

**REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 23 FEBRUARY 2023**

**REPORT ON: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS**

**REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**REPORT NO: 28-2023**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out proposed changes to third party payments administered by Neighbourhood Services. Approval is sought to introduce these changes for 2023/24.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1. It is recommended that Committee approves the level to third party payments set out in Section 4 of the report and summarised at 4.7.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The changes set out in this report generate savings of £159,000 on third party payments administered by Neighbourhood Services.

## **4.0 MAIN TEXT**

4.1 The Communities team provides third party payments to Grey Lodge Settlement (£56,000) and to Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action (DVVA) (£68,000). The Community Safety and Resilience Team contribute to the cost of a Police Scotland Community Analyst (£25,000) and have a provision of £19,000 in its commissioning budget for projects that help deliver on our community safety priorities.

4.2 At present DCC contributes to the overall cost of these services, but many community organisations have access to other sources of external funding. Third sector organisations have charitable status and are eligible to apply for external funding through grant aid and relevant trusts.

4.3 Grey Lodge Settlement operates as a multi-functional community development organisation to work in partnership with other agencies to provide a range of locally based services. It provides opportunities and activities for young people and young adults, with an emphasis on mental health and wellbeing. It supports volunteering among young people and provides activities for older people. DCC currently provides funding of £56,000. It is proposed this funding is withdrawn. Grey Lodge have significant reserves, therefore should be able to absorb this whilst seeking alternative funding.

4.4 Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action (DVVA), alongside Dundee Social Enterprise Network (DSEN) form the Third Sector Interface (TSI) for Dundee. TSIs are established in each Local Authority area in Scotland to be the voice of the Third Sector in local community planning and are funded to carry out this role by Scottish Government. DCC currently provides funding of £68,000. It is proposed that this funding is withdrawn. DVVA have significant reserves.

4.5 The Community Safety and Resilience Team provide a third-party payment to Police Scotland that contributes to the cost of a Community Analyst. Analytical reports are provided for Committees, Executive Boards, and sub-groups such as the Fire- Related ASB forum and local Multi-agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC) meetings. It is recommended that this funding is withdrawn. Existing sources of statistical information will be used for reporting purposes to, for example, the Community Safety and Justice Executive Board.

4.6 The Community Safety commissioning budget is used to support the work of partners to achieve related objectives set out in the City Plan. Examples include a contribution to the running of the

Safe Zone bus, property security strengthening for the victims of crime and a contribution to WRASAC's costs associated with the 16 Days of Activism. The current budget is £19,000. It is proposed to reduce this by £10,000.

- 4.7 In summary, the withdrawal of funding currently provided to Grey Lodge (£56,000), DVVA (£68,000) and Police Scotland (£25,000) and the reduction of the Community Safety commissioning budget (by £10,000) will generate a saving of £159,000 for the 2023/24 Neighbourhood Services revenue budget.

## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This report has been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment to identify impacts on Equality & Diversity, Fairness & Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. An impact, positive or negative, on one or more of these issues was identified. An appropriate senior manager has checked and agreed with this assessment. A copy of the Integrated Impact Assessment showing the impacts and accompanying benefits of/ mitigating factors for them is included as an Appendix to this report

## **6.0 CONSULTATIONS**

- 6.1 The Council Leadership Team have been consulted on the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its contents.

## **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 None

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# Integrated Impact Assessment

Committee Report Number: 28-2023

Document Title: COMMUNITIES THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS

Document Type: Service

Description:

The purpose of this report is set out proposed changes to third party payments administered by Neighbourhood Services Communities service. Approval is sought to introduce these changes for 2023/24.

Intended Outcome:

It is recommended that Committee approves the level of thirds party payments set out in Section 4.10 of the report.

Period Covered: 23/02/2023 to 31/03/2024

Monitoring:

Those with continued funding will provide financial reports

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## **Equality, Diversity and Human Rights**

### **Impacts & Implications**

Age: No Impact

Disability: No Impact

Gender Reassignment: No Impact

Marriage & Civil Partnership: No Impact

Pregnancy & Maternity: No Impact

Race / Ethnicity: No Impact

Grey Lodge Settlement provides activities for the community. The DCC funding covers the lead workers post. The organisation have access to external funding and have reserves of around £230,000 and are well placed to mitigate and impacts of the withdrawal of DCC funding. DVVA are in a similar position with and receive funding from Scottish Government which should allow it to maintain the functions previously funded by DCC as the voice of the Third Sector in Community Planning.

Religion or Belief: No Impact

Sex: No Impact

Sexual Orientation: No Impact

Are any Human Rights not covered by the Equalities questions above impacted by this report?

No

## **Fairness & Poverty**

### **Geographic Impacts & Implications**

Strathmartine:	No Impact
Lochee:	No Impact
Coldside:	No Impact
Maryfield:	No Impact
North East:	No Impact
East End:	No Impact
The Ferry:	No Impact
West End:	No Impact

## **Household Group Impacts and Implications**

Looked After Children & Care Leavers: No Impact

Carers: No Impact

Lone Parent Families: No Impact

Single Female Households with Children: No Impact

Greater number of children and/or young children: No Impact

Pensioners - single / couple: No Impact

Unskilled workers or unemployed: No Impact

Serious & enduring mental health problems: No Impact

Homeless: No Impact

Drug and/or alcohol problems: No Impact

Offenders & Ex-offenders: No Impact

## **Socio Economic Disadvantage Impacts & Implications**

Employment Status: No Impact

Education & Skills: No Impact

Income: No Impact

Caring Responsibilities (including Childcare): No Impact

Affordability and accessibility of services: No Impact

Fuel Poverty: No Impact

Cost of Living / Poverty Premium: No Impact

Connectivity / Internet Access: No Impact

Income / Benefit Advice / Income Maximisation: No Impact

Employment Opportunities: No Impact

Education: No Impact

Health: No Impact

Life Expectancy: No Impact

Mental Health: No Impact

Overweight / Obesity: No Impact

Child Health: No Impact

Neighbourhood Satisfaction: No Impact

Transport: No Impact

## **Environment**

### **Climate Change Impacts**

Mitigating Greenhouse Gases: No Impact

Adapting to the effects of climate change: No Impact

### **Resource Use Impacts**

Energy efficiency & consumption: No Impact

Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling of waste: No Impact

Sustainable Procurement: No Impact

### **Transport Impacts**

Accessible transport provision: No Impact

Sustainable modes of transport: No Impact

### **Natural Environment Impacts**

Air, land & water quality: No Impact

Biodiversity: No Impact

Open & green spaces: No Impact

## **Built Environment Impacts**

Built Heritage: No Impact

Housing: No Impact

Is the proposal subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)?

No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

## **Corporate Risk**

### **Corporate Risk Impacts**

Political Reputational Risk: No Impact

Economic/Financial Sustainability / Security & Equipment: No Impact

Social Impact / Safety of Staff & Clients: No Impact

Technological / Business or Service Interruption: No Impact

Environmental: No Impact

Legal / Statutory Obligations: No Impact

Organisational / Staffing & Competence: No Impact

Corporate Risk Implications & Mitigation:

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are "business as normal" risks and any increase to the level of risk to the Council is minimal. This is due either to the risk being inherently low or as a result of the risk being transferred in full or in part to another party on a fair and equitable basis. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant impact.