

* Name of proposal/policy	Third Sector Support – Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire	* Budget number	16-008-14
* Service area responsible	Public Health	* Cabinet meeting date	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
* Name of completing officer	Sharon Stringer	* Approved by Director / Assistant Director	Peter Barker
* Version	V1	* Date	8 February 2017

**PART A**

* Section 1a: Description of proposal under consideration/development	* Section 1b: Is this new or existing? Does it link to current provision?
<p>This is an existing 3 year contract with Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire (VIN), which was due to cease in June 2017. An eight month extension to March 2018 has been approved but with the caveat that full year savings of £50k need to be found. The savings of £12,500 per quarter will be applied from Quarter 1 in April 2017.</p>	<p>Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire (VIN) currently hold the voluntary sector support contract for NCC.</p> <p>This contract provides voluntary sector support and development and has also provided the strategic link between the sector and NCC. The organisation has played a key role in the development of the Sustainable Transformation Plan and Health and Wellbeing Board in ensuring voluntary sector views are considered.</p>

**\* Section 2: How does this align with the Council Plan/ corporate priorities/ partnership strategies and plans/ Next Generation Council?**

<b>Delivers increased wellbeing and/or safeguarding by ensuring that...</b>	✓
People of all ages are safe, protected from harm and able to live happy, healthy and independent lives in our communities	

People have the information and support they need to make healthy choices and achieve wellbeing	✓	
People achieve economic prosperity, in a healthy, low carbon economy which gives access to jobs, training and skills development	✓	
Communities thrive in a pleasant and resilient environment, with robust transport and communications infrastructure		
Resources are utilised effectively and efficiently, in coordination with partners and providers	✓	
<b>Does it align with any NCC/ partnership strategies and plans? (if so, please list below)</b>		
Sustainable Transformation Plan Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board's Strategy for 2016 to 2020		
<b>Does it support the transformation into a Next Generation Council? (if so, please explain below)</b>		
VIN fully understands the Next Generation Council approach and links with First for Wellbeing as the first iteration of the federated model. The organisation has the ability to be flexible in approach as the model changes.		

**\* Section 3: If this relates to a statutory duty, please give details of the relevant legislation below:**  
N/A

**Section 4: Have other alternatives been considered?**  
N/A

**\* Section 5: Financial / resource implications**

a) Costs (e.g. invest to save) N/A
b) Staffing implications N/A
c) Savings

This proposal will save £50,000 in the year 2017/18

Section 6: Has a similar initiative/proposal been implemented elsewhere? What were the benefits or risks? Are there lessons that can be learned?

N/A

THIS SECTION HAS REPLACED THE EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM AND MUST BE COMPLETED TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE EQUALITY DUTY

\* Section 7: Who will be affected by this proposal? (this may be service user data, or be based on a particular geographical area or more general population data depending on the proposal) Include demographic information where this is available e.g. breakdown by gender, age, ethnicity, disability etc. BIPI can support with the provision of data. You may include staff, partner organisations and any other stakeholders who might be affected by the proposal.

Data Source (include link where published) and summary of what it tells us for example “X number of people use this service, X are male, Y are female etc”

Why is this relevant to the proposal?

Design Principles of the contract:

- **Working with Communities to understand and help them meet their needs:** to build capacity within local communities so that they can be strong in managing their own needs and understanding each other
- **Working with strategic partners:** for robust and effective collaboration between the voluntary and community sector (VCS) and strategic partners so that NCC investment in the VCS is focussed on tackling the counties priority issues
- **Be an easy access and single point of access for groups:** online and digital information and supports that resources can be used to best effect, connecting with all relevant community groups and organisations. There will be a clear rationale for what needs to be delivered strategically and locally and how this can be achieved within finite and tapering resources.

This contract supports the general population including all the protected characteristics on broad based service delivery i.e. it is not a specialist service provider but meets the objectives of the Single Equalities Platform.

- **Outcome based service:** services that achieve the desired outcomes for the groups accessing them and those of the county council and its partners.
- **Cost efficiency, use of resources and mixed economy of support:** the supplier will lead by example in terms of being enterprising, agile and supported by a mixed economy. Demonstrable evidence of effective collaborative working, the ability to diversify and modify its own offer and a track record of successful community engagement and business involvement will be important
- **Proactive services:** the service needs to be proactive, identifying and anticipating changes and supporting the sector to meet changing circumstances. Providing insight and intelligence to shape and influence public sector decision making.
- **Volunteering and involvement:** the heart of the county council's aim is to build capacity within all local communities to enable people to manage their own needs and to support each other. A key factor in this will be stimulating volunteering and involvement as a means of getting people engaged in finding solutions to their needs.

**Around this framework VIN has developed and delivered:**

- A volunteering strategy for the county
- Provided Community Development support across the county
- Developed Commsortia with a range of VCS partners as a vehicle to make collective bids for significant funding for the county
- Provided training and events for the VCS across the county
- Worked strategically with Director Of Public Health on a range of topics to ensure the VCS is considered in county council strategies.
- Worked with other statutory partners and NCC on the Sustainable Transformation Plan
- Are a key partner on the Health and Wellbeing Board
- Provide regular digital updates to the sector and partners

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Manage a database of around 800 voluntary sector groups that continues to grow as the organisation develops</li> </ul>	
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**\* Section 8: Based on the above information, will this proposal have an impact on the following? ✓ the relevant box for each line and then expand on the reasons why in Section 9**

	Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
<a href="#">Age</a>			✓	
<a href="#">Disability</a>			✓	
<a href="#">Gender reassignment</a>			✓	
<a href="#">Marriage and civil partnership</a>			✓	
<a href="#">Pregnancy and Maternity</a>			✓	
<a href="#">Race</a>			✓	
<a href="#">Religion or Belief (or No Belief)</a>			✓	
<a href="#">Sex</a>			✓	
<a href="#">Sexual orientation</a>			✓	

**\* Section 9: Initial impact**

**\* Section 9a: From your analysis in section 8 above, please explain the positive implications**

N/A

**\* Section 9b: From your analysis in section 8 above, please explain why you have assessed any of the impacts as neutral**

NCC has worked with VIN to understand what impact the budget reduction would have on their work. VIN believes that this budget reduction can be achieved by making cuts to the management and back office operations as opposed to frontline support, which is why we believe that the impact will be neutral.

<b>* Section 9c: From your analysis above, please explain the negative implications</b>	<b>* Section 9d: What actions have you identified to mitigate any negative implications?</b>
N/A	N/A
<b>* Section 9e: From your analysis above, please explain the areas where you are unsure of the impact</b>	<b>* Section 9f: What actions have you identified to fill gaps in information?</b>
N/A	N/A

<b>* Section 10: Internal considerations: are there any implications for the following?</b>		
	<b>✓ or X</b>	<b>If there are any implications, please explain them here and identify any actions you may need to take as a result</b>
<a href="#"><u>Staff</u></a>	X	
<a href="#"><u>Financial (NCC)</u></a>	✓	This proposal will save £50,000 in 2017/18
<a href="#"><u>Legal</u></a>	X	
<a href="#"><u>NCC Policy</u></a>	X	
<a href="#"><u>Performance</u></a>	X	
<a href="#"><u>Data quality / information security</u></a>	X	
<a href="#"><u>IT</u></a>	X	
<a href="#"><u>Strategic assets</u></a>	X	
<a href="#"><u>LGSS / federated bodies</u></a>	X	
<a href="#"><u>Procurement</u></a>	X	
<a href="#"><u>Project support</u></a>	X	
<a href="#"><u>Other (if appropriate)</u></a>		

<b>* Section 11: External considerations: are there any implications for the following?</b>		
	<b>✓ or X</b>	<b>If there are any implications, please explain them here and identify any actions you may need to take as a result</b>
<u>Community impact</u>	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some impact VIN's ability to deliver the strategy for the VCSE sector;</li> <li>• Some impact on support for Commsortia.</li> <li>• Slight reduction in the STP support role.</li> <li>• Actions to enable and co-ordinate A&amp;E and Urgent Care would not be able to be sustained.</li> </ul>
<u>Impact on the consumer (e.g. communication needs, access, rurality, complaints)</u>	X	
<u>Reputation</u>	X	
<u>Political</u>	X	
<u>Partners</u>	X	
<u>Human Rights</u>	X	
<u>Health impact – individual</u>	X	
<u>Health impact – wider community</u>	X	
<u>Economic impact - individual</u>	X	
<u>Economic impact – wider community</u>	X	
<u>Community Safety impact</u>	X	
<u>Environmental impact</u>	X	
<u>Consultation</u>	X	
<u>Other (if appropriate)</u>		

Based on the impacts and considerations above, please identify the RAG status

RAG Status	Overall RAG	Time	Proposal Delivery	Cash Saving	Risk	Issue	Dependency

* Section 12a: What are the risks associated with NOT implementing the proposal? (tick if applicable)	✓	* Section 12b: What actions have you identified to mitigate the risks? Will anything in the current arrangements need to be changed to acknowledge this risk? Is implementing the proposal the only way to mitigate the risks?
<b>Non-compliance with legislation or NCC policy</b>		N/A
<b>Financial</b>	✓	Savings would need to be made elsewhere if this reduction is not made here.
<b>Change in performance/ data quality/ information security</b>		N/A
<b>Reputational/ Political</b>		N/A
<b>Increase in complaints and/ or legal challenge</b>		N/A
<b>Other</b>		N/A

* Section 13: Budget Delivery Programme Highlight Report information – total amount allocated to savings proposal 2017-18 through to 2020-2021; profiled budget; 2017-18 action plan extended savings narrative; cost code information				
<b>Total amount allocated to savings proposal 2017-18</b>				
<b>2017-18 (£000)</b>		<b>50</b>		
<b>Impact of saving within the budget profile</b>				
<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	
12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	



	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>By when</b>
<b>1</b>	Notification of reduction in funding	Keith Sumner	complete
<b>2</b>	Variation to existing contract	SStringer	End March 2017

  

<b>Cost code</b>	NHLDD00
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**\* Section 14: Do you need to undertake further work (e.g. consultation, further proposal development, further equality analysis) based on the impact and actions identified above? If yes, set this out below and then carry out the work and complete Part B:**

The budget reduction and variation to the existing contract are the two main actions required for this contract. During 2017/18 there will be a full consultation process with the voluntary sector to begin to develop the **next** voluntary support contract for 2018/19 onwards.