

Record of Decision taken by Executive Councillor

Decision title: Warm Spaces Funding

Executive Councillor making the decision: Exec Councillor Booth

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Date of Decision: 18/11/2022

Details of decision:

To grant £50,000 to Somerset Community Foundation as part of its Warm Spaces and wider Cost Of Living programme.

Reasons for proposed decision:

To support the work of the Somerset Community Foundation in delivering a Cost of Living Programme.

Somerset Community Foundation has established a 'Cost of Living Appeal' programme which in due course will support additional core costs for VCSE groups and projects that will help meet the needs of struggling and vulnerable households. In this first phase the Foundation has launched the Warm Somerset Spaces Fund, from which a venue can ask for up to £1,000 to stay open longer this winter to offer a warm place for people in their community.

More detail is in the attached report:

<http://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/documents/b6023/Cost%20of%20Living%20Working%20Group%20Report%2019th-Oct-2022%2010.00%20Executive.pdf?T=9>

This expenditure will be funded from General Fund in year underspends.

Alternative funding options sourced:

SCC Public Health has contributed £50,000 from the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable grant. This has been matched by £150k from District Councils in Somerset (including this £50k).

The below has been completed:	Name(s)	Date
Relevant ward councillor(s) consulted	Not applicable	18/11/2022

The following are if appropriate / applicable: Yes/No. If yes the implications should be attached to this decision notice.

Finance implications	Yes	18/11/2022
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Unitary Council and S24 Direction Implications (Contracts and Land Disposals)	No	18/11/2022
Legal implications	No	18/11/2022
Links to corporate aims	Yes	18/11/2022
Climate and Sustainability implications	No	18/11/2022
Community Safety Implications	No	18/11/2022
Equalities Impact	Yes	18/11/2022
Safeguarding Implications	No	18/11/2022
Risk management	No	18/11/2022
Partnership implications	No	18/11/2022

Any conflicts of interest declared by Leader or Executive Members consulted on the proposed decision. If Yes provide confirmation from Chief Executive to grant dispensation for the Leader's / Executive Member's views to be considered.

No

Decision Maker

I am aware of the details of this decision(s), considered the reasons, options, representations and consultation responses and give my approval / agreement to its implementation.

Signed:



Name: Councillor Chris Booth

Date: 20/11/2022

Note – This decision record is for decisions taken by Executive Councillors. The decision(s) can be implemented following publication and the period for any call-in has expired.