



## ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – FOR INFORMATION

**SUBJECT: REVENUE GRANTS 2021/2022**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide information to Members relating to revenue grants for 2021/2022 for Economy and Environment Directorate.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The report provides details of the 2021/2022 revenue grant funding for Economy and Environment Directorate. The report excludes grant funded schemes where CCBC merely act as banker for Partnership schemes. During the financial year further grants are often made available subject to new funding being identified and successful outcomes to bids.
- 2.2 The report is provided to ensure that Members are aware of grants and their intended purpose. Further details of individual grants can be made available to Members if requested.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Members are requested to note the contents of this report and the summary grant pages that follow in respect of Infrastructure Services Division, Public Protection Division and Community & Leisure Services Division, which all fall within the remit of this Scrutiny.

### **4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 To inform Members of the 2021/2022 revenue grant funding position for Economy and Environment Directorate.

### **5. THE REPORT**

- 5.1 The attached appendix provides summary details of revenue grants currently available to the Directorate in 2021/2022. It includes a list of the grants, the grant

funding bodies, the value of the grant, a brief description of the purpose of the funding, together with details of the responsible officer. As highlighted in the appendix, there is a diverse range of grants available to the Authority.

- 5.2 Grants will have an agreed set of terms and conditions, covering the type of initiatives and expenditure that will be funded, the methods for submitting grant claims and documentary evidence required in support of the claims. The grant funding body will request information to satisfy itself that the grant monies have been spent in accordance with its terms and conditions. Expenditure in respect of some grants is subject to an external audit.
- 5.3 Where required, external audit would assess expenditure against the terms and conditions of the grant and this assessment would normally comprise a random sample of spend, followed by an in-depth scrutiny of the sampled items. This could involve ensuring proper procurement processes have been adhered to, and/or assets purchased have been located, along with the confirmation that spend complies with the conditions of the grant. The External Auditors produce a report annually summarising any issues that have come to light during their audit of the Authority's grants.

#### 5.4 **CONCLUSION**

External grant funding is very important in helping the Authority deliver some key services and appendix 1 summarises the revenue grants for 2021/2022 and the service areas they support. It is important that services receiving grant adhere to any specific terms and conditions linked to the grant and ensure financial processes and procedures are in place in relation to expenditure incurred and grant claims produced.

#### 6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

- 6.1 There are no assumptions in this report.

#### 7. **SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 7.1 An IIA is not necessary for this Information Only Report.

#### 8. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 Grant funding for service initiatives and schemes can change from year to year and uncertainty of funding or reductions in funding needs to be considered and managed, including implications for future service provision, employment implications, possible redundancy costs and alternative funding streams.
- 8.2 Expenditure must comply with the grant terms and conditions, and/or bids. Failure to comply may result in a qualification of the grant by the External Auditors, which could result in the clawback of the grant funding.

## 9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Grant funded services provide employment opportunities within the Authority and loss of or reduced grant provision can sometimes impact on employment and possible redundancy.

## 10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 There are no consultation responses which have not been included in this report.

## 11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Act 1972 and 2003 and the Council's Financial Regulations.

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Background Papers:

Grant Allocation Reports 2021/2022

Appendices:

Appendix 1- Schedule of Economy and Environment Directorate Grants 2021/2022