

Title of Report: Good Relations Audit and Strategy 2022-25	Officer Presenting: Director of Health and Community Author: Head of Community Development and Leisure
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To seek Members' approval to launch a procurement exercise to appoint a suitable supplier to undertake the development of the Good Relations Audit and Strategy 2022-2025.

2 Background

- 2.1 Funding for Good Relations activity is provided from the Executive Office (TEO), under the District Councils' Good Relations Programme. One key requirement of this fund, is that Councils undertake an internal and external audit of good relations issues in the Council area for a three-year period and devise a Good Relations Strategy which sets out the local priorities for Good Relations.
- 2.2 The current GR Strategy is due to expire in March 2022 and a new audit and strategy are required to inform the bid to The Executive Office for the 2022/23 financial year.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 Officers will undertake a procurement exercise to appoint an appropriate supplier to undertake this contract.
- 3.2 Funding for the development of the audit (75%) has been secured from TEO in the Letter of Offer from the Funder received in May 2021.
- 3.3 Officers will work in conjunction with the procurement manager in all aspects of running this competition.
- 3.4 A further paper will be brought to committee to seek approval to appoint a supplier for this contract.

4 Implications

Equality, Rural Needs, Climate Change and Data Protection

4.1 None.

Financial, Legal, HR, Improvement and Other

4.2 A budget of £8,000 has been set aside for this piece of work.

4.3 Funding from TEO has been approved for the current year.

4.4 There are no other implications at this stage.

5 Recommendations

5.1 That Members approve this request to launch a procurement exercise to appoint a suitable supplier to undertake the development of the Good Relations Audit and Strategy 2022-2025.

Background Papers

None