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## **COUNCIL EXECUTIVE**

### **VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS BUDGET 2022/23 – WEST LOTHIAN YOUTH ACTION PROJECT**

#### **REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION**

##### **A. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Council Executive of the changes to the previously reported timeline for a commissioning process that affected the £190,000 allocation to West Lothian Youth Action Project for the delivery of services in 2022/23. It also asks the Council Executive, in light of this, to agree that for 2022/23 a Service Level Agreement is put in place as an alternative until such time as the commissioning work can be completed.

##### **B. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Notes the delay in the commissioning process;
2. Agrees that WYAP move on to a Service Level Agreement (SLA);
3. Notes that the requirement for that SLA will be agreed by services and in place for the start of 2022/23

##### **C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

<b>I Council Values</b>	Focusing on our customers' needs. Being honest, open and accountable. providing equality of opportunities; developing employees; making best use of our resources; working in partnership.
<b>II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)</b>	Appropriate assessments will be carried out as required.
<b>III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers</b>	None, although the report sets out a one-off delegate for the Head of Planning, Economic Development & Regeneration to approve and disburse grant funding in April 2021.
<b>IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators</b>	None.
<b>V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement</b>	CPP's are now required to prepare a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) in place of Single Outcome Agreement (SOA). The

proposal does not raise any matters of conflict with the SOA/LOIP.

<b>VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)</b>	Revenue funding of £944,000 is available for 2021/22
<b>VII Consideration at PDSP</b>	PDSP members will be asked for their comments before council executive
<b>VIII Other consultations</b>	Social Policy

## **D. TERMS OF THE REPORT**

### **D.1 Background**

The Council Executive agreed in 2020 a number of changes to the delivery of the Voluntary Organisations Budget. One area was to move some grant holders onto either a Service Level Agreement or to be part a commissioning process.

One organisation agreed as part of that process was West Lothian Youth Action Project who would be part of a commissioning process led by Social Policy in conjunction with Youth Services and Community Safety. The report stated that this would see the budget allocated through a commissioning process and in place for the start of the 2022/23 financial year.

### **D.2 Update and proposed change to the timeline and funding for 2022/23**

The work on the Children and Families Commissioning Plan is still ongoing and is unlikely to be in place within this timescale and Social Policy has indicated that this is likely to be 2023/24 at the earliest.

As such it is proposed that a Service Level Agreement (SLA) is put in place for West Lothian Youth Action to cover that financial year 2022/23. This will bring them in line with the other organisations moving on to an SLA at that point to ensure the Council is clear on what it requires of the provider and that the provider can deliver to those council priorities identified by the appropriate Council Service.

It should be noted that as with all funding through this budget as well as the process will be reviewed each year based on performance, service needs and budgets. At the time of the report budget decisions for 2023/24 and beyond will dictate future arrangements.

## **E Conclusion**

This report asks the Council Executive to agree the request to move West Lothian Youth Action Project on to a Service Level Agreement in 2022/23 given the delay to the commissioning process. This will give some certainty to both West Lothian Youth Action Project and West Lothian Council to continue their support to local young people.

It also notes that the outcomes to be delivered will be agreed as part of finalising the Service Level Agreement.

## **F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES**

<https://coins.westlothian.gov.uk/coins/submissiondocuments.asp?submissionid=46448>

Council Executive, 22 June 2021

<https://coins.westlothian.gov.uk/coins/submissiondocuments.asp?submissionid=49008>

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