

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board
DATE: 18th January 2023
REPORTING OFFICER: One Halton Senior Programme Manager
PORTFOLIO: Health & Wellbeing
SUBJECT: One Halton Community Grants
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To inform the board of a One Halton Community Grants Scheme being launched in January 2023.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:**

i) **Note the report**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 In responding to the One Halton Health Wellbeing strategy (agreed in October 2022) One Halton have developed a community grants programme which was agreed by the Finance & Performance Committee in November 2022. This will support engagement with One Halton at grass roots enabling community led activity to directly relate to the strategy's objectives and ambitions around:-

- **Starting Well** - supporting families in financial hardship and enabling child development for speech & language and school readiness through play and family engaging activities
- **Living Well** – changing lifestyle factors to improve health & wellbeing, increasing levels of physical activity, support to increase employability skills i.e volunteering opportunities, digital skills development
- **Ageing Well** – to support people to live an independent life, support people to regain independence following a change in circumstances

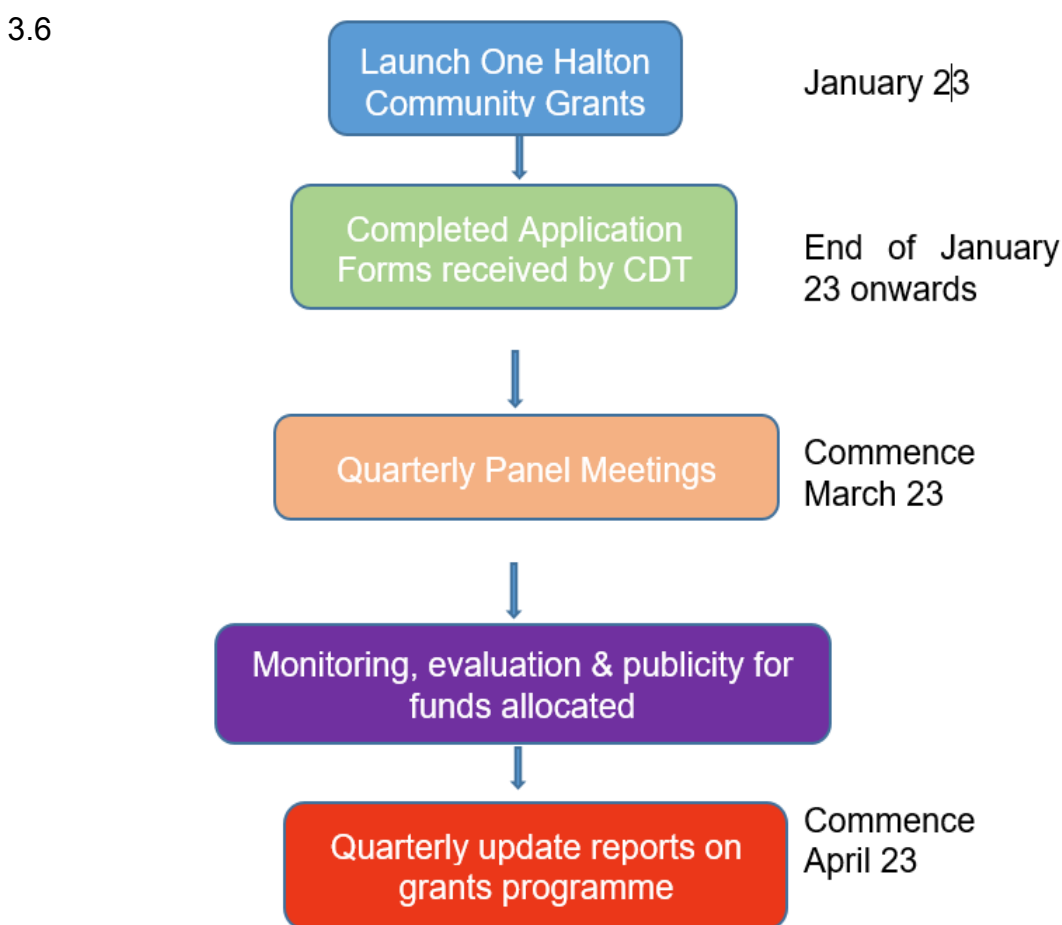
3.2 The grant fund is £70k and initially available until 31st March 2024. This provides an indicative allocation of £17.5k for Runcorn and Widnes each year albeit allocations will be made on merit to applications that meet the criteria and generate most impacts. Contributions to the grants budget from organisations across the system are welcomed and would enable both a larger pot and longer term sustainability of the fund.

3.3 The grants programme will be administered by Halton Borough Council's (HBC) Community Development team (CDT) on behalf of One Halton. The CDT have wide experience in managing grants pots on behalf of Council departments and have

active relationships with grass roots groups across Halton. The approach set out provides a logical and efficient process to managing and disseminating the grants.

3.4 The process involves an application form which can be submitted electronically or on line (appendix one). If support is required to complete the process this will be provided. The applications will be received by CDT whom will complete checks on the application, i.e meets the criteria, constituted organisation, financial position, duplicate grant monies for the same activity etc.

3.5 A panel will meet quarterly to consider applications made up of Halton Borough Council Portfolio Member & Chair of Halton's Health & Wellbeing Board), representative from Public Health, One Halton representative and Halton & St Helen's VCA Chief Officer.



3.7 There will be a monitoring and evaluation requirement including providing a case studies and agreeing to participate in communication opportunities, i.e press releases, newsletters, presentations at meetings, videos etc.

3.8 Half yearly reports on the grants delivery will be provided to the One Halton Finance & Performance Group, periodic reports can also be tabled to this board.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 White Paper, Joining Up Care for People, Places and Populations, February 2022 sets out future ambitions for shared outcomes by 2023.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The funding secured is £40k from NHS Place Development budget and £30k legacy Well Halton legacy funds, the funding is non-recurrent. Progress on how the grants process develops and the evidence of impacts will be reported to One Halton Finance & Performance Committee.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

The grants programme aims to stimulate community led activity that improves child development and school readiness.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

The grants programme strives to enable development of employability skills through volunteering opportunities and digital skills development.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

The grants programme is targeted at addressing health inequalities.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

Safe and vibrant communities exist where there is strong community resilience; the grants are targeted at community led activity to support active communities.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

It's anticipated delivery of community led activity will utilise community assets, buildings, open spaces to connect local residents to their assets and create a sustainable offer.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Raised expectations for longer term grant funding if further funds aren't identified may generate some reputational risk.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 The grants are available to all and are targeted to support those facing health inequalities.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the act.