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SUBJECT:	REVIEW OF FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR ORGANISATIONS	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS07

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members to note additional information as requested.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 Further to the initial report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to provide additional information regarding the makeup of the voluntary sector in South Derbyshire identifying type and size of organisations.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Councillors asked for details about the number and size of organisations that work in the same part of the sector as those that are currently funded by South Derbyshire District Council.

3.2 During 2015/16 168 charities generated £50million income. £42.8m of this was the income of the three largest charities – charities linked to independent schools at Repton and Foremark.

There were 4 new charities registered that had declared no income.

3.3 75 of the total number of registered charities had an income of less than £10k (Micro). 71 had an income between £10 and £100k (Small). While there is a large volume of work undertaken by charities within South Derbyshire there are only 22 charities, working to provide benefits across a number of diverse categories, based in South Derbyshire that have an income of more than £100k.

3.4 The charities based in South Derbyshire provide public benefit within the following categories:

- Almshouses

- Arts and Music
- Church charities
- Community Buildings
- Education – Independent Schools
- Education – Pre school
- Education – PTA
- Fundraising & grants
- Heritage & history
- Scouts / Guides
- Social & Recreation
- Sport
- Support Services
- Transport
- Welfare / grants to individuals

3.5 Grants to 9 South Derbyshire organisations fall within the following categories:

- Arts & Music – People Express
- Heritage & History – Sharpe's
- Social & Recreational – Asian over 60's
- Support Services
 - Next Step
 - Rural Action Derbyshire
 - South Derbyshire CVS
 - South Derbyshire CAB
 - Home Start South Derbyshire
- Transport – Shopmobility

3.5.1 Arts & Music.

There are 6 charities shown within this category. People Express are the only community arts organisation operating across the District, the other 5 are made up of 2 choirs, 1 operatic society, 1 concert society and 1 music trust.

3.5.2 Heritage & History.

There are 6 charities shown within this category. Sharpes is the only museum and accounts for approx. 75% of the income in this category. The second largest organisation in this category is The Magic Attic which is hosted within the buildings operated by Sharpe's museum. None of the other 4 organisations have an income greater than £10k and all have a very narrow focus.

3.5.3 Social & Recreational.

There are 14 charities shown within this category. All have income of less than £15k. The Asian over 60's group have an income below the £10k limit for registration with the Charity Commission. This category includes a number of Women's Institutes as well as disabled and older peoples groups. None of the 14 focus on providing benefits for minority ethnic groups.

3.5.4 Support Services.

There are 7 charities within this category. This will be reduced to 6 as Next Step was included. 3 of the remaining 6 are currently funded by South Derbyshire District Council – SDCVS, SDCAB and Home-Start South Derbyshire. All 3 operate across the District. The CVS and CAB account for 74% of the income in this category. The only other charity to provide broad based advice and support for local communities is Melbourne & District Community Care that has a limited geographical focus.

3.5.5 Transport.

There are 2 charities within this category. This has reduced to 1 as it included Shopmobility which has now ceased trading. The only other organisation is Community Transport (Swadlincote). This is one of the organisations that have enquired about taking on the work of Shopmobility.

3.6 Next Step has now ceased operating. The grant that was made available from SDDC is targeted specifically at supporting individuals / families that are impacted on by domestic violence. Currently no other organisation based within South Derbyshire offer this type of service.

3.7 Officers have been reviewing potential services targeted at supporting victims of domestic abuse. Further to this officers are continuing to work with Trident Reach to identify best value for the grant in this area. (Appendix 1 profile of Trident Reach and the work that they currently undertake.)

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None arising directly from this report.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 The revenue grant funding has a direct impact on the achievement of key aims within the corporate plan.

People – Enable people to live independently, protect and support the most vulnerable, increasing participation.

Place – Facilitation and delivery of community infrastructure, enhancing understanding of the planning process (neighbourhood planning), connecting with communities, provision of cultural facilities, delivering services that keep the District healthy.

Progress – Attracting inward investment, working to develop tourism, promote financial inclusion, including in rural areas.

5.2 Employment Implications – The funding that is provided is primarily core funding and supports employment at all of the organisations concerned

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 This report supports the review of funding to voluntary and community sector organisations. This the greatest impact of work undertaken by the Council with this sector in South Derbyshire.

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 None with this report.