

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

**CABINET EXECUTIVE
28th June 2016**

**REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Graham Brown
Portfolio Holder for Procurement and Commissioning**

SUBJECT: Community Delivery Funding Arrangements

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to formally record a change to an earlier agreement around the funding arrangements, with regard to the terms for the transfer of service delivery for identified functions, from the Authority to the Town and Community Councils and other community groups.

2. Proposal

2.1 The proposal is based on changing the funding arrangements from a sliding scale of 40%, 35%, and 30% over a three year period to a flat rate of 45%. Also the term of the agreement to be extended from a review at the third year to a review at the fifth year. Offering a higher rate over a longer period helps to give more stability to the arrangements and it is hoped this will also develop greater engagement from communities and enable more momentum in achieving savings for the Authority.

2.2 The new arrangements would be applied retrospectively to Town & Community Councils and other community groups who are currently delivering some of our services or are in the process of committing to taking over the delivery of some services. The back dated period would be from 1st April 2016.

3. One Powys Plan

3.1 Statement from the OPP which supports the objectives of the Community Delivery project:-

What difference will we make?

Our towns and villages are more community focused, self-reliant and resilient.

Services are retained and run by the community where they are important to that community.

There is co-location of facilities where appropriate.

Conditions have been created to support economic development.

People feel that they matter, that they have a voice and can influence local decisions.

3.2 What are we going to do?

Encourage communities to work with the LSB/PSB partners, local organisations and groups to improve, sustain and co-locate services at a local level.

Provide more opportunities for people to have a greater voice and influence local decision making and service delivery in their area.

4. Options Considered/Available

4.1 The options would be based around doing nothing and therefore expecting minimal engagement from the Town & Community Councils. Alternatively we commit to arrangements that are more generous to gain commitment and ownership from the communities.

5. Preferred Choice and Reasons

5.1 The preferred choice is to commit to giving funding based on 45% of the delivery cost for running the service, not including overheads and other internal charges. This percentage of funding is seen to be feasible in that it will enable the Authority to make savings without impacting negatively on the service budget arrangements. The longer term also displays a commitment from the Authority towards the Town & Community Councils and allows them to have a reasonable time to set up and manage their own arrangements around the future delivery of the services.

6. Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder, /Welsh Language/Other Policies etc.

It is not expected that these proposals will impact on these policies in a negative way.

7. Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing

It is not expected that these proposals will impact on these policies in a negative way.

8. Local Member(s)

The proposal will be of interest to County Council Members who are also members of their local Town and Community Councils.

9. Other Front Line Services

It is not expected that these proposals will have any major impact on front line services.

10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, HR, ICT, BPU)

HR Comment

There are currently no direct implications for staff employed by Powys County Council from this request to amend previous agreements . However, any subsequent involvement of staff, particularly TUPE transfer, will be managed in line with the Management of Change Policy.

Finance Comment

The increase in funding will potentially reduce savings, however it may also incentivise others to take up the delivery of services within the Community, which in turn would assist the Council in delivering its savings proposals. The service will have to manage the delivery of the savings for their service, to ensure full delivery within the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

11. Local Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc

It is not expected that these proposals will impact in a negative way on the LSB, partnerships or stakeholders.

12. Communications

The report is of public interest and requires use of news release and appropriate social media to publicise the decision.

13. Statutory Officers

The Strategic Director Resources (S151 Officer) notes the comments made by finance.

14. Members' Interests

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To support the proposal to change the current funding arrangements and to apply a flat rate of funding based on 45% of the direct operating costs for the service delivery, not including overhead costs and internal recharges. 2. To change the review from three years to five years. 3. To apply the changes retrospectively to current partners i.e. from 1st April 16. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A flat rate at a higher percentage will assist in developing greater engagement from communities and enable more momentum in achieving savings for the Authority. 2. A longer review period gives greater stability to the initiative. 3. Applying the changes retrospectively to current partners is seen as a fair approach and will endorse good relationships going forward.

Relevant Policy (ies):			
Within Policy:	Yes	Within Budget:	Yes

Relevant Local Member(s):	ALL
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Paul Griffiths Strategic Director Place Lisa Griffiths Organisational Design & Development Manager (Place)
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	ASAP

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Background Papers used to prepare Report: