.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALLOCATION OF GRANT

4.1 The recommendations for the allocation of the £150,000 Strengthening Local Communities Grant are as follows:-

Intervention	Proposed Funding Allocation
Stroud District Community Hub Development Programme To support the continuing development of the Stroud District Community Hub programme.	£20,000
Children and Young People Wellbeing Programme Working with Integrated Locality Partnership partners using data and insight to develop targeted interventions for children and young people.	£50,000

Place based targeted Health Interventions Working with partners to develop place based interventions e.g. Chapel Street Pilot	£20,000
VCS Targeted Intervention Fund To work with VCS partners to support targeted health projects.	£20,000
Activity on Referral Development To support the development of activity on referral in the district in partnership with Active Gloucestershire and other key stakeholders.	£20,000
Social Prescribing VCS Capacity Building To support social prescribing pathways into VCS organisations. e.g. when a referral is made to a VCS organisation from a social prescribers that organisation receives funding to support that individual.	£20,000

4.2 We will be creating working groups for each of the above interventions which would include representation from key statutory and VCSE organisations across the district.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications

As the expenditure plan is funded by the Strengthening Local Communities grant then there are no financial implications to the Council. It is recommended that the spending plan is monitored closely so that it remains within the allocated £150,000 of funding.

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5.2 Legal Implications

Before issuing the grants, the Council should enter into grant agreements with the providers to set out the purposes for which the grant is to be used.

All financial assistance given by the Council to non-individuals has to comply with the provisions of the Subsidy Control Act 2022 (the Act). This replaced state aid when the UK left the EU.

In order for financial assistance to be a subsidy, it has to meet 4 criteria; one of which is that an economic advantage is conferred on one or more 'enterprises'. This criteria will not be met where the benefit of the financial assistance is being passed on by the recipients to residents and the provider themselves are not gaining any benefit. Also, it is unlikely that the providers referred to in this report would be considered to be an 'enterprise' defined as "a person who is engaged in economic activity that entails offering goods or services on a market...".

Officers should consult with One Legal before the grants are issued to cover off the subsidy control requirements and to prepare the grant agreements.

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5.3 Equality Implications

An EIA has been carried out by Officers in relation to the decision made in this report and due regard will be given to any implications identified in it.

5.4 Environmental Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.