

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

REF No 437.22

A1 Service Area	Communities and Housing Standards
A2 Title	Community Regeneration Fund
A3 Decision Taken By	Deputy Leader
A4 Chief Officer	Please print name: Mark Rizk Please sign name: Approval by email 300622
A5 Leader / Deputy Leader	Please print name: Cllr B Peters Please sign name: Approval by email 300622
A6 Date of Decision	30 th June 2022

Confidentiality

A7 Is this Decision confidential by containing exempt information as described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972?	No
A7.1 If yes, please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972.	

Scrutiny

A8 Which Scrutiny Committee should this decision be submitted to? *(Please tick as appropriate)* ✓

Scrutiny Community Regeneration Committee ✓
 Scrutiny Environment and Health and Well Being Committee
 Scrutiny Value for Money Council Services Committee

<p>B1 What is the Decision?</p>	<p>To launch the Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) by 30th June 2022. The aim of the fund is provide grants of between £1,000 and £16,000 for up to 80% of a total project cost. Projects should benefit the local community and make a physical improvement to a community space/amenity. The focus is on improving the public realm rather than repairing and maintaining existing assets. The fund will run for a period of 12 months.</p> <p>Applications to this fund will be dealt with in three stages: Expression of interest; Panel presentation; and Final submission. No grant of any level is guaranteed until the application has had their final application approved and submitted all required supporting information. All applications at each stage will be considered by a cross-party panel consisting of 5 members and chaired by the Deputy Leader for Communities & Housing Standards. The panel will meet monthly, starting end of July – date tbc - and will be supported by the Social Regeneration Officer.</p> <p>Guidance for the fund has been prepared and there will be additional monitoring of the grant award once the grant payment has been made. Support with the process will be available for applicants from Officers.</p>
<p>B2 What are the reasons for the Decision?</p>	<p>The launch of the Community Regeneration Fund will help to support the ongoing regeneration of East Staffordshire by supporting local groups and organisations to deliver capital projects which will help to enhance local areas</p>
<p>B3 What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities?</p>	<p>The fund contributes to the Community Regeneration corporate priority.</p>
<p>B4 What are the Human Rights considerations?</p>	<p>There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision.</p>

Financial Implications

<p>B5 What are the financial implications?</p>	<p>The main financial issues arising from this decision are as follows: Grant scheme funding allocation included in MTFs. Funding process in place to ensure appropriate procedures are followed. Provision included should the process need to be adapted to enable applications to be considered more quickly if required to ensure funds are spent.</p>
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Revenue	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25

Capital	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Community Regeneration Fund	100,000		

The finance section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit:	Please print name: Anya Murray Please sign name: Approval by email 290622
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Policy Framework

B6 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's policy framework? B6.1 If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)? B6.2 Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions? B7 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's budget? B7.1 If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)? B7.2 Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	Yes NA Yes/No (please delete as appropriate) Yes NA Yes/No (please delete as appropriate)
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Equalities Implications

B8 What are the Equalities implications:
B8.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): Funding available to all areas in East Staffordshire to support local community regeneration projects.
B8.2 Negative (Threats): N/A
B8.3 The subject of this decision is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality impact assessment is not required.
B8.4 [The equality impact assessment identified the following actions to be carried out:] N/A

Risk Assessment

B9 What are the Risk Assessment implications:
B9.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): An opportunity for communities to directly be involved in shaping projects to improve their local area and bid for funds to enable projects to come to fruition. Improve engagement between the Council and local community groups and organisations. Guidance and support provided by the Council for organisations who wish to access the fund
B9.2 Negative (Threats): Some organisations may find the process too onerous and be reluctant to apply. All funds may not be committed within the 12 month period.
B9.3 The risks do not need to be entered in the Risk Register. Any financial implications to mitigate against these risks are considered above.

Legal Considerations

B10 What are the Legal Considerations:
B10.1 There are no significant legal issues arising from this decision.
This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team
Please print name: John Teasdale

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Please sign name: [Approval by email 290622](#)

Sustainability Implications

B11 What are the Sustainability implications: N/A

B11.1 The proposal [would/would not] result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures). The positive/negative impacts are set out below (please refer to guidance notes).

B11.2 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):

B11.3 Negative (Threats):

Health & Safety Implications

B12 What are the Health & Safety implications:

B12.1 A Risk Assessment has not been carried out and entered into Safety Media for all significant hazards and risks because there are no significant hazards or risks arising from this decision.

B12.2 [The significant hazards and risks have been identified in the Safety Media Risk Assessment numbered []. Any financial implications to mitigate against these hazards and risks are considered above.] N/A

B12.3 [Control measures and an action plan have been identified for any significant hazards and risks identified in the risk assessment. The positive/negative impacts are set out below] N/A

B12.3.1 Positive (Benefits)

B12.3.2 Negative (Threats)

Key Decision

B13 Is this a Key Decision? No

Note: A Key Executive Decision is one where:

1. **REVENUE** – Any contract or proposal with an annual payment or saving of more than £100,000
2. **CAPITAL** – Any capital project with a value in excess of £150,000
3. A decision which significantly affects communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.

B13.1 If this is a Key Decision, is this an urgent decision such that a delay caused by use of the Call-in Procedure would <u>seriously</u> prejudice the public interest?	NA
B13.2 If yes, has the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor or in his/her absence the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision will be exempt from Call-in?	NA

NOTE: If this decision is subject to the Call-in Procedure it will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 3 working days after publication – unless 10 Members of the Council call in the decision.

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