COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17 JUNE 2025

RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING REPORT

Recommendation(s)	Actions Taken and Outcome	Completed, follow-up work
Including Date of Meeting and Minute		required or added to Work
Number		Programme
This Committee's meeting on 14	Cabinet considered the recommendations of the	Completed
January 2025	Grant Funding Enquiry at its meeting held on 31 January 2025.	
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF		
GRANT FUNDING ENQUIRY	At that meeting Cabinet had before it the following written response of the Portfolio Holder	
Recommended to Cabinet that:	for Partnerships:-	
(1) Welcomes the report on Grant	-	
Funding from/through the Council	"I thank the Committee for their	
and the statements and responses	recommendations, and these will be considered	
from the Portfolio Holder and	as the forthcoming Grant Policy is developed. I	
Officers to the Committee and	note the comments in respect of a voluntary	
further welcomes the flowchart and	sector funding day and consideration will be	
checklist adopted internally to	given to supporting or running such an event to	
identify when matters can follow an	assist the voluntary sector."	
'open call' grant arrangement and	Having duly considered the recommendations	
when a 'procurement;	made by the Community Leadership Overview &	
	Scrutiny Committee together with the written	

- (2) Records its thanks to all those who contributed to the enquiry into Grant Funding by/through the Council including written submissions from Headway Essex and Inclusion Ventures and the attendance by representatives from Jaywick Sands Community Forum, Ketchup Clothes and from Clacton Art Centre and their insight into the processes and value of grant opportunities for community activities;
- (3) urges Cabinet to seriously consider the following recommended actions:
 - (a) the establishment of an
 Oversight Group of Members
 (such as a Portfolio Holder
 Working Party) for grant
 schemes across the Council to
 promote learning between
 schemes:
 - (b) that at least some form of gap analysis of services/activity provided by community/voluntary groups be undertaken to inform future policies, even if a full analysis would be too large a project to be achieved, and that the opportunities to 'flex' grant

response of the Portfolio Holder for Partnerships thereto:-

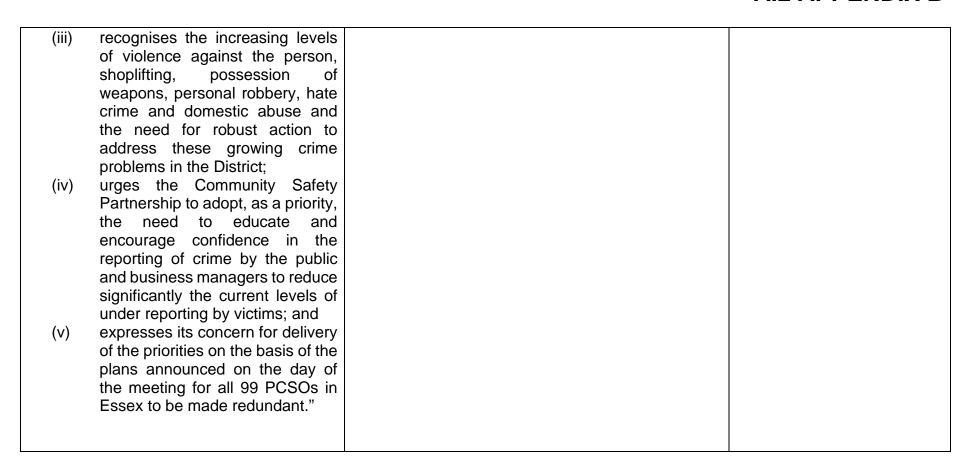
It was RESOLVED that the recommendations made by the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted and be given consideration for inclusion in the forthcoming Grant Policy which is currently being developed.

giving to maximise the range of	
organisations receiving financial	
support in the District across the	
years;	
(c) Further standardised processes	
for different grant giving	
arrangements to help deliver best	
practice across those separate	
grant giving arrangements (eg	
around the length of time	
between opening invitations for	
applications and the closing date,	
common and plain language to	
explain the processes (that could	
also be made available on the	
internet), details of other grants	
received, the time between	
closure of application and	
determination/notification of	
outcomes, and the post grant-	
giving monitoring arrangements);	
(d) Adopt a consistent 'you said, we	
did' opportunity for organisations	
applying for grant funding to feed	
back on their experiences;	
(e) Look at organising an open day	
for community/voluntary groups	
in conjunction with other grant	
funding organisations (and	
CVST) to disseminate	

information on those grant
schemes and help to break down
barriers to access grant funding
for these community/voluntary
groups;

- (4) Request that the Chairman of the Committee and the Portfolio Holder meet to consider the recommendations above and to encourage a positive response to them from Cabinet; and
- (5) Note that there are proposals for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Great Essex and that we are awaiting confirmation from Government to whether these will proceed and over what timetable. On the basis that Government does approve the principle of LGR in Greater Essex, the Committee record that it would wish to undertake an enquiry into the implications of LGR on areas within its responsibility (including grant funding) in the work programme for 2025/26 and that this enquiry would look at possible areas where the

transition to a new unitary structure could be supported.		
This Committee's meeting on 28 January 2025:-		
CONSIDERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF A CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION STRATEGY 2025-2028	Cabinet will consider the Committee's comments and recommendations at its meeting due to be held on 11 April 2025.	Ongoing
"RESOLVED that -		
(a) the Crime and Disorder Strategy presented to the Committee be supported and Cabinet advised of this support for delivery by the appropriate partners including Essex Police;		
(b) the Committee –		
(i) commends the Strategy authors for ensuring that the language and format and use of graphics to create what is an accessible document for most readers; (ii) urges the Cabinet to ensure that		
all reasonable and appropriate steps are taken to care for the health, safety and wellbeing of all staff involved in enforcement activities and community safety;		



Recommendations monitoring for those recommendations from earlier meetings of the Committee have been previously reported to the Committee and, as such, are not repeated here as there is no further update to be provided on them.