

<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</b>	
<b>MEETING:</b>	Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2011
<b>TITLE:</b>	Funding Search and EU Funding resources
<b>WARD:</b>	ALL
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## **1 THE ISSUE**

- 1.1 This report invites the Panel to receive a presentation on resources available to the Council, third sector and community to identify sources of external funding. In addition, an update will be given on the EU as a source of funding and identify other emerging funding streams.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

The Economic and Community Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel is asked to agree that:

- 2.1 It receive a presentation on

- (1) Tools available for identifying external funding
- (2) The EU as a potential source of funding
- (3) Emerging funding streams

### **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications to this report. However, there are potential opportunities for the area to lever-in additional external funding deriving from work identified in the report.

### **4 THE REPORT**

- 4.1 The Panel at its meeting in July requested that research and analysis be undertaken into funding for voluntary, community and not-for-profit organisations in Bath and North East Somerset. It also identified the importance of ensuring that access to external funding opportunities are maximised.
- 4.2 An update on the analysis and research aspect of this work is reported elsewhere on this agenda. It is proposed that for this agenda item a presentation be made which will highlight:
- The “tools” available to identify external funding- including on-line systems and other support including from infrastructure groups such as Develop ECS
  - A summary of the types of external funding streams that exist, including emerging funding streams
  - The current status of EU funding in the area and opportunities for attracting this

### **5 RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 5.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

### **6 EQUALITIES**

- 6.1 An initial equalities impact analysis of the use of on-line tools for funding has highlighted that there is potential for adverse impact on groups who do not have access to the internet. There is therefore a need to ensure that face-to-face funding support is also kept and this is part of the Council's approach.

### **7 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 *Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer*

### **8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION**

- 8.1 *Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Corporate; Health & Safety;*

### **9 ADVICE SOUGHT**

- 9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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<b>Background papers</b>	
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