

Title of Report: Additional Funding for Front Line Advice Services	Officer Presenting: Director of Health & Community Author: Head of Community Development and Leisure
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To inform Members of additional funding which the Department for Communities (DfC) has allocated towards support services for Front Line Advice Services.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will be aware that the Department for Communities (DfC) and Derry City and Strabane District Council currently fund 3 Advice Agencies to provide generalist advice throughout the Council area.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 The Voluntary and Community Division (VCD) has provided an additional £14,173.96 for the Community Support Programme in 2018/19. This funding is ring fenced for allocation to existing Council providers of Advice Services and for the delivery of specific objectives in relation to Welfare Reform. Each of the Council funded advice services were asked to outline their requirements in respect of the objectives outlined.
- 3.2 Additional front line service requirements were agreed by advice providers based on the following allocations:
- Advice North West - £4,769.41
 - Dove House - £4,770.07
 - Resources Centre Derry - £4,634.48

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, and other Implications

- 4.1 Funding of £14,173.96 has been provided by the Voluntary and Community Division for additional support in relation to Frontline Advice Services.
- 4.2 The funding is in-year and must be spent by 31st March 2018. Councils are not required to match this additional funding.

4.3 There are no legal, HR, equality or other considerations at this time.

5 Recommendations

5.1 That Members note the contents of this report and accept the additional funding of £14,173.96 provided by Voluntary and Community Division for allocations as outlined in Section 3.2 to those organisations currently contracted by Council to provide Advice Services within the Derry City and Strabane District Council Area.

Background Papers

None