

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 16 JUNE 2015

REPORT BY HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS, ENGAGEMENT AND CULTURE

COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SERVICES FOR BROXBOURNE AND EAST HERTS (CVSBEH) – ANNUAL REPORT

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To present the services delivered by the Community Voluntary Services (CVSBEH) and to propose an annual Service Level Agreement.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

That:

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| (A) | the report and presentation by the CVSBEH be received and |
| (B) | the Service Level Agreement (SLA) presented at Essential Reference Paper “B” be approved. |

1.0 Background

1.1 East Herts Council has worked closely with the CVSBEH for many years providing core funding for services delivered to the voluntary sector in East Herts and commissioning one-off and special projects.

1.2 The Chairman of the Community Scrutiny Committee has requested that an annual report of the work of the CVSBEH should be presented to Community Scrutiny and that the council’s commissioning relationship with the CVSBEH be represented more formally through the adoption of an annual Service Level Agreement (SLA).

1.3 More information on the CVSBEH can be found on their website:

2.0 Report

2.1 In each of the years 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15, East Herts Council has provided core funding of £15,000 for the delivery of core services which include:

- Support, advice and training for voluntary sector organisations
- Promotional events
- Community development initiatives
- Support to East Herts' Strategic Partnership

2.2 In addition to these core services the CVSBEH has undertaken project work for East Herts Council and East Herts' Strategic Partnership, those funded by East Herts Council in the past two years include:

- Community transport initiatives (£12,000 in 2013/14 and £11,000 for 2014/15)
- Childrens' Summer activities (£25,000)
- Dragons' Apprentice (£1,500)

2.3 It is proposed that, in relation to core services and the option to commission project work, the SLA presented at **Essential Reference Paper "B"** is approved.

2.4 The CVSBEH will make a presentation on their work to the Scrutiny Committee of 16 June 2015 followed by questions from the committee and discussion.

2.5 The SLA requires (paragraph 11) the CVSBEH to submit a written report annually to Scrutiny Committee. Scrutiny Committee may take the option to invite CVSBEH officers to attend as a complement to the written report.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None

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