

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting:	CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
Date and Time:	THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2020, AT 9.30 AM*
Place:	SKYPE MEETING - ONLINE
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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2020 as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any declarations of interest made by members in connection with an agenda item. The nature of the interest must also be specified.

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3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To note any issues raised during the public participation period.

4. REVIEW OF PROGRESS AT THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION CIC BUSINESS CENTRE, EVERTON (Pages 5 - 8)

To receive an update on progress, following the Cabinet - funded grant in 2018 to the Centre for Social Innovation Community Interest Company (CIC) Business Centre, located on the Otter Nurseries site at Everton. Mr Sherry, Founder and CEO of the Centre, will attend to give a verbal update.

5. NEW FOREST FINANCIAL SUPPORT OVERVIEW (Pages 9 - 18)

To receive a report on the financial support schemes that have been made available to the Council during the 2020/21 financial year.

6. ICT STRATEGY & BUDGET UPDATE

To receive an update on the ICT Strategy & Budget.

7. PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' UPDATES

To receive an oral update from the Portfolio Holders for Corporate Affairs, Finance, Corporate Services & Improvement and Local Economic Development, Property & Innovation on developments within their Portfolio areas.

8. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 19 - 20)

- (a) To consider the Panel's future Work Programme, including any reviews of previous work undertaken; and
- (b) To receive any updates on Task and Finish Group work.

9. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

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Councillors:

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Agenda Item 4

CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL – 19 NOVEMBER 2020

REVIEW OF PROGRESS AT THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION CIC BUSINESS CENTRE, EVERTON

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Cabinet considered a report at its meeting on the 1st August 2018 relating to the funding of The Centre for Social Innovation CIC Business Centre Everton. The report set out the case for financially supporting the Centre for Social Innovation Community Interest Company (CIC) Business Centre located on the Otter Nurseries site at Everton. Cabinet agreed to provide £75,000 seed funding to support the delivery of Skills and Talent initiatives, the recruitment of a Director of Innovation, internal building costs and developing a Marketing Strategy including the implementation of brand development, a Website and PR and digital campaigns.
- 1.2 It is now over 2 years since the Council provided seed funding and it is considered appropriate for the recipient of the funding to provide the Panel with verbal update of progress over this period.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The CIC occupies the South Efford House premises which have been vacant since the departure of the National Park Authority in 2011. Since 2018 the CIC known as 49 has bought a vacant employment site back into economic use, providing a range of business facilities including flexible workspace, meeting and conference rooms and business set-up services. The facilities have been designed to meet the needs of local, but particularly micro businesses that require short-term office space and/or those who are looking to expand their company from home working.
- 2.2 The Cabinet report of August 2018 set out that 49, the CIC, aimed in the first 3 years of being established to deliver 100 new jobs, create 50 new apprenticeships, take 60 businesses through the innovation growth programme and create 30 new start-ups. Within the centre there is also a 50 seater conference room which in 2018 was identified as a facility in short supply within in the New Forest. A 10 year lease has been taken on the premises.
- 2.3 Alongside the provision of physical business space, the intention in 2018 was that 49, the CIC, would work to deliver a series of business and training support programmes.
- 2.4 It is important to note that the Centre for Social Innovation is registered as a Community Interest Company (CIC) and as such is established as not for profit. Therefore, any funds generated by the building or its associated activities should be reinvested into its primary objectives.
- 2.5 In May 2018 Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership approved a £220,000 capital Growing Enterprise Fund loan which was subject to due diligence to undertake the initial refurbishment work at the South Efford House premises including fitting out the shared and co-working office and meeting conference facilities.
- 2.6 New Forest District Council received a request for joint seed fund with Hampshire County Council, the next phase of development for the project. The total revenue sum sought was £150,000 from HCC and £75,000 from New Forest District Council.

- 2.7 If approved the seed fund would help to deliver:
 - Skills and Talent Incubator A partnership between New Forest District Council, Brockenhurst and Totton College which will seek to deliver sector specific skills and apprenticeships directly in line with the needs of local business. The promotion and development of apprenticeships is seen as an important issue for the New Forest economy. The number of apprentices in the district has notably dropped since 2010 but they are seen as an important route to providing qualifications and work opportunities whilst allowing business to fill vacancies. The New Forest Group Training Association (GTA) established by the CIC will work to overcome the perceived barrier of the levy and provide an 'earn while you learn' alternative to the traditional university route. There will be a direct link between the apprentice opportunities created and the growth of high economic value enterprise enabled through the centre.
 - Resource and Facilities Recruitment of a Director of Innovation to implement work on innovation, technology and research and development strategies. This strongly reflects the ambition for New Forest District Council to encourage business which delivers high economic growth with low environmental impact. Furthermore it will promote the New Forest as a location in which innovative, disruptive and pioneering technologies are being encouraged; this has the potential to attract additional, related businesses with the opportunity for clusters to be formed. The seed funding would also support the initial building costs as the centre establishes.
 - Marketing Implementing of brand development, new website, PR and digital campaigns to attract targeted businesses and sectors
- 2.8 The Cabinet was advised that a number of caveats would be attached to the funding, if approved;
 - New Forest District Council should only release its funds at such point which the Enterprise M3 due diligence has been completed
 - The funding from New Forest District Council is co-dependent upon agreement from Hampshire County Council agreeing to support the project through their own mechanisms
 - Payments will be staged with 50% of the funds issued 'up-front' with the remainder being payable upon completion of agreed milestones
 - The centre should deliver its support in conjunction with identified business support networks including but not limited to the local Growth Hubs
 - A clawback arrangement would be put in place to ensure that if for any reason the CIC ceased to operate within a short period of time, for example 3 years, each authority would seek to recover a proportion, if not all of the original seed funding
 - Funding will only be awarded subject to confirmation either that Planning Permission (reference 11/97250) granted on 11th November 2011 has been implemented or there is regularisation through the grant of a new Planning Permission for the use.
- 2.9 Cabinet agreed a seed fund award of £75,000, Hampshire County Council also agreed a seed funding award of £150,000. The seed funding from New Forest District Council was subject to grant agreement between the Council and the CIC,49. The Agreement set out that the seed funding related to supporting the delivery of the following:
 - (1) Skills and Talent Incubator which will seek to deliver sector specific skills and A apprenticeships directly in line with the needs of local business. This will be delivered through a partnership (called a Group Training Association (GTA)) between The Centre for Social Innovation CIC, New Forest District Council,

Brockenhurst and Totton College. The New Forest GTA established by the CIC will work to overcome the perceived barrier of the levy and provide an 'earn while you learn' alternative to the traditional university route. There will be a direct link between the apprentice opportunities created and the growth of high economic value enterprise enabled through centre.

- (2) Recruitment of a Director of Innovation to implement work on innovation, technology and research and development strategies. This role will also promote the New Forest as a location in which innovative, disruptive and pioneering technologies are being encouraged. The seed funding will also support the initial internal building costs as the centre establishes.
- (3) A Marketing Strategy including the implementation of brand development, a new dedicated website and PR and digital campaigns to attract targeted businesses and sectors. Business support which should deliver in conjunction with identified business support providers including but not limited to the Local Enterprise Partnership associated Growth Hubs.
- 2.10 Within the Agreement there was also a clause relating to the withholding, suspension or repayment of the grant. The clauses covered the event that the project did not start, or make progress, there was duplicate funding, the project was delivered in a negligent manner or the event that the recipient became insolvent or bankrupt.
- 2.11 Since the funding was granted there has been regular liaise between 49, CIC and the District Council. The Centre is complete and operational with the 49, CIC, having carried out a number of the initiatives listed in the Agreement.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None

4. CRIME & DISORDER, ENVIRONMENTAL AND QUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1 That the Scrutiny and Overview Panel note the report and consider the verbal update from the recipient of the seed funding.

For further information contact:

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Background Papers:

New Forest District Council Economic Development Strategy 2018-23

Matt Callaghan

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Agenda Item 5

CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL – 19 NOVEMBER 2020

NEW FOREST FINANCIAL SUPPORT OVERVIEW

1. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 It is recommended that members of the panel note the content of the report.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report details the financial support schemes that have been made available to the Council during the 2020/21 financial year. The funds received / available can be summarised as;
 - Support to the Council with new expenditure pressures and income losses suffered during the pandemic (appendix 1)
 - For the Council to administer financial support to businesses situated within the district (appendix 2)
 - For the Council to administer financial support to New Forest residents impacted by the pandemic (appendix 3)
 - Other (appendix 4)
- 2.2 The headline figures throughout the report quote the value of support earmarked to the New Forest. As covered by the narrative and as documented through the appendices, it has not always been possible to fully utilise the values received.

3. SUPPORT TO THE COUNCIL - £6,863,908

- 3.1 The revised budget set and adopted by the Council in September included a range of support funding measures received by the Council, intended to directly support the Council.
- 3.2 <u>Un-ringfenced Support: £2,507,348</u> (all received)
 - 3.2.1 The Council has received 4 payments totalling £2,308,569 from the UK government as part of a support package worth £4.6bn across England.
 - 3.2.2 The Council has been required to administer various support schemes during the COVID period. In recognition of this, the Council has received New Burdens Funding totalling £198,779.
- 3.3 <u>Ringfenced / Claimed Support: £4,356,560</u> (£1,356,560 received)
 - 3.3.1 During the initial lockdown (late March), the Council was required to shut it's 5 Health & Leisure centres. The Furlough scheme was announced shortly afterwards, and the scheme allowed for Local Authorities to utilise the scheme where the usual source of funding for staffing was income generation. As a result of second national lockdown (November) the centres have once again been required to close, and the employees have once again been placed on furlough. The value of income received through Furlough for the period April Sept was £1.1M.

- 3.3.2 In July the Government announced the Public Sector Sales, Fees and Charges (SFC) Income Compensation scheme, applicable to the 2020/21 financial year. Councils are required to cover the first 5% of Sales, Fees and Charges income variations within effected services. The loss beyond this 5% is then shared with 75% reimbursed by the government and 25% to be covered by the Council. Any amounts already claimed through Furlough to offset income losses are netted off against the government share of the SFC claim. The first claim covered the period April July with the value of the government 75% share totalling £1.399M. The overall value of claim is anticipated to be £4M. Nothing has been received to date although the first instalment is expected towards the end of November.
- 3.3.3 The Council successfully bid for £256,500 of funding to assist in the costs of accommodating rough sleepers from 1 July to 31 March 2021.

4. SUPPORT TO NEW FOREST BUSINESSES - £92,073,842

4.1 Business Support Grants: £57,850,000 (received, although a proportion to be returned)

4.1.1 A full report was presented to the panel in September detailing the awards made by the Council under the initial Business Support Schemes. Payments made under these initial 2 schemes totalled £43,335,000. As detailed in the September report, the Council was never going to be in a position to award the full value as the grant received by NFDC included ineligible properties.

4.2 <u>Expanded Retail and Nursery Business Rate Discount Scheme: £27,012,024</u> (expected end Nov)

- 4.2.1 The original discount scheme was due to cost the government £1.526M across the new Forest. The expanded scheme now includes more business categories with no cap on the Rateable Value. The benefit of the new scheme within the New Forest is worth over £27M to business within the District.
- 4.3 November 20 Business Support Scheme: £7,211,818 (expected 13/11)
 - 4.3.1 The Council has been allocated two sums to support businesses impacted by the November lockdown; one to cover the costs of a central statutory business support scheme (£3,511,098), and the second is for the administration of a local discretionary scheme (£3,601,720). At the time of writing, initial preparations had begun, but full guidance was awaited (expected w/c 9/11).

5. SUPPORT TO NEW FOREST RESIDENTS - £1,115,048

- 5.1 The Council has received funding to administer support to residents impacted financially by the pandemic. Funding, as outlined in appendix 3, includes support with Council Tax, Essential Supplies and with a one-off payment when required to self-isolate (where this results in a loss of income).
- 5.2 Although not a grant/fund so not included in the appendices, the Council has also seen an increased case load in working age Council Tax Reduction, with current recipients being c400 higher than what we would usually expect. This C£400k reduction in

Council Tax Income is shared by the Council, Hampshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

6. OTHER FUNDING

6.1 As shown in appendix 4, some other funding has been claimed for, announced and awarded to this Council or announced but the distribution method is through the County Council. Officers remain vigilant to all funding opportunities that are made available to the Council.

7. CRIME AND DISORDER / EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no Crime & Disorder, Equality & Diversity or Environmental implications arising directly from this report.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The Council has received a share of central government support measures to assist in re-balancing the Council's financial position as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.
- 8.2 The Council has successfully administered several support schemes to businesses and residents of the New Forest since April.
- 8.3 Where the Council has acted as an intermediary (or an 'Administering Authority'), our target has been to distribute funding to eligible bodies as swiftly as possible whilst ensuring ineligible or fraudulent claims are withheld.
- 8.4 The Council has managed these tasks, including the various reporting requirements within existing resources and with a workforce who have largely been working remotely.

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Support to the Council

Lead Officer	Description of Grant / Fund	Support Targeted	Value Awarded	Value utilised as	Any other info.
AB / Finance	General financial support to LA's to tackle new expenditure pressures	NFDC	£70,401	all	Utilised in 2019/20 to cover March HLC income loss
AB / Finance	General financial support to LA's to tackle new expenditure pressures	NFDC	£1,783,127	all	Utilised in 2020/21 Emergency Budget
AB / Finance	General financial support to LA's to tackle new expenditure pressures	NFDC	£250,578	all	Utilised in 2020/21 Emergency Budget
AB / Finance	General financial support to LA's to tackle new expenditure pressures	NFDC	£204,463	£O	Announced 22/10 so not reflected in the budget plan yet.
RS / Finance	The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy provided new burdens funding for administering the initial Business Grant schemes	NFDC (scheme admin)	£170,000	£1,000	Minor system update required. Admin of the scheme dealt with within existing resources, including developing online form.
RS / Finance	The Department for Health and Social Care provided new burdens funding for administering the Self- Isolation schemes	NFDC (scheme admin)	£28,779	£0	Admin of the scheme dealt with within existing resources, including developing online form.
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7. Furlough Scheme	HA / Finance	Providing 80% pay to	NFDC Health and	£1.1M	All	Scheme extended to March
_		employees not able to work	Leisure centre	Claimed and		2021
		due to impact of COVID	Staff.	received		
		where workplaces have had		covering April –		
		to close due to government		Sept		
		restrictions.				
8. Income Support	AB / Finance,	Financial support to LA's to	NFDC	N/A – claim	See note- \rightarrow	First claim submitted during
Scheme	L&W	assist with income losses to		scheme		Oct (£1.399M) for April - July.
		31/03/21.				Nothing received yet.
		NFDC covers first 5% of		Expecting to		
		variation, then the		claim C£3M		
		remainder is split 25% NFDC				
		/ 75% government.				
9. Homelessness	RK / Housing	Post Covid-19 financial	NFDC:	£256,560	£101,743 on	Not automatic; bid submitted
Support		support for NFDC to	Single homeless		accommodation.	by NFDC and awarded full
		continue to use external	people		Forecast to	amount by MHCLG
		nighty paid emergency	accommodated		spend £188k	
		accommodation for	during Covid-19			Bid also included for
		homeless single people	lockdown 1.0		New employee	additional support worker
		accommodated during the			to start on 30	position, and a fund to assist
		'everybody in' period (March			November	those in temp.
		to July 2020). Covers				accommodation into settle
		accommodation costs from				accommodation.
		1 st July to 31 st March 2021.				
TOTAL RINGFENCED	/ CLAIMED GO	VERNMENT SUPPORT FUNDING		C£4,356,560		

GRAND TOTAL SUPPORT TO THE COUNCIL	C£6,863,908		
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Support to New Forest Businesses

Grant / Fund	Lead Officer	Description of Grant / Fund	Support Targeted	Value Awarded	Value utilised as	Any other info.
Description 10. Business Grants - Stat.	& Portfolio RS / Finance	Business ratepayers eligible for the Small Business Rate Relief or Rural Rate Relief. The grant is £10,000 Business ratepayers eligible for the Expanded Retail Discount, which included businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors. There were two levels of support, depending on the rateable value of the businesses: £10,000 – rateable value of up to and including £15,000 and £25,000 – rateable value over £15,000 and less than £51,000.	at NF businesses impacted with lost income	£57,850,000	at 31/10 £41,140,000	Full report to COSP in September. Never going to award the full value as grant paid to NFDC included ineligible ratepayers
 Business Grants Discretionary Grants. TOTAL BUSINESS SUI	RS / Finance & Econ. Dev.	Businesses ineligible for the statutory scheme, prioritised by NFDC	NF businesses impacted with lost income	£2,174,500 (included in the £57M above, so not counted in the total below) £57,850,000	£2,195,000	Full report to COSP in September.

12. Expanded Retail and Nursery	RS / Finance	To support businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure	NF businesses	£27,012,024	£27,012,024	Value of the original scheme was £1,526,390, so the
Discount		sector as well as registered				expanded scheme represents
Discount		nurseries providing childcare with a 100% business rates				a top-up of £27,012,024. This was due to an increase in the
		discount for 2020/21.				discount from 50% to 100%, removing the rateable value restrictions and expanding
						business that were eligible.
TOTAL BUSINESS RATE DISCOUNT			£27,012,024			

13. Business	RS / Finance	To support businesses who	NF businesses	£3,511,098	£0	Outline guidance received on
Support during		have to close during national				5 November 2020 with further
November		lockdown. Grants are based				full guidance expected to
Lockdown - Stat		on set values based on RV;				follow during week
		• RV of £15k or under,				commencing 9 November
		£1,334 per four weeks;				2020.
		• RV of between £15k-£51k				
		£2,000 per four weeks;				
		• RV of £51k or over £3,000				
		per four weeks.				
14. Business	RS / Finance	To support businesses that	NF businesses	£3,601,720	£0	Outline guidance received on
Support during	& Econ. Dev.	are not business rate payers				5 November 2020. We are
November		or legally forced to close but				working on the policy, and will
Lockdown –		have been impacted by the				be liaising with other Hants
Discret.		restrictions put in place.				LA's. We will also explore
						wider business support.
TOTAL NOVEMBER	20 BUSINESS SU	PPORT SCHEME		£7,211,818		

GRAND TOTAL SUPPORT TO NEW FOREST BUSINESSES	£92,073,842	
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Support to New Forest Residents

Grant / Fund Description	Lead Officer & Portfolio	Description of Grant / Fund	Support Targeted at	Value Awarded	Value utilised as at 31/10	Any other info.
14. Hardship Fund	RS / Finance	To provide further support to council tax payers in 2020/21 who are receiving Council Tax Support	Council Tax payers receiving Council Tax Support	£886,486	£560,864	New claims for Council Tax Support will be entitled to a hardship payment. Residual funding will be distributed by March 2021.
15. Essential Supplies / Welfare Assistance	RS / Finance	To support individuals / families struggling to pay for food essentials and who have been impacted by COVID-19.	Low income individuals / households struggling financially	£133,900	£30,350	Working in partnership with the 4 Foodbanks across the New Forest and organisations that support families. Individual awards have been made following contact with the Benefits Team.
16. Self-isolation - Mandatory scheme.	RS / Finance	£500 for anyone employed or self-employed, on benefits and unable to work from home and instructed to self-isolate who sees a reduction in their income	Low income individuals required to self-isolate and who will lose income as a result	£59,000	£7,500	74 applications received as at 04/11/20 with 39 being rejected. Of these, 28 are for the Mandatory Scheme and 15 have been paid.
18. Self-isolation - Discretionary scheme.	RS / Finance	£500 for anyone instructed to self-isolate who sees a reduction in their income and so enters financial hardship	Low income individuals required to self-isolate, not eligible for Stat. scheme	£35,662	£2,000	46 applications received as at 4/11/20 and 4 have been paid.

TOTAL SUPPORT TO NEW FOREST RESIDENTS	£1,115,048	

Other

Grant / Fund Description	Lead Officer & Portfolio	Description of Grant / Fund	Support Targeted at	Value Awarded	Value utilised as at 31/10	Any other info.
19. Cold Weather Homeless Funding	RK/ Housing	Additional funding to accommodate new rough sleepers over winter	NFDC new rough sleepers	Up to £50k	nil	Not awarded yet and still going through evaluation process
20. Covid Marshalls	BB / Community	To provide a visible presence through the appointment of Marshalls/Ambassadors to engage with the community and business sector. Providing information, advice and reassurance in pre-determined locations	NF community / businesses	£71,278	£0	The allocation allows for the appointment, training and administration of posts. It can also be utilised for awareness raising through marketing, posters etc. All areas will be explored to maximise intervention and public reassurance.
21. High Streets Fund	CUB / Econ. Dev.		NF businesses	£159,000		The cost of delivering eligible projects can be reclaimed from MHCLG up to the value of £159,000
22. Clinically Extremely Vulnerable	AB / Finance / Community	Paid to upper tier authorities. To provide support to Clinically Extremely Vulnerable people who need it.	NF Community	£TBC		This will include helping people to access food and meeting other support needs to enable them to stay at home as much as possible for the 28-day period that the restrictions are in force

WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

ITEM	TIMING	LEAD OFFICER
Performance Dashboard	January 2021	Rebecca Drummond
Capital Strategy	January 2021	Alan Bethune
Asset Maintenance and Capital Programme	January 2021	Alan Bethune
Staff Efficiency/Innovation Ideas Survey	TBC	TBC
Economic Development Performance Indicators	ТВС	Claire Upton-Brown
Website/App Update	ТВС	Matt Callaghan/Cllr Harris

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LIVE TASK AND FINISH GROUPS					
ITEM	TIMING	LEAD OFFICER			

NOT YET TIMETABLED					
ITEM	OBJECTIVE	METHOD	TIMING	LEAD OFFICER	
Universal Credit update	To be aware of issues arising	Regular update from Finance, Investment & Corporate Services Portfolio Holder/Service Manager – Revenues & Benefits	At appropriate times	TBC	

Agenda Item 8

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