

PORTFOLIO HOLDER/OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Portfolio Holder/Officer: Corporate Director & Monitoring Officer, Portfolio Holder for Licensing & Community Safety, Portfolio Holder for Finance	Service: Housing & Community Support
CMT Officer: Carol Pilson, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer	Delegated Power Being Exercised: Part 3 - Responsibilities for Functions; Tables 4 and 5, paragraph 71(a):
Subject of Decision: Community Champions Fund	

<p>Decision Taken:</p> <p>Carol Pilson, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Leader and Councillor Lynn, portfolio holder for Community Safety and Licensing noted the allocation of £96,903.00 Community Champion Funding from MHCLG and has authorised its distribution and entry into all relevant legal and financial arrangements necessary to give effect to the agreed outcomes of the scheme.</p>
<p>Reason for the Decisions:</p> <p>A review by Public Health highlights that COVID-19 disproportionately impacts some groups of people both in terms of transmission rates and mortality than it does others. In order to tackle this and assist with the management of the pandemic and recovery programme, MHCLG have set up a Community Champions Fund which aims to resource an increased level of community support to people shown to be most at risk including those from an ethnic minority background, disabled people and others.</p>
<p>Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate):</p> <p>Alternatives to the recommended decision include declining the allocated funding or employing a different model of delivery. Both options have been rejected on the premise that there is a clear and compelling need for the funding and, given the immediacy of that need, to work with existing partners with a proven track record of delivery in supporting target groups.</p>
<p>Background/Reports/Information considered and attached:</p> <p>Expression of Interest. Draft Memorandum of Understanding between MHCLG and Fenland District Council setting out the terms upon which the Community Champion Fund will be allocated.</p> <p>Legal and Governance Implications. MHCLG require all recipients of the Community Champions Fund to enter into a standard Memorandum of Understanding which sets out the terms upon which the funding will be provided. In conjunction with this Fenland District Council will enter into similar agreements with the recipients of the funding, ensuring compliance with all relevant legal requirements necessary for the protection and promotion of the interests of all concerned.</p> <p>Financial Implications. This grant is wholly funded by MHCLG and we are putting in place grant agreements with partner organisations to protect the Council's interest.</p>

Portfolio Holder/Officer's Signature Cllr Chris Boden Cllr Andrew Lynn Carol Pilson	Date: 22 January 2021

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