

Area Based Grant Programme

Area 7

(Lenton Abbey, Wollaton East & Wollaton West)

Castle Cavendish Delivery Plan 2018-19

Castle Cavendish is the Area Lead Organisation for the VCS in Area 7 (Lenton Abbey, Wollaton East and Wollaton West Wards). For 2018-19 it continues to work in partnership with a range of delivery partners across 4 main themes:

- **Children & Young People**
- **Supporting the local VCS**
- **Community Hubs**
- **Local Priorities**

Following the Council's approval of the 2018-19 Budget, an allocation of **£34,219** has been awarded to Castle Cavendish for Area 7. An initial financial review of 2017-18 has revealed that there has been an under-spend of **£13,655** which will be carried forward, making a total of **£47,874** of available funds for the 2018-19 Area 7 Programme.

To manage the Area 7 Grant Programme, Castle Cavendish will use the 7% management fee agreed by the City Council (based on the 2018-19 grant allocation of **£34,219**) of **£2,395**.

The Delivery Plan attached sets out a list of aims against each theme, our approach to delivery, including our provision through delivery partners and any "in-house" provision, along with the distribution of funds. A final section provides our Key Targets, which includes our outputs and outcomes we aim to deliver, alongside the main goals we are pursuing.

1. Children & Young People

Aims:

- Support diversionary provision across the available facilities within the area, in proportion to the population distribution of young people;
- Ensure a fair and balanced representation of youth provision that reflects the area's diversity;
- Offer extra in-school support for Key Stage 2 aged children to ensure they are able to make positive choices, enabling them to realise their full educational potential; and
- Support diversionary activities which enhance the health & wellbeing of young people and provide creative outlets for self-expression.

Approach:

Castle Cavendish will support diversionary provision for children & young people across both wards of Area 7, focussing on ensuring continuity, stability, and reducing duplication or overlap by effective co-ordination with the City Council and other providers working in the area.

Diversionsary Provision:

We propose to continue developing our core diversionary provision offer by extending the existing Service-Level Agreements we have with the Delivery Partners listed below:

- **AJ Sports**
- **The Pythian Club**
- **Wollaton Youth Club**

Delivery Partners will be set new outcomes & output targets based on a review of their 2017-18 performances. Grants will be awarded to enable delivery of Diversionsary provision on a weekly basis across the 39 weeks of term-time throughout the school calendar.

School Holiday Activities

In previous years, we have facilitated a hugely successful Summer Events & Activities Programme. For 2018-19 we are expanding this programme to encompass all of the school holidays. Through the same open-bidding process, grants of up to £1,500 will be available to local VCS groups for delivery of events, projects and other activities to take place during school holidays, with widespread publicity campaigns to promote all activities.

Targeted Support:

Castle Cavendish will look to continue to play an important role in the Area 7 Multi-Agency Young People's Panel, referring young people into our existing delivery partners and other organisations as necessary who have the appropriate expertise and connections (or choose from a bank of other specialist organisations) to deliver targeted services in the local area.

In addition, we will continue to support the work being delivered at Firbeck Academy by local charity **Think Children** who are working with children in need of additional behavioural, emotional or social support in school.

Distribution of Funds:

Proposed Service	Externally Commissioned	In-house Provision
Diversionsary Provision	£17,229	N/A
School Holiday Activities	£13,750	N/A
Targeted Support	£2,500	N/A
Totals	£33,479	N/A

2. Supporting the local VCS

Aims:

It is felt that the key requirements for the growth and development of the Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) in Area 7, centres on 4 main areas of support:

- **Funding** – In this age of austerity and cutbacks, many VCS groups need our support to access external funding, through application to local and national funding bodies, other forms of fundraising such as donations and innovative new ways of generating income, like crowd-funding.
- **Governance** – It is important that VCS groups have effective governing documents in place alongside policy & procedures that are up-to-date and properly adhered to.
- **Lifeboat Support** – Many VCS groups are going through challenging times, so it is essential that there is a dedicated and accessible “in crisis” support service available
- **Sharing Best Practice** – A forum for sharing ideas and knowledge on best practise is currently needed more than at any other time before and is critical for the continued development of the VCS.

Approach:

Utilising a proportion of the Area 7 Grant combined with our own resources and expertise we will provide a range of support services delivered directly from Castle Cavendish, along with supporting the costs of specialist functions through other funding providers.

Local VCS Advice Service:

Over the past 2 years we have expanded our role to provide high-quality advice and support to various VCS groups on an ad-hoc basis. This has allowed us to establish impartial and trusting working relationships with our Area 7 Delivery Partners, enabling us to gain an in-depth knowledge of their activities and accomplishments.

We now we want to use this opportunity to deliver a local VCS advice service that is specifically attuned to the requirements and needs of VCS groups in Area 7. We will support groups in the following areas:-

- Diagnostic Action Planning
- Setting-up & Formation
- Governance Support
- Organisational Development
- Trading & Tender Readiness
- Funding Advice & Investment Readiness
- Developing Local Volunteering Opportunities

Specialist VCS Support:

We would look to engage accredited providers (such as NCVS) for specific free training for VCS groups, as and when required.

Distribution of Funds:

Proposed Service	Externally Commissioned	In-house Provision
Local VCS Advice Service	-	£2,500
Project development & Support	-	£3,500
Totals	-	£6,000

3. Core Support for Community Hubs

Aims:

To support the development of 2 Community Hubs:

- **Wollaton Vale Community Centre**
- **Sheila Roper Centre**

Local Community Centres should be able to function as a hub for all of the diverse communities in the area. By providing core support for the above centres and focusing resources in these key locations we feel that Community Hubs will be able to maximise their reach and impact by hosting activities that support the key local priorities in the Area 7 Grant Programme.

Approach:

We will work to an agreed Service Level Agreement with each centre to ensure that we have a shared understanding of what activities will be supported throughout the year. As well as awarding grants to financially support them, each Community Hub will also benefit from having access to Castle Cavendish's extensive experience and expertise in property management. We will work closely with the associations running the centres, enabling them to explore ways to maximise their income and helping to them to become financially viable organisations with sustainable business models.

Distribution of Funds:

Proposed Service	Externally Commissioned	In-house Provision
Wollaton Vale Community Centre	£1,000	-
Sheila Roper Centre	£1,000	-
Totals	£2,000	-

4. Local Priorities

Aims:

Following consultation with VCS groups and taking into account the statistical information, we have focused on 5 issues that have a real effect on Area 7:

- **Loneliness & Isolation** - among senior citizens and other socially excluded groups
- **Employment & Skills Support** for young people from some of the new and emerging communities (i.e. African, Eastern European and Roma);
- **Community Cohesion** - tension between new and existing communities, issues between students and permanent residents and inter-generational differences
- **Health & Wellbeing** - physical, mental and emotional health
- **Crime & Community Safety** - particularly for young people

Approach:

The main emphasis will be on supporting existing services to expand or reach a new client base, through a discretionary grant (max. £1,000 per group), which is open to applications from small VCS groups. We would encourage applications to fund activities which already have partial funding in place. It is anticipated that local VCS organisations would be invited to submit applications. An indicative list of relevant projects is shown below:

Community Eating Projects:

We feel that supporting projects that serve free or cheap food helps to tackle food poverty. Not only that but providing a place for people to eat together and socialise can also have a major impact in people's lives by reducing isolation and loneliness, supporting people with low level mental health issues, improving community cohesion and social inclusion.

Befriending Schemes:

This would apply to mainly senior citizens, and would again link through to the needs and issues affecting that age group. Existing examples: Resident's Groups which organise specific regular activities, such as coffee mornings.

ESOL Conversation Classes:

With many new and emerging communities choosing to settle in Area 7, it is proposed that we enhance the current employability support offer with provision for ESOL by supporting the setting up of small scale "informal conversational classes" at the Community Hubs.

Family Learning Sessions:

We will look to support groups that help to build self-esteem and confidence, particularly in adults and children from disadvantaged groups.

3. Distribution of Funds:

Proposed Service	Externally Commissioned	In-house Provision
Grants to local VCS Groups	£4,000	-
Totals	£4,000	-

Key Targets

Quantitative Monitoring

Output Measurements	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Children & Young People					
Diversionary youth provision hours delivered (Term-Time only)	60	48	66	72	246
Targeted provision hours delivered	16	12	18	20	66
Children & Young People's School holiday sessions delivered	4	25	4	2	35
VCS Support					
Local organisations accessing diagnostic action planning	1	1	1	1	4
Local organisations accessing funding and tender support	1	1	1	1	4
Local organisations accessing advice on governance and volunteering opportunities	1	1	1	1	4
Local Priorities					
Community projects addressing local priorities	1	1	1	1	4

Qualitative Monitoring:

Output Measurements	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Children & Young People					
YP engaged and supported through diversionary activity	90	100	110	120	120
YP engaged and supported through targeted activity	8	8	8	8	8
YP engaged and supported through holiday activities	30	270	270	270	270
VCS Support					
Local organisations improving governance arrangements	1	1	1	1	4
Local organisations improving financial capability	1	1	1	1	4
Local Priorities					
Number of local organisations supported to provide activities	1	1	1	1	4
Local residents attending community activities	40	60	30	20	150
Direct beneficiaries associated with community projects	12	12	12	12	48
People involved in local organisations trained and supported	3	3	3	3	12

Main Goals:

It is anticipated that the Area Based Programme in Area 7 will enable the local VCS to work alongside other sectors to:

- **Reduce crime and improve community safety** by:
 - Reducing incidents of young people involved in criminal behaviour
 - Reducing incidents of anti-social behaviour
- **Improve employment levels** by:
 - Increasing the educational attainment of children
 - Improving the employability of residents

- **Improve the social infrastructure and community cohesion** by:
 - Reducing the propensity of VCS organisations closing down
 - Increasing levels of funding for VCS organisations
 - Increasing attendance at community hubs
 - Increasing the range of community events
 - Increasing levels of participation and involvement in community initiatives