

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

REF No 473.22.

A1 Service Area	Communities
A2 Title	To identify and provide funding support for a 'Local Warmer Public Community Spaces' initiative within East Staffordshire.
A3 Decision Taken By	Deputy Leader/ Chief Officer
A4 Chief Officer	Please print name: Mark Rizk Please sign name: Approval by email 261022
A5 Leader / Deputy Leader	Please print name: Cllr Peters Please sign name: Approval by email 261022
A6 Date of Decision	26 th October 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.	Paragraph []

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 identify and establish a number of ‘Local Warmer Public Community Spaces’ in community based locations across the Borough. The Council is seeking to support venues such as community centres and other community hubs across the Borough.</p> <p>In order to facilitate this support, a grant fund of £30,000 will be established initially. Support to organisations operating a ‘warmer space’ will be capped at £1,000 per organisation, with an initial sum of £500 paid ‘up front’ to the operators, so that the council can understand the impact and pattern of utility usage. This will allow us to target the remaining £500 commitment where it is most needed.</p> <p>The period that the grant for the ‘Warmer Space’ is expected to cover is the period between November 2022 and March 31st 2023*. The grant is expected to cover any additional heating costs and the provision of tea/coffee i.e. warm drinks provision. N.b. It is anticipated that the building will already be open and the grant will help the facility to cover any additional heating costs as well as the provision of hot drinks.</p> <p>*This period will be subject to review.</p>
<p>B2 What are the reasons for the Decision?</p>	<p>The Council will be offering support to residents who are experiencing hardship with cost of living and utility bills. Unprecedented pressures on people this winter despite the support given by Government, people will be forced to make tough decisions. The Council can play a part in supporting residents facing these difficulties by identifying and supporting ‘Local Warmer Public Community Spaces’ around the Borough.</p>
<p>B3 What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities?</p>	<p>Environment and Health and Well Being.</p>
<p>B4 What are the Human Rights considerations?</p>	<p>There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision.</p>

Financial Implications

B5 What are the financial implications?	<p>The main financial issues arising from this decision are as follows:</p> <p>The grant fund of £30,000 will be established from monies allocated to support the community from the current in year forecast underspend. Support to organisations operating a ‘warmer space’ will be capped at £1,000 per organisation, with an initial sum of £500 paid ‘up front’ to the operators, so that the council can understand the impact and pattern of utility usage. The remaining £500 commitment will be targeted where it is most needed.</p>
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Revenue	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Grant Funding up to	30,000		

<p>The finance section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit:</p>	<p>Please print name: Lisa Turner</p> <p>Please sign name: Approval by email 261022</p>
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Policy Framework

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

Equalities Implications

B8 What are the Equalities implications:
B8.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): This provision will be open to all sections of the communities within East Staffordshire.
B8.2 Negative (Threats): Some facilities may be able to open for longer periods than others.
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: N/A
B9.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):
B9.2 Negative (Threats):
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 The main legal issues arising from this decision are as follows: Under s1 Localism Act 2011, a local authority has the power to do anything an individual can do. This is often referred to as the “well-being” power. It provides authorities with wide-ranging powers, including the provision of funding and grants. The terms of any grant can be incorporated into a formal grant agreement, and thus, be legally binding.
This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team Please print name: Glen McCusker – Locum Solicitor
Please sign name: Approval by email 251022

Sustainability Implications

B11 What are the Sustainability implications:
B11.1 The proposal would 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): By providing a 'Warm Space' residents will be able to use less heating resources in their own home.
B11.3 Negative (Threats): The times the 'Warmer Spaces' are available may vary across the Borough and be dependent on what each facility is able to provide.

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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