

REPORT TO:	HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 6
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REPORT FROM:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (CORPORATE RESOURCES)	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	SALLY HEMSLEY (EXT 5894) COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OFFICER	DOC:
SUBJECT:	SDDC SUPPORTED VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTOR ORGANISATIONS: OVERVIEW REPORTS 2021-22	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the Committee notes the work carried out during 2021/22 in South Derbyshire by the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations supported financially by the Council.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To inform the Committee of the work carried out during 2021/22 in South Derbyshire by the Voluntary and Community Sector organisations supported financially by the Council.

3.0 Executive Summary

3.1 The Council supports the work of seven voluntary and community sector organisations in South Derbyshire by providing annual revenue funding through Service Level Agreements (SLAs) renewed every three years.

3.2 The supported organisations are:

- Citizen's Advice Mid Mercia
- Family Support Derbyshire
- People Express
- Rural Action Derbyshire
- Sharpe's Pottery and Heritage Arts Trust
- Sinfin and Stenson Fields Asian Over 60s Social and Welfare Club
- South Derbyshire CVS

- 3.3 As part of the monitoring process by the Community Partnership Officer, these organisations have provided overview reports (attached as Appendices) of the services they provided and the activities they undertook during 2021-22.
- 3.4 The organisations' reports include how Covid impacted on their activities, how they adapted and the steps they are taking towards recovery.

4.0 Detail

- 4.1 **Citizen's Advice Mid Mercia** [Home - Citizens Advice Mid Mercia](#) supports the people of South Derbyshire alongside those living in Derby City, East Staffordshire, Tamworth and surrounding areas. The organisation provides a Debt Advice Service, statutory and non-statutory advocacy, digital training support, a 'Help to Claim' service and an 'Autism Information and Advice Service' amongst other general support and advice services. The 2021-22 overview report, written by David Symcox, Chief Executive Officer, gives information on support in South Derbyshire and is attached to this report as **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 **Family Support Derbyshire** (formerly known as Home Start), [Family Support Derbyshire – Supporting Local Families with Young Children](#) is a local initiative helping parents with young children through difficult and challenging times. The organisation provides support in the following areas: disabilities and additional needs, domestic violence and abuse, poverty, financial issues and unsafe environments, mental ill health, bereavement, hunger, poor nutrition and neglect, isolation, and special educational needs. The 2021-22 overview report is written by Rich Seal, Chief Executive Officer and is attached as **Appendix 2**.
- 4.3 **People Express** [People Express \(people-express.org.uk\)](http://people-express.org.uk) is a participatory arts organisation, rooted in the communities of South Derbyshire, empowering people through the arts and creativity. The organisation supports local groups to work with a wide range of highly skilled and inspirational professional artists across all art forms and works with local groups to plan, fundraise and deliver arts projects. People Express shares decision-making and choice with the groups they work with and encourages local leadership by filtering through skills, information and contacts, building a sense of ownership and level of self-confidence that enables groups to move towards running the project or new initiatives independently. The 2021-22 overview report has been written by Julie Batten, Chief Executive Officer and is attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 4.4 **Rural Action Derbyshire** [Rural Action Derbyshire](#) aims to improve the lives of those living and working in Derbyshire and believe that no-one should be unfairly disadvantaged because they live in a rural area. The organisation works to address rural disadvantage so that rural communities are sustainable, vibrant and accessible to everyone regardless of age, background or income. The organisation's mission is to improve the quality of life for Derbyshire residents, by empowering people in rural communities to take action to address disadvantage, become more sustainable and increase local control. The organisation offers advice, support and training to individuals and communities, provides transport options to help people get to work, and runs an oil buying scheme to help keep energy costs down for more isolated properties. The 2021-22 overview report has been written by Bev Parker, Chief Executive Officer and is attached as **Appendix 4**.

- 4.5 **Sharpe's Pottery & Heritage Arts Trust** [Sharpe's Pottery Museum, Heritage & Arts Centre \(sharpespotterymuseum.org.uk\)](http://sharpespotterymuseum.org.uk) is a local charity, situated within a Grade II listed heritage building (which is a Registered Museum). The Trust supports local history (including a wide range of artifacts on display), hosts community events and offers conference room space. The Trust's Mission is to research, conserve and present, in an interesting and educational manner the artistic, cultural and industrial heritage of South Derbyshire, for the benefit of the community and visitors, using the former Sharpe's Pottery as a base. Accommodation is also provided for The Magic Attic, formed in 1987, to preserve and maintain records which belong to the local area and community and make them widely accessible and People Express (see 4.3 above). The 2021-22 overview report has been written by Chris Beech, Chair of Trustees and is attached as **Appendix 5**.
- 4.6 **Sinfin & Stenson Fields Asian Over 60s Social & Welfare Club** provides a support network for Asian over 60's in the Sinfin and Stenson Fields area. Meeting daily during the week at Sinfin Moor Church, the club provides a welcoming atmosphere to help minimise the isolation faced by the older Asian community due to lack of culturally and linguistically appropriate services. The group provides advice sessions, festival celebrations, health improving activities and social excursions. The 2021-22 overview report was written by Gurdev Dhillon, a Trustee who leads on the running of the club and is attached as **Appendix 6**.
- 4.7 **South Derbyshire CVS** [Home | South Derbyshire CVS \(sdcv.org.uk\)](http://sdcv.org.uk) are a local charity working to improve the quality of life for people in South Derbyshire. CVS provide services to individuals in need as well as supporting voluntary groups and communities. The organisation currently works to combat isolation through its befriending service, offers a Food Hub service, supports health through a Home from Hospital Scheme. Local community groups, charities and social enterprises are supported to get started, develop their services, access funding and training. CVS operates a Safer Homes service and Active Travel and Social Car service. The 2021-22 overview report was written by Liz Gumbley, Community Groups Network Manager and is attached as **Appendix 7**.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 The annual revenue funding provided by the Council to the organisations listed in 3.2 above, was as follows for 2021-22:

Organisation	Revenue Grant from SDDC 2021-22
Citizen's Advice Mid Mercia	£60,999
Family Support Derbyshire	£13,526
People Express	£32,237
Rural Action Derbyshire	£5,232
Sharpe's Pottery & Heritage Arts Trust	£32,251
Sinfin & Stenson Fields Asian Over 60s Social & Welfare Club	£7,458
South Derbyshire CVS (includes in addition to core funding Shopmobility & Consultation/ Community Development Project work)	£110, 536

- 5.2 This funding falls within the Council's existing annual budget.

6.0 Corporate Implications

- 6.1 The work of the Voluntary and Community Sector organisations supported by the Council contributes to all the priority areas in the Council's Corporate Plan.
- 6.2 In addition, the work of the VCS Organisations supported also addresses outcomes that contribute to the Sustainable Community Strategy themes of Children and Young People, Healthier Communities, Safer and Stronger Communities, as well as Sustainable Development.

7.0 **Community Implications**

- 7.1 The wide range of community support services and activities provided throughout South Derbyshire by the seven Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations that the Council supports financially is hugely important in ensuring that local communities thrive, take ownership at a local level and are sustainable.

8.0 **Conclusions**

- 8.1 The revenue funding that the Council provides through Service Level Agreements with the VCS Organisations listed in this report helps to ensure the continuation of the organisations themselves in times where core funding is getting harder to access. By supporting these organisations in this way, the Council is helping to ensure that the valuable services they provide to the community can continue to be developed in order to meet changing needs and challenges faced by the local community.

9.0 **Appendices**

- App1 - Citizens Advice Overview Report 2021-22
- App2 - Family Support Derbyshire Overview Report 2021-22
- App3 - People Express Overview Report 2021-22
- App4 - Rural Action Derbyshire Overview Report 2021-22
- App5 - Sharpe's Overview Report 2021-22
- App6 - Sinfin Stenson Fields Asian Over 60s Overview Report 2021-22
- App7 - South Derbyshire CVS Overview Report 2021-22