



**INTEGRATING COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY
BOARD
19 December 2016**

ITEM 7

Report of the Strategic Director of Communities
and Place

Building Neighbourhood Capacity

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Derby City Council is on an exciting journey of transformation. Following the success of our 'one Derby, one council' programme we have now launched 'Delivering Differently' encouraging all our staff to seek innovative and commercial ways to deliver our services.

The Delivering Differently Programme is a key element of the Council's strategy for becoming a modern, flexible and resilient Council. In order to deliver the large number of projects required to achieve a balanced and sustainable budget for the Council the programme needs to be delivered at pace using the knowledge and expertise we already have available to us within the Council

- 1.2 Building the capacity within communities and individuals is a crucial element of the programme and includes a range of agendas including:
- Scoping and understanding the range and diversity of community organizations in the city
 - Encouraging communities and residents to do more for themselves in the context of reducing council and partner service provision
 - Reducing demand on council services by working across the council to identify how, where and with whom the council can manage expectations and reduce demand, by identifying, supporting and building social capital
 - Managing the transition and potential ending of neighbourhood management services, as identified as a budget saving in 2018-19
 - Building stronger partnerships with community organizations and Community Action Derby
 - Develop a city-wide partnership volunteering strategy and plan, which incorporates the priorities of the council

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To consider the information provided and make any comments and relevant recommendations on the content.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that Board members are kept updated on the development of the
- 3.2 To ensure that the Board has sufficient opportunity to make any comments or recommendations in relation to the issues discussed.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Funding has been identified within the Delivering Differently Programme to fund a project manager to lead and deliver the identified priorities
The key elements of the role include:
- 4.2
- To identify and build relationships with community groups to manage and reduce the expectations and demands on Council services and to support communities to do more for themselves
 - To support community groups to come together to plug the gap left in service provision by increasing social capital and increasing community resilience
 - Identifying the skills and strengths of individuals and communities to find solutions to their own problems before requiring services or support from the Council.
 - To co-ordinate the Council's work on volunteering and community engagement
 - To develop the role and relationships of the Council with the voluntary / community sector.
 - To identify and join-up the various Council strategies needed to support this work.
- 4.3 A recruitment exercise has been concluded and unfortunately a suitable candidate was not identified. A further recruitment is planned for after the Christmas break

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	N/A N/A N/A N/A John Tomlinson
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Funding for the post has been identified through the Delivering Differently programme

Legal

- 2.1 None

Personnel

- 3.1 None

IT

- 4.1 None

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 The project will operate across the city and target under represented communities, where there is a lack of social capital and community infrastructure

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None

Risk Management

- 9.1 None

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 Building stronger communities