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| REPORT TO: | HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE | AGENDA ITEM: 8 |
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| REPORT FROM: | STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (SERVICE DELIVERY) | OPEN |
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| SUBJECT: | SHOPMOBILITY SERVICE IN SWADLINCOTE | REF: |
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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Committee approves Council funding to be provided to South Derbyshire CVS (SDCVS) to allow it to deliver the Shopmobility Service in Swadlincote for the next three financial years until 31 March 2022.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To inform the Committee that the organisation that delivered the Shopmobility service in Swadlincote, South Derbyshire Shopmobility and Disabled Scheme Association (SDSDSA), has ceased to operate due to the age and infirmity of the trustees. It has now been removed from the Register of Charities.
- 2.2 To seek the Committee's approval to fund SDCVS to deliver the Shopmobility Service in Swadlincote, replacing the previous operator. This would be subject to review after 3 years.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Shopmobility service in Swadlincote was delivered by SDSDSA until March 2017.
- 3.2 Since March 2017, SDCVS has received grant support from the Council to ensure continuity of service while alternative delivery options with other providers were explored.
- 3.3 Prior to its closure, the Trustees of SDSDSA identified a number of organisations that they felt could take on the operation of the Shopmobility. A number of charitable, South Derbyshire based, organisations were approached and simple criteria were set to assess any organisation looking to take on the service.

The aim was to provide:

- Shopmobility Service within the immediate area of Swadlincote Centre (maximum 10 minutes scooter travel of Swadlincote Town Centre.
- Accessible premises
- Suitable parking for people with disabilities

3.4 No suitable response was forthcoming.

3.5 SDCVS has now confirmed that it wishes to take on the permanent delivery of the Shopmobility service from its base in Grove Street, Swadlincote. It would require the level of funding that has previously been identified for this service.

3.6 SDCVS meets the original criteria set to determine the acceptability of any organisation wishing to deliver the service in that:

- Its Grove Street premises offers direct access to West Street and onward into Swadlincote Town Centre.
- It has accessible premises. There is level access into the SDCVS building with a low reception counter that is approachable for wheelchair users.
- It has suitable parking for people with disabilities. The premises in Grove Street offers accessible parking and there is further parking directly opposite the entrance.

3.7 The original service operated for four days per week. The proposal is to extend the offer to at least five-day opening. The proposal is to operate 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.00pm Friday.

3.8 Should the Committee agree to provide financial support to SDCVS this funding would be the subject of a formal Service Level Agreement.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The SDCVS has temporarily received funding from the Council to deliver the Shopmobility Service. The level of financial support that would be available from the Council for the 2019/20 financial year is £11,424. Subject to the budget continuing to be available and to satisfactory performance this funding would continue to be provided in 2020/21 and 2021/22.

4.2 No additional funding over that already included within budget provisions is required as a result of the transfer.

4.3 As the proposal is to increase the level of service at the same level of funding it represents an increase in value for money.

5.0 Corporate Implications

Legal Implications

5.1 At the point of closure for SDSDDA no organisations had been identified to continue the service, assets were transferred to SDCVS in accordance with the dissolution clause of SDSDSA as identified within its constitution agreed by the Charity Commission.

Corporate Plan Implications

5.2 The proposal to continue and develop the Shopmobility service will directly contribute towards People and the development of independent living within South Derbyshire within the Corporate Plan.

6.0 **Community Implications**

- 6.1 The Shopmobility service will contribute directly to the Sustainable Community Strategy by supporting individuals with mobility issues to maintain an independent lifestyle. It will contribute to the target of improved access to services for all and particularly older communities. As such, it will have a positive impact regarding equalities.