



People and Health Overview Committee

Date: Tuesday, 22 September 2020
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: To be held via a Teams Live event
Membership: (Quorum 3)

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AGENDA

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1 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive questions or statements on the business of the committee from town and parish councils and members of the public.

Public speaking has been suspended for virtual committee meetings during the Covid-19 crisis and public participation will be dealt with through written submissions only.

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The deadline for submission of the full text of a question or statement is 8.30am on Thursday, 17 September 2020.

4 FINANCIAL PROVISION TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR

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To consider a report by the Chief Executive.

5 FUTURE WORKING MODELS

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To discuss and agree future working arrangements for the People and

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Role/Terms of Reference

Overview and scrutiny is a statutory activity of the Council, its powers and responsibilities are set out in detail the Council's Constitution. The Council will appoint members to 2 Overview Committees and 2 Scrutiny Committees:

- People and Health Overview Committee
- People and Health Scrutiny Committee
- Place and Resources Overview Committee
- Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee will perform all those functions conferred on it by the Local Government Act 2000.

The Overview Committees shall:

- (i) Review and develop policy at their own initiative and at the request of the Cabinet.
- (ii) Oversee major consultations and make recommendations to Cabinet and full Council.
- (iii) Monitor performance of services in accordance with the targets in the Corporate Plan.
- (iv) Provide a clear focus on finding efficiency savings in accordance with requirements in the Council's financial strategy.
- (v) Monitor expenditure against available budgets and make recommendations to the Cabinet.
- (vi) Make reports and recommendations to the full Council or the Cabinet on matters which affect the authority's area or its inhabitants.

In the absence of any alternative joint arrangements having been entered into, the Overview Committee and the Scrutiny Committee with primary responsibilities for:

- (i) "People and Health" shall be the Council's Overview Committee and the Council's Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of fulfilling the Council's statutory duties in relation to crime and disorder;
- (ii) "People and Health" shall be the Council's Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of fulfilling the Council's statutory powers in relation to health scrutiny; and
- (iii) "People and Health" shall be the Council's Overview Committee and its Scrutiny Committee for the performance of the Council's statutory functions in relation to education matters.

To consider the Cabinet's Forward Plan.

6 FORWARD PLAN

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To support the Chairman's recommendation to remove the current Forward Plan.

7 URGENT ITEMS

To consider any items of business which the Chairman has had prior notification and considers to be urgent pursuant to section 100B (4)b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The reason for the urgency shall be recorded in the minutes

8 EXEMPT BUSINESS

To move the exclusion of the press and public for the following item in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The public and the press will be asked to leave the meeting whilst the item of business is considered.



People and Health Overview Committee

Date of Meeting: 22 September 2020

Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Jill Haynes, Customer Services and Communities

Director: Matt Prosser, Chief Executive

Executive Summary:

This report explains the results of the consultation regarding Dorset Council's proposals for allocating funding to the voluntary community sector.

The proposals will ensure that the overall levels of funding are maintained, and the new harmonised and equitable approach to allocations will enable the voluntary community sector to support Dorset Council to meet our community priorities for the period 2021-2026.

Equalities Impact Assessment: Historical funding arrangements are inequitable with some areas of Dorset receiving significantly more funding than others. This proposal will restore the balance and ensure that all geographical communities will receive a baseline level of support services to the Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) and further funds will be available to enable communities at disadvantage to apply for additional funds. The criteria proposed for these additional funds has prioritised Dorset Council's equality duty.

Budget: No change to current overall budget allocation

Risk Assessment: Having evaluated the risks associated with this decision, certain areas identify as high. However overall, it is considered that the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: MEDIUM

Residual Risk MEDIUM

Climate implications: No specific implications directly from this report however organisations may bid for grants to help address their carbon footprint.

Health and Wellbeing This budget and portfolio strongly supports the Early Intervention and Prevention agenda for Dorset's population and compliments commissioned activity from the Directorates, Public Health and other statutory sector organisations

Other implications: The future provision may result in a reduction of funding for some voluntary and community organisations that currently receive historic funding but there are many other organisations that do not currently receive funding who will have an opportunity to access discretionary funds that support Dorset Council to meet our corporate priorities

Recommendation:

1. The continued provision of the 'information, advice and guidance' service for residents at the current financial rate for a 5-year term to offer stability. Extension of the current grant for a further 6 months 1st April – 30th September 2021 to enable a procurement exercise to be undertaken. The new contract to begin on 1st October 2021
2. The continued provision of an arts and culture support service at the current financial rate for a 5-year term. Extension of the current grant for a further 6 months 1st April – 30th September 2021 to enable a procurement exercise to be undertaken. The new contract to begin on 1st October 2021
3. The continued provision of support services to the social voluntary community sector at the current financial rate for a 5-year term. This will be tendered as one contract for bidding organisations to work in partnership to deliver the support for the rest of the social voluntary community sector. Extension of the current grant recipients for a further 6 months 1st April – 30th September 2021 to enable a procurement exercise to be undertaken. The new contract to begin on 1st October 2021
4. The continued commissioned support of the museums and community centres in which Dorset Council have a reversionary interest at the current financial rate for a period of 1 year from 1st April 2021 to be considered within the wider council buildings and assets review.
5. A discretionary outcome-based fund to be introduced to replace all historical grant programmes offered by Dorset Council. Criteria to be modified in accordance to the comments made in the consultation and agreed with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder.

Reason for Recommendation:

1. The consultation has evidenced the value and very strong level of support for the information, advice and guidance service for residents. Due to the value of the contract, there is a requirement to procure the service. The timescales involved in undertaking an open and transparent procurement exercise will necessitate the need to extend the existing contract to allow sufficient time for this to be completed.
2. The consultation has evidenced the value and very strong level of support for the arts support service. Due to the value of the contract, there is a requirement to procure the service. The timescales involved in undertaking an open and transparent procurement exercise will necessitate the need to extend the existing contract to allow sufficient time for this to be completed.

3. The consultation has evidenced the value and very strong level of support for the social VCS support service. Due to the value of the contract, there is a requirement to procure the service. The timescales involved in undertaking an open and transparent procurement exercise will necessitate the need to extend the existing contract to allow sufficient time for this to be completed. It is acknowledged that the current organisations worked incredibly effectively together before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, achieving joint outcomes.

4. The consultation has evidenced a strong level of support for the museums and community centres in which the council has a reversionary interest. However, given that the council is currently undertaking a full review of its assets and buildings, it would be prudent to agree an initial 1-year extension to allow for these to form part of the wider review.

5. The consultation has evidenced a strong level of support for flexible funding to enable community organisations to identify and resolve local community needs. The discretionary outcome-based grants will continue to provide vital support to organisations that provide outcome-based evidence for delivery of Council Plan priorities. These will be made available by 31st December to give current grant recipients the opportunity to secure funding before the financial year end.

Appendices:

1. Summary of the consultation results
2. Full consultation report
3. State of the sector report by Dorset Community Action May 2020

Background Papers:

Cabinet Report – Grants to Voluntary Community Sector - 5 November 2019

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1. Purpose of report

1.1 To report on the results of the consultation about Dorset Council's proposals for allocating funding to the voluntary community sector to ensure a harmonised and equitable approach that will enable the voluntary community sector to support us to meet our community priorities for the period 2021-2026

2. Background

2.1 Prior to the creation of Dorset Council, all six of the former sovereign councils prioritised and supported the voluntary community sector, but each had vastly different means and allocated funds using differing criteria in order to meet their corporate priorities to reduce demand on public services and the requirement of high cost interventions in Dorset.

2.2 In November 2019 Dorset Council Cabinet authorised a full public consultation regarding the future provision of grants to Dorset's voluntary community sector with a focus sector support (infrastructure) and an equal opportunity to apply for funding.

2.3 In February 2020 the Dorset Council Plan was officially adopted, prioritising "strong healthy communities" as one of the five priorities.

3. Outcome of the public consultation

3.1 The consultation was open for eight weeks, available both electronically online and in paper form from local libraries. The consultation was promoted widely through both the local press, social media and community networks. Several sessions were held with officers in attendance. These were well attended. The consultation received 1619 responses which were geographically spread over the Dorset Council area.

3.2 A summary of the results of the consultation is located in appendix 1

3.3 The full consultation report is located in appendix 2

4. The COVID effect

4.1 Many of Dorset's social VCS organisations have been significantly impacted by the pandemic, having to close operational activity, venues, and furlough staff. Some diversified their services to support their local communities during this time. New micro local COVID support organisations started up, many supported by their local town and parish councils, to support their communities.

4.2 Some organisations received funding to support their COVID offer from the National Emergency Trust fund or other funds and a minority were eligible for Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Funding but many who could not support COVID delivery are yet to receive any support funding. In May 2020 as part of Community Shield work, Dorset Community Action conducted a survey to all groups and organisations about how the lockdown had affected their organisation. Of the respondents, 64% stated they were at potential threat of closure in the next 12 months as a direct impact of the pandemic: the two joint reasons given were loss of income and lack of fundraising opportunities. Full report in Appendix 3

4.3 Several of the support service organisations (Volunteer Centre Dorset, Dorset Community Action, Age UK North, South and West Dorset, Citizen's Advice and Help and Kindness) worked collaboratively with Dorset Council Councillors and officers to deliver the Community Shield programme ensuring Dorset's vulnerable and shielded were supported throughout the duration and beyond. This programme has built new relationships with a

different way of working together and it has laid the foundations of how Dorset Council wants to work with the VCS to support our communities in the future. Between the support service organisations and the local support groups, Dorset had over 5000 volunteers registered to support their local community.

4.4 Dorset's cultural and museum sector has also been significantly impacted by the pandemic, having to close venues, cancel events and festivals, and furlough staff.

4.5 Some museums and arts organisations have been able to secure Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Funding and crucially 18 cultural organisations have received a total of £343,788 from the Arts Council England COVID Emergency Fund. In addition to this, 21 individuals were granted £45,899. The new ACE Cultural Recovery Fund, which has recently been launched, will provide further opportunity for larger cultural organisations to secure further financial support, in particular those venues that will continue to be impacted by social distancing guidelines.

4.6 Culture and museum officers have been in regular dialogue with Arts Council South West during the pandemic, and although they are keen to support the sector where they can, future funding is often conditional and proportionate to the ongoing financial support provided by the council.

5. The proposed approach for Dorset Council to allocate funding for the provision for information, advice and guidance

5.1 The results of the consultation show that 93.3% of respondents supported the continuation of funding the provision of Information, Advice and Guidance at the current rate of funding for a 5-year period.

5.2 Dorset Council has a long and trusted relationship with Citizens Advice who currently provide the information, advice and guidance. They have an excellent outcome-based track record of supporting Dorset's most vulnerable residents. Since April 2020 Citizens Advice is reporting a sharp increase in Dorset residents with issues in the employment category (up 500% on August 2019) and are working with council teams to support this.

5.3 The current service agreement expires on the 31st March 2021. However, given the impact of Covid-19, it would be feasible to extend this contract by a further six months to allow time for an open procurement exercise.

6. The proposed approach for Dorset Council to allocate funding for support to the Arts sector

6.1 The results of the consultation show that 84.9% of respondents supported the continuation of a support service to the Arts and Culture sector, at the current rate of funding for a 5-year period.

6.2 Although there was slightly lower support from the Voluntary Sector Organisations themselves, it was recognised that the strategic support service currently provided by, the Arts Development Company, plays a critical role in advising and supporting the sector in securing leveraged funds through Arts Council England. Similarly, given the strategic purpose of the service, it is vital to have a contract period of five years to ensure that development opportunities can be delivered.

6.3 The consultation provided several constructive responses on how the service could be further improved, and this feedback will prove valuable in preparing any future procurement specification and service level agreement.

6.4 The current service agreement expires on the 31st March 2021. However, given the impact of Covid-19, it would be feasible to extend this contract by a further six months to allow time for an open procurement exercise.

7. The proposed approach for Dorset Council to allocate funding for the VCS support services

7.1 The results of the consultation show that 85.3% of respondents supported the continuation of funding for the provision of support services at at-least the current rate of funding for a 5-year period.

7.2 There was strong support of the value of support services in representing Dorset's rich and diverse VCS and how they contribute to organisation governance, social wellbeing, volunteering and those communities who are at risk of experiencing greater disadvantage. It is essential there a robust VCS support services (infrastructure) to support these groups and individuals.

7.3 The current service agreement expires on the 31st March 2021. However, given the impact of Covid-19, it would be feasible to extend this contract by a further six months to allow time for an open procurement exercise.

8. Allocation of funding to the museums and community centres in which Dorset Council has a reversionary interest

8.1 The results of the consultation show that 91.6% of respondents supported the continuation of funding the museums and community centres, in which Dorset Council has a reversionary interest, at the current rate of funding for a 5-year period.

8.2 Whilst the consultation findings supported a 5-year funding period, it would be more prudent to offer a 1-year extension to allow for these assets to be considered within the Dorset Council buildings and assets review.

8.3 There was very strong support of the value of museums in representing the rich history of the region, and how they support social wellbeing, education and an economic benefit in terms of cultural tourism.

8.4 There was feedback that all museums should receive funding, however these organisations will have an opportunity to apply for financial support via the discretionary outcome-based grants process.

8.5 Funded community centres were also well supported and were recognised for providing a diverse range of community events, activities and programmes with strong links to health and wellbeing and community cohesion.

9. The proposed approach for Dorset Council to allocate discretionary outcome-based fund

9.1 The results of the consultation clearly supports the creation of a discretionary outcome-based fund to enable the VCS to deliver core work and discrete projects that assist Dorset Council in meeting its council plan priorities and continue to enable external national funders to invest their resources in Dorset.

9.2 Overall the proposed criteria were well received. Final adjustments to the criteria in accordance to the comments made in the consultation along with the process for allocating the discretionary outcome-based fund; will now be agreed with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Customer services and Communities.

9.3 In addition to the criteria, appropriate levels governance protocols will be adhered to including, checking the accounts and governing documents of all organisations applying for funding.

9.4 Commissions will be awarded in partnership with People: Adults; People: Children's; Public Health and Place directorates along with appropriate relevant external partners to ensure the system is joined up.

9.5 The first allocation of outcome-based commissions will be awarded before 31st December 2020 to begin on 1st April 2021 to ensure organisations who may have received grants under historical arrangements will have clarity about any future funding position after 31st March 2021

Appendix 1 – Summary of the Consultation Report

Key questions were asked of all categories of respondents regarding continued earmarked provision to support the wider voluntary community sector and then the concept of a thematic competitive grant fund to enable organisations to apply for funding for activities / projects that will enable Dorset Council to meet our community priorities. A highlight summary of the results are as follows:

**Net agreement is a scale of +100 to -100 according to the variation of those who strongly agree to strongly disagree. If an equal number of people agree and disagree the Net agreement will be 0.*

| Question | Strongly agree + agree and Net agreement* | Consultation Analysis Comment |
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| Dorset Council currently supports the provision for information, advice and guidance (currently provided by Citizen's Advice) for the general population to have access to housing, employment, debt and benefits advice. Dorset Council is considering continuing to offer this for the next five years. Do you agree with this in principle? | 93.3% Net agreement +90% | All the categories of respondents showed very strong support for the proposal of continuing of the provision of information, advice and guidance. |
| Dorset Council currently supports the provision for support of the arts sector (currently provided by The Arts Development Company). Dorset Council is considering continuing to offer this for the next five years. Do you agree with this in principle? | 84.9% Net agreement +78.8% | There was a notable difference in the net support between the responses from volunteers and users (+82.2%) and VCS Organisations (+63%) |
| Dorset Council currently supports the provision for Voluntary sector support (currently provided by Dorset Community Action, Volunteer Centre Dorset and Dorset Race Equality Council). Dorset Council is considering continuing to offer this for the next five years. Do you agree with this in principle? | 85.3% Net agreement +81.5% | All the categories of respondents showed strong support for the proposal of continuing of the provision, with nominal variation. |
| Dorset Council currently has 4 Museums and 2 Community Centres which we have a reversionary interest for (this means we own the building or collection at each of these). We currently offer support grants to help maintain these. Dorset Council is considering continuing to offer this for the next five years. Do you agree with this in principle? | 91.6% Net agreement +88.3% | There were many concerns about ensuring continuing support for accessible art and culture but there was also a lot of support for all four areas proposed for funding. |
| It is proposed that there will be a central pot of grant money that all VCS organisations operating in the Dorset Council area can apply to for projects that deliver against the Dorset Council | 75.9% Net agreement +67.7% | There was a general feeling that the time period, suggested at 1-3 years was too short, with 5 years often suggested as a better alternative. Other |

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| priorities. There will be funds available for local revenue and capital projects. These can be allocated on a 1 to 3-year term. Do you agree with this proposal?" | | comments focused on money for the arts in Dorset and how important it was not to reduce the amount of money available and generally to ensure funding is made available for running costs, not just distinct projects. |
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All categories of respondents were asked if they agreed with the proposed criteria used to allocate any grants distributed (aforementioned Q25 of consultation). These are set out as core criteria for all applications and then additional criteria for thematic areas of the VCS

| Question | Strongly agree + agree and Net agreement* | Consultation Analysis Comment |
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| Related to core criteria that applicants applying for any grant at Dorset Council will need to demonstrate | 79.5% Net agreement +73% | There is a strong response to agree to each of the proposed criteria except for 20-year tenure which was strongly felt was too long. Full comment detail on pg. 19-20 of appendix 1 |
| Additional criteria for grants to support community development, community events, play and sports development | 67.2% Net agreement +56.9% | This is a reasonably good response; the main concerns were the expectation that events become sustainable and that sports must be recognised by Sport England is too restrictive. It was also commented that officer discretion should be permitted Full comment detail on pg. 22 of appendix 1 |
| Additional criteria for grants to support leverage funding | 71.5% Net agreement +66.3% | This is a strong response from all categories of respondents. Full comment detail on pg. 24 of appendix 1 |
| Additional criteria for grants to support museums, cultural and heritage | 64.6% Net agreement +67.1% | This is a strong response. The main concern was the economic benefit requirement would favour larger organisations. Full comment detail on pg. 26 of appendix 1 |

All categories were invited to tell us anything else (pg. 27 of appendix 1). The top 5 comments are:

- Support for Arts
- Support for organisations
- Support for local communities / community groups
- Important for cultural benefits
- Spread the wealth

Voluntary and Community Sector Funding Review

Consultation Response Report

Produced by Mark Simons
for Dorset Council

April 2020

Voluntary and Community Sector Funding Review

Consultation Response Report

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| What was the consultation about? | Dorset Council is currently reviewing the grants the former sovereign councils gave to the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in order to offer equal opportunities to VCS organisations in all of Dorset Council's areas to access support. This is also aimed to ensure that all grants given help Dorset Council to meet its priorities. Further to this the council needed to understand more about the possible impacts of any changes and if so whether these could be mitigated. |
| Over what period did the consultation run? | The consultation ran from 15 January 2020 to 11 March 2020. |
| What consultation methods were used? | The consultation was available both electronically online and in paper form from local libraries. The consultation was promoted widely through both the local press and social media. Several sessions were held in with officers in attendance. These were well attended. The consultation had a separate communications plan prepared beforehand. |
| How many responses were received overall? | 1,619 overall responses were received. |
| How representative is the response to the wider population? | The response size is good for a consultation of this type with 1,619 responses. 9% responded as an official representative of an VCS organisation, 20% as someone involved in a VCS organisation (volunteer or service user) and 63% as Dorset residents. A further 8% were Other, which included organisations like parish councils and elected members. |
| Where will the results be published? | Results will be published on the council's website www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk |
| How will the results be used? | The results will be used to guide councillors' on deciding a new fair framework for funding voluntary and community organisations |
| Who has produced this report? | Mark Simons, Consultation Officer, Dorset Council April 2020 |

Background

Prior to the creation of Dorset Council, all six of the predecessor councils in the Dorset Council area prioritised and supported the Voluntary Community Sector (VCS). Each district, borough and the county council allocated their funds to their local VCS using criteria in order to meet their corporate priorities. All predecessor councils set out to support building capacity in communities, and to support individuals to reduce demand on public services and the requirement of high cost interventions in Dorset.

In the financial year 2019/20 a combined total of £1.9 million was invested in the VCS. Of this, £216,000 was capital funds and £1.8 million was revenue funds.

Below is the financial commitment (currently owned) in grants across the former councils:

| Former council area | Total amount invested |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Dorset County Council | £915,464 |
| North Dorset District Council | £71,343 |
| Weymouth and Portland Borough Council | £95,220 |
| East Dorset District Council | £240,925 |
| West Dorset District Council | £600,567 |
| Purbeck District Council | £84,527 |
| Total invested | £1,932,369 |

Invested across all themes for example museums, heritage, community, leisure, arts, culture and environment.

The purpose of the review is to reconsider the amount of direct financial contributions offered to VCS organisations by the council which will include the provision for information, advice and guidance - currently provided by Citizen's Advice, as well as ensuring Dorset Council is funding organisations which meets the council's priorities and supports those more disadvantaged communities.

See the [Dorset Council Plan 2020 to 2024](#).

The council consulted stakeholders on the amalgamation of a range of existing funds into three categories:

- **Earmarked funds** for:

Information, advice and guidance
 Support of arts sector
 Voluntary sector support
 Four museums and two community buildings which we have a direct reversion interest for

- **Revenue grant scheme** for local voluntary and community groups to apply to
- **Capital grant scheme** for voluntary and community sector organisations to bid into for capital projects and for match funding for attracting external funding

The council also consulted on the grant allocation criteria used to allocate the grants pots across all its themes.

The Consultation

This consultation survey was directed at all those who either work for or who benefit from any of Dorset's valued voluntary community sector organisations. These are defined as organisations whose sole purpose is to enrich and benefit Dorset resident's lives and which create 'social wealth' and who operate without support from central Government and which all profits are put back into the community.

We invited and encouraged engagement from all those people who are involved in or who benefit from the services and events provided by our voluntary community sector (VCS). The VCS is made up of the following types of organisations - charities, foundations, community groups, sports organisations, faith groups, housing associations, social enterprises, grant making trusts and resident groups.

There were several events happening across the Dorset Council area throughout the consultation period which Dorset Council Officers were on the agendas to give information about the consultation. However, the online survey was fully explanatory, so it was not imperative to attend an event to submit a response. The only way to respond to the consultation was via the official survey, either online or paper copies were available in all Dorset Council libraries and either handed in there or sent back to Dorset Council.

Analysis Method: Questions were considered on an individual basis. Overall responses were examined and also specific responses from a variety of groups. The official organisational responses were looked at separately as were the responses from volunteers and users in VCS organisations. The main method of analysis was looking at the percentage of respondents who expressed a view on each question. For some questions the percentage strongly supporting and supporting are calculated. Those opposing and strongly opposing are also recoded. One is taken from the other giving a net agreement figure. This could be positive or negative. A figure of zero would mean an equal number of people supported and opposed a statement.

For each open question the text comments have been studied and coded depending on what issues were raised. The coded comments are then reported on based on the amount of times those individual issues have been raised. Total redacted comments are provided in an appendix. Note: some figures may not sum due to rounding.

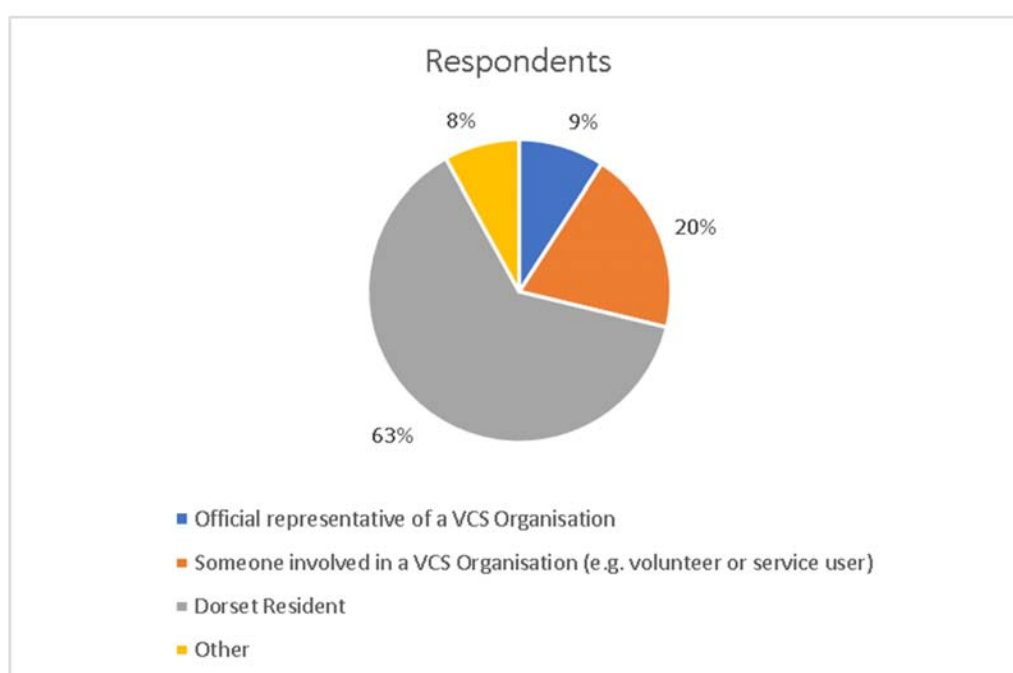
About respondents

1,619 overall responses were received.

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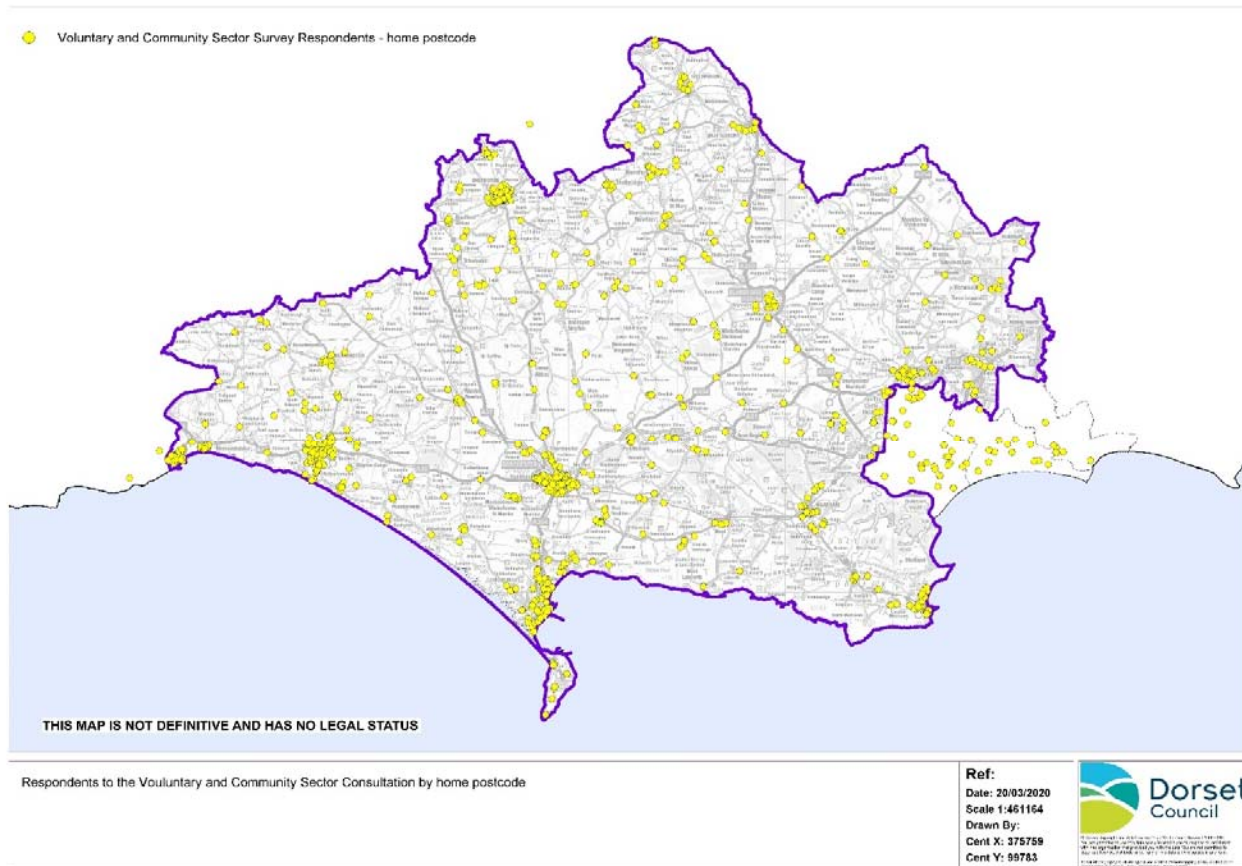
Respondents:

| | % of all respondents | Number |
|---|----------------------|--------|
| Official representative of a VCS Organisation | 9.1% | 148 |
| Someone involved in a VCS Organisation (e.g. volunteer or service user) | 19.6% | 318 |
| Dorset Resident | 63.2% | 1,023 |
| Other | 8.0% | 130 |



63% of responses came from individuals. There were also 9% giving the official view of a VCS organisation, and a further 20% involved as a volunteer or service user of a VCS. The official responses will be looked at separately for each proposal to see if they differ from individual residents' responses.

Map of responses to the consultation



The above map shows the distribution of overall responses to the consultation demonstrating a good spread across the geographical area. Promotion of the consultation appears to have been successful across all areas.

Responses

Over 1,000 of the responses came from individuals, with 1,023 responses. Individuals received a limited deck of questions as many of the questions were specifically aimed at Voluntary and Community Sector organisations. The key questions for all groups follow.

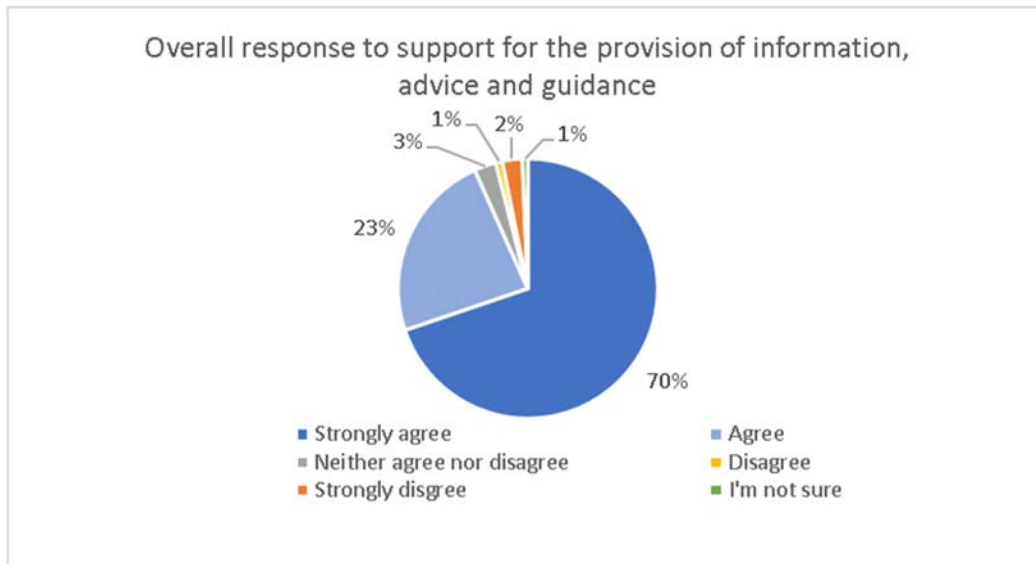
Q20 Dorset Council currently supports the provision for information, advice and guidance (currently provided by Citizen's Advice) for the general population to have access to housing, employment, debt and benefits advice. Dorset Council is considering continuing to offer this for the next five years. Do you agree with this in principle?

| Overall responses | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I'm not sure |
|------------------------|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| Number | 1,123 | 379 | 44 | 13 | 40 | 11 |
| % of all who responded | 69.8% | 23.5% | 2.7% | 0.8% | 2.5% | 0.7% |

The overall responses show strong net agreement to this proposal to continuing providing support to provide information, advice and guidance. Net agreement is plus 90%. Very few people (3.3%) opposed the suggestion and only a small percentage (2.7%) neither agreed or disagreed with it. A large proportion of people strongly agreed with it and many also agreed.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I'm not sure |
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| Resident responses | 70.3% | 24.0% | 1.7% | 1.0% | 2.6% | 0.5% |
| VCS (volunteers & users) responses | 73.7% | 21.6% | 2.2% | 0.3% | 1.6% | 0.6% |
| VCS (official organisational) responses | 60.1% | 27.7% | 7.4% | 0.7% | 2.7% | 1.4% |

The VCS organisations, volunteers and users showed very strong support for this proposal as shown in the table above. Resident responses show strong net agreement (+91%) to this proposal to continuing providing support to provide information, advice and guidance. Net agreement is +93% for volunteers and +84% for organisations themselves.



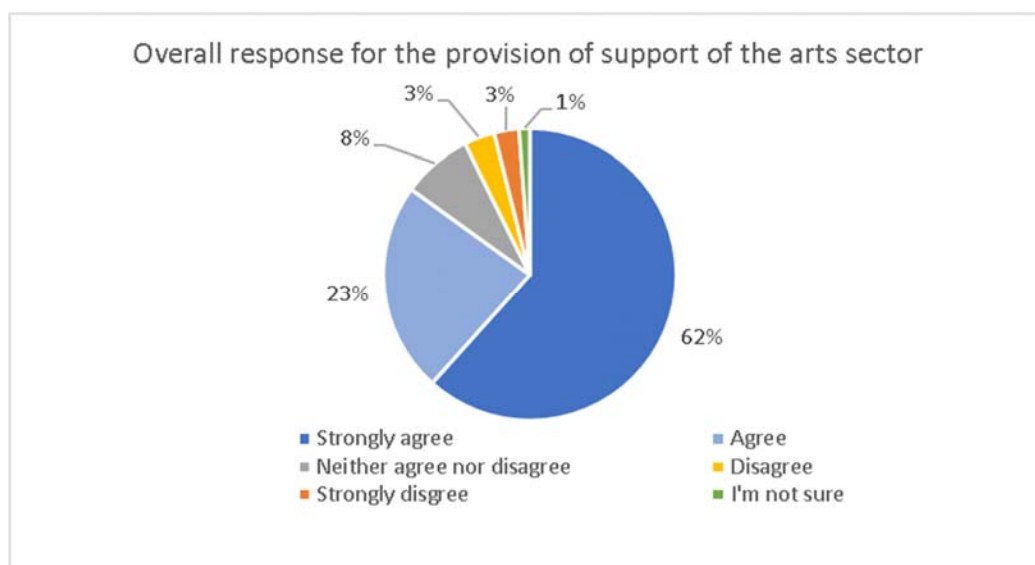
Q21 “Dorset Council currently supports the provision for support of the arts sector (currently provided by The Arts Development Company). Dorset Council is considering continuing to offer this for the next five years. Do you agree with this in principle?”

| Overall responses | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I’m not sure |
|------------------------|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| Number | 988 | 374 | 124 | 54 | 44 | 19 |
| % of all who responded | 61.6% | 23.3% | 7.7% | 3.4% | 2.7% | 1.2% |

The overall responses show strong net agreement to this proposal to continue offering support for the arts sector. Net agreement is + 78.8%. This is a strong figure. Only 8% neither agreed nor disagreed. In this proposal a high proportion of people strongly agreed with the suggestion.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I'm not sure |
|--|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| Resident responses | 68.1% | 18.9% | 5.0% | 3.9% | 3.1% | 0.6% |
| VCS (volunteers & users) responses | 51.3% | 33.8% | 10.8% | 1.6% | 1.3% | 1.3% |
| VCS (official organisational) responses | 37.4% | 33.1% | 20.4% | 4.1% | 3.4% | 1.4% |

The VCS organisations, volunteers and users also showed strong support for this proposal as shown in the table above. Responses show strong net agreement to this proposal to continuing providing provision for the arts sector. Net agreement is +82.2 for volunteers and +63.0 for organisations themselves. The reduced support from the VCS organisations themselves is noticeable.



Q22 “Dorset Council currently supports the provision for Voluntary sector support (currently provided by Dorset Community Action, Volunteer Centre Dorset and Dorset Race Equality Council). Dorset Council is considering continuing to offer this for the next five years. Do you agree with this in principle?”

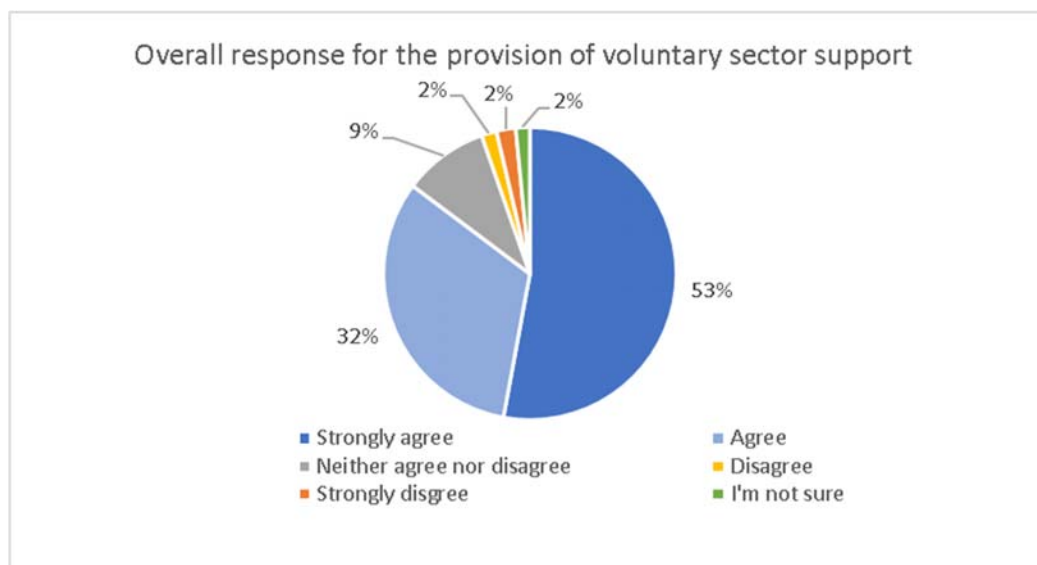
| Overall responses | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I’m not sure |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Number | 850 | 520 | 151 | 27 | 34 | 25 |
| % of all who responded | 52.9% | 32.4% | 9.4% | 1.7% | 2.1% | 1.6% |

The overall responses show strong net agreement to this proposal to continue offering support for the arts sector. Net agreement is +81.5%. This is a strong figure. 9.4% neither agreed nor disagreed. Just over half strongly agreed with the proposal.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I’m not sure |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Resident responses | 51.5% | 32.5% | 10.2% | 2.2% | 2.4% | 1.0% |
| VCS (volunteers & users) responses | 55.4% | 34.2% | 7.0% | 0.9% | 0.6% | 1.9% |
| VCS (official organisational) responses | 57.9% | 27.6% | 9.7% | 0.7% | 2.8% | 1.4% |

The VCS organisations, volunteers and users also showed strong support for this proposal as shown in the table above. Responses show strong net agreement to this proposal to continuing providing support for Voluntary sector (currently provided by Dorset Community

Action, Volunteer Centre Dorset and Dorset Race Equality Council). Net agreement is +88.1 for volunteers and +82.0 for organisations themselves.



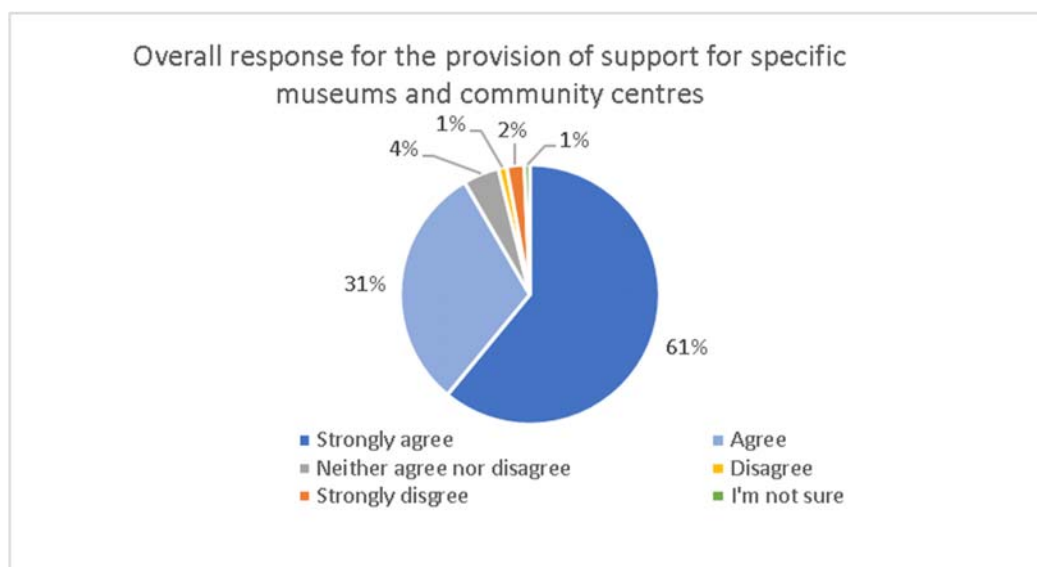
Q23 “Dorset Council currently has 4 Museums and 2 Community Centres which we have a reversionary interest for (this means we own the building or collection at each of these). We currently offer support grants to help maintain these. Dorset Council is considering continuing to offer this for the next five years. Do you agree with this in principle?”

| Overall responses | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I'm not sure |
|------------------------|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| Number | 981 | 493 | 72 | 17 | 35 | 11 |
| % of all who responded | 61.0% | 30.6% | 4.5% | 1.1% | 2.2% | 0.7% |

The overall responses show strong net agreement to this proposal to continue offering support for the 4 museums and 2 community centres. Net agreement is +88.3%. This is a very strong figure. Only 4.5% neither agreed nor disagreed. Nearly two thirds strongly agreed with the proposal.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I'm not sure |
|--|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| Resident responses | 63.8% | 28.8% | 3.2% | 1.4% | 2.5% | 1.0% |
| VCS (volunteers & users) responses | 59.0% | 31.9% | 6.3% | 0.3% | 1.3% | 1.3% |
| VCS (official organisational) responses | 40.1% | 44.9% | 10.2% | 1.4% | 1.4% | 2.0% |

The VCS organisations, volunteers and users also showed strong support for this proposal as shown in the table above. Responses show strong net agreement to this proposal for continuing providing grants towards 4 Museums and 2 Community centres which Dorset Council have a reversionary interest. Net agreement is +89.3 for volunteers and +82.2 for organisations themselves.



Q24 Tell us more about your answer

377 residents, 53 Others, 56 representatives of official organisations and 137 involved in a VCS organisation, responded to this opportunity to discuss the 4 proposals brought forward in the previous questions. There were many concerns about ensuring continuing support for art and culture but there was also a lot of support for all four areas proposed for funding. Likewise, there was support for heritage and museums and the Citizens Advice Bureau. The whole range of concerns and thoughts by respondent type are highlighted in the following table and the full comments are included in the appendix.

| Issue | Mentions | | | | |
|--|-----------|-------|------------|---------------|------------|
| | Residents | Other | Volunteers | Organisations | Overall |
| Accessible arts and culture are important | 135 | 15 | 25 | 10 | 185 |
| All four areas are good to fund | 86 | 9 | 21 | 10 | 126 |
| Heritage and museums are particularly important | 60 | 14 | 24 | 8 | 106 |
| CAB important as problem of low wage, debt and reduced public services | 47 | 3 | 31 | 6 | 87 |
| Other | 20 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 30 |
| Community support important | 16 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 26 |
| Bridport Museum is good | 9 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 22 |
| Arts could be better and self-supporting | 14 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 19 |
| Longer up to 5-year period supported | 10 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 18 |
| Mental health important | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Voluntary equals vital | 5 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 15 |
| Arts important in rural area | 7 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 12 |
| DCA is good | 2 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 12 |
| Try different method | 5 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 11 |
| All should have a climate plan | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| Arts should be self-funding | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| Community Centres are important | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| Local is sustainable/best | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| These four are all essential | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| Rural issues need more support | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| More transparency | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| CAB not accessible or good enough | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Review buildings | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

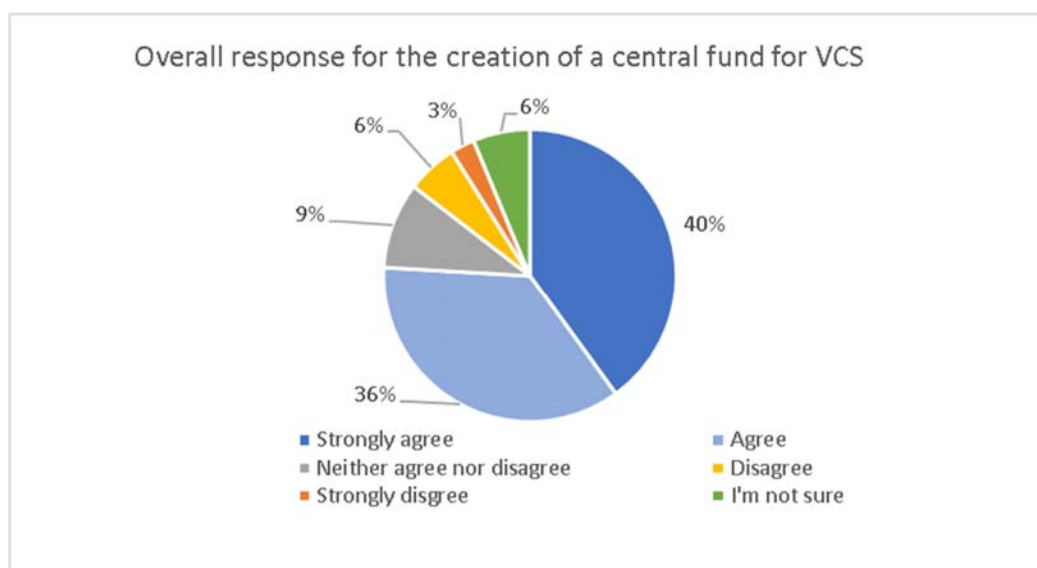
Q25 “It is proposed that there will be a central pot of grant money that all VCS organisations operating in the Dorset Council area can apply to for projects that deliver against the Dorset Council priorities. There will be funds available for local revenue and capital projects. These can be allocated on a 1 to 3 year term. Do you agree with this proposal?”

| Overall responses | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I'm not sure |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Number | 643 | 577 | 153 | 90 | 43 | 101 |
| % of all who responded | 40.0% | 35.9% | 9.5% | 5.6% | 2.7% | 6.3% |

The overall responses show strong net agreement to this proposal to offer a pot of money for all VCS organisations working across the Dorset area. Net agreement is +67.6%. This is a reasonably strong figure. Only 9.5% neither agreed nor disagreed.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I'm not sure |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Resident responses | 37.0% | 37.7% | 10.2% | 5.4% | 3.0% | 6.8% |
| VCS (volunteers & users) responses | 42.9% | 34.4% | 9.5% | 6.0% | 1.6% | 5.7% |
| VCS (official organisational) responses | 57.1% | 29.9% | 2.7% | 2.0% | 2.7% | 5.4% |

The VCS organisations, volunteers and users also showed strong support for this proposal as shown in the table above. Responses show strong net agreement to this proposal to have a central pot of grant money that all VCS organisations operating in the Dorset Council area can apply to for projects. Net agreement is +69.7 for volunteers and +82.3 for organisations themselves.



Text question

Q26 “Please use the box below to tell us anything else about the above question;”

322 responses were made in this section from people responding as Dorset residents. There was a general feeling that the time period, suggested at 1-3 years was too short, with 5 years often suggested as a better alternative. Other comments focused on money for the arts in Dorset and how important it was not to reduce the amount of money available. Quite a few people were unclear if this pot of money was in addition to those proposed in 4 previous questions but if it was they supported the idea. People working in or using the voluntary sector were mainly concerned about a similar range of issues. Official responses, whilst generally supporting the idea focused on longer time period for grants, and the need to get money to cover running costs rather than project funding. The full range of issues raised are listed below with the full comments published in the appendix.

| Issue | Mentions | | | | TOTAL |
|--|-----------|-------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| | Residents | Other | Involved in voluntary Sector | Official organisational response | |
| Should be longer period preferably 5 years | 85 | 8 | 17 | 13 | 123 |
| More/continued funding for arts organisations | 36 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 52 |
| Depends how much/ don't reduce the money | 34 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 45 |
| Generally, agree with the idea | 11 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 33 |
| Need fair and equitable process | 18 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 30 |
| If previous 4 grants mentioned are done this is ok | 19 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 28 |
| Suits bigger organisations as wastes time applying | 16 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 28 |
| Needs to be easy to apply and understand | 8 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 26 |
| Fair rural/geographical spread | 15 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 25 |
| Better to provide grants for running costs | 6 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 22 |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|----|---|----|
| Difficult to understand proposal/don't have enough info | 5 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 18 |
| Don't know Dorset Council priorities | 9 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 13 |
| Include small organisations | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 11 |
| Should be a mixture short- and long-term funding | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10 |
| Must have a climate plan | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Volunteer organisations should get all the money | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 |
| Need flexibility | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| VS need to follow non-DC priorities | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Projects need to improve natural environment | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| All need to become more business-like | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Devolve decisions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Where is the funding from? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |

All applicants for any grants will need to evidence all of the following:

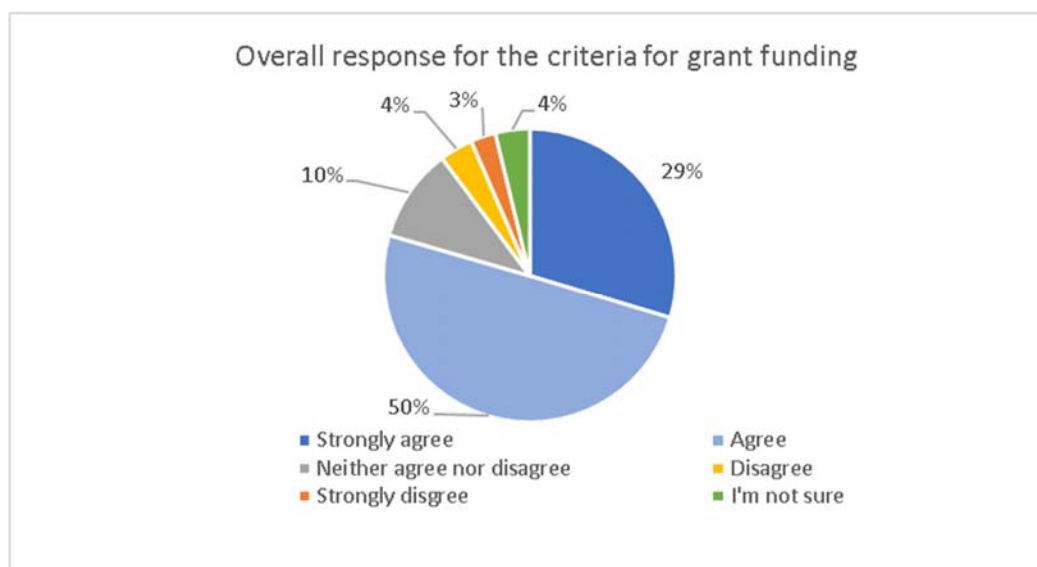
1. Applications will assist Dorset Council to deliver its Corporate Priorities
2. Applications will help to develop capacity in their sector and directly deliver benefits to people in the Dorset Council area
3. Applications will actively promote diverse and inclusive communities
4. Applications will have measurable outputs and outcomes that feedback Insight information regarding Dorset Councils communities, trends and where applicable identify gaps in provision
5. Applications will demonstrate long-term good practice and/or sustainability
6. Provide evidence that the organisation will be fit for purpose and resilient
7. Any building or premises should have reasonable tenure for a minimum of 20 years (capital applications)

Q27 How much do you agree or disagree with the criteria above?

| Overall responses | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I'm not sure |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Number | 475 | 798 | 165 | 59 | 44 | 61 |
| % of all who responded | 29.7% | 49.8% | 10.3% | 3.7% | 2.7% | 3.8% |

The overall responses show strong net agreement to this proposal for general criteria for all organisations applying for grants. 79.5% agreed or strongly agreed to the overall proposals but have used the following text box to qualify their answers. Net agreement is +73.1%. This is a strong figure. Only 11.5% neither agreed nor disagreed. Net agreement from residents, VCS volunteers and VCS organisations were all similarly high.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I'm not sure |
|--|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| Resident responses | 27.6% | 49.7% | 11.5% | 3.9% | 3.3% | 4.1% |
| VCS (volunteers & users) responses | 36.3% | 49.5% | 7.3% | 3.2% | 0.9% | 2.8% |
| VCS (official organisational) responses | 34.5% | 49.3% | 6.8% | 3.4% | 2.0% | 4.1% |



Q28 Tell us more about your answer

279 residents, 47 Others, 60 representatives of official organisations and 113 involved in a VCS organisation, responded to this opportunity to discuss the 7 funding criteria listed in question 27. The key issues are highlighted in the table below.

| Issue | | | Mentions | | |
|--|-----------|-------|------------------|---------------|-------|
| | Residents | Other | Voluntary sector | Organisations | TOTAL |
| 1- Applications will assist Dorset Council to deliver its Corporate Priorities | | | | | |
| Agree | 27 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 39 |
| What are the Priorities? | 24 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 29 |
| Dorset Council regularly changes Corporate Priorities | 11 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 17 |
| Disagree – it's about community aspirations | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| Most important statement | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| | | | | | |
| 2- Applications will help to develop capacity in their sector and directly deliver benefits to people in the Dorset Council area | | | | | |
| Agree | 32 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 47 |
| Support shortfalls | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Protect skills | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| What capacity | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Disagree | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| | | | | | |
| 3 - Applications will actively promote diverse and inclusive communities | | | | | |
| Agree | 28 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 44 |
| May overlook those who don't class as diverse | 27 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 29 |
| Doesn't apply to Dorset | 9 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 14 |
| | | | | | |
| 4 - Applications will have measurable outputs and outcomes that feedback Insight information regarding Dorset Councils communities, trends and where applicable identify gaps provision | | | | | |
| Agree | 28 | 1 | 13 | 6 | 48 |
| Shouldn't be included | 12 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 23 |
| Share funding | 15 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 16 |
| How will they be measured | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| What is 'Insight information' | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | | | | | |

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|--|----|---|----|----|----|
| 5 - Applications will demonstrate long-term good practice and/or sustainability | | | | | |
| Agree | 31 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 44 |
| How can it show if the funding is limited | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| Not always good practice | 11 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 13 |
| | | | | | |
| 6 - Provide evidence that the organisation will be fit for purpose and resilient | | | | | |
| Agree | 29 | 0 | 13 | 4 | 46 |
| More favourable to established projects/businesses over small/independent projects | 15 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 20 |
| | | | | | |
| 7 - Any building or premises should have reasonable tenure for a minimum of 20 years (capital applications) | | | | | |
| Too long of a time period | 32 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 49 |
| Shouldn't be included | 28 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 40 |
| Agree | 26 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 37 |
| | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | |
| Support for Community and Voluntary Sector | 49 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 59 |
| Corporate jargon | 51 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 56 |
| Support Arts | 30 | 4 | 15 | 5 | 54 |
| Some may not be able to meet all 7 | 22 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 44 |
| Be reasonable in requirements for small grants/small organisations | 5 | 7 | 14 | 11 | 37 |
| Climate change/emergency/environment | 15 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 22 |
| Be more flexible | 3 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 19 |
| Other | 0 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 19 |
| Different testing method should be used | 11 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 16 |
| Support businesses and tourism | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 7 |

Applications for community development, community events, play and sports development will need to evidence the following:

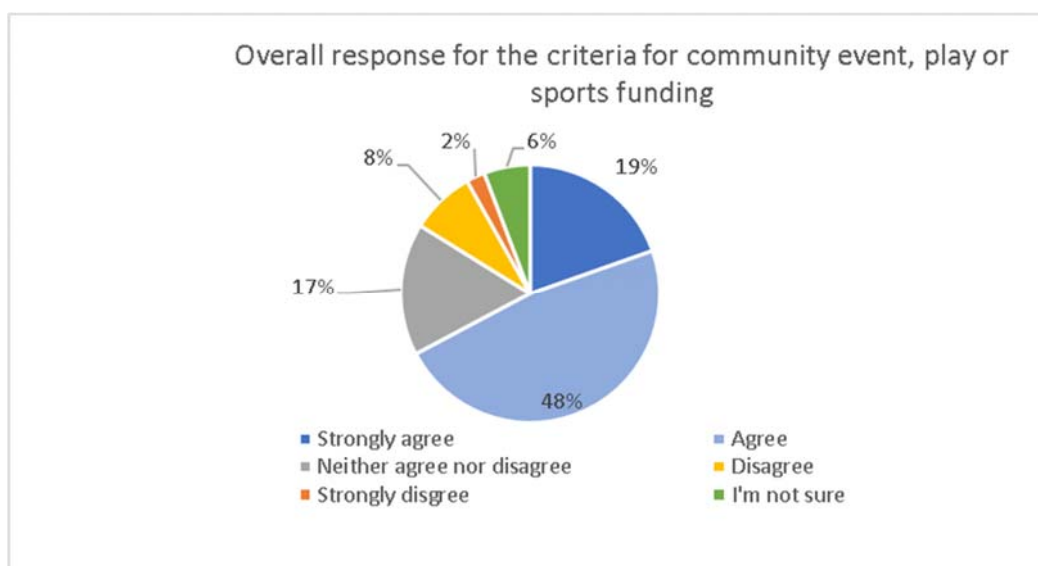
1. Target disadvantaged areas (thematic or geographical)
2. Community events will become sustainable as a result of the funding (one-off funding permitted)
3. Sports must be recognised by Sports England (Sport applications only)

Q29 “How much do you agree or disagree with the criteria above?”

| Overall responses | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I’m not sure |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Number | 312 | 759 | 265 | 128 | 37 | 92 |
| % of all who responded | 19.6% | 47.6% | 16.6% | 8.0% | 2.3% | 5.8% |

The overall responses show strong net agreement to this proposal for general criteria for community development, community events, play and sports development evidence criteria. 67.2% agreed or strongly agreed to the overall proposals but have used the following text box to qualify their answers. Net agreement is +56.9%. This is a fairly strong figure. 16.6% neither agreed nor disagreed. Net agreement from residents, VCS volunteers and VCS organisations were all similarly high.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I’m not sure |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Resident responses | 19.7% | 47.5% | 15.7% | 9.1% | 2.9% | 5.1% |
| VCS (volunteers & users) responses | 23.7% | 45.2% | 18.9% | 5.4% | 0.6% | 6.1% |
| VCS (official organisational) responses | 14.5% | 56.6% | 12.4% | 4.8% | 0.0% | 11.7% |



Q30 Tell us more about your answer -

208 residents, 34 other, 57 volunteers and 40 official organisations responded to this question, taking the opportunity to explain their answers. Their main concerns were about the insistence that the events become sustainable. Many felt this wasn't necessary. They also felt the conditions were too restrictive, particularly involving Sport England in the recognition of sports. The full list of concerns are included below and the full comments are included in the appendix.

| Comment | Mentions | | | | |
|---|-----------|--------|------------------|---------------|-------|
| | Residents | Others | voluntary Sector | Organisations | TOTAL |
| Community events are not always sustainable but can be good | 47 | 11 | 10 | 17 | 85 |
| Too restrictive | 41 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 59 |
| Sports England approval is too restrictive | 28 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 58 |
| Defining and measuring deprivation is difficult | 16 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 39 |
| Community includes everyone | 5 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 17 |
| Doesn't allow for new sports | 7 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 16 |
| Other | 5 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 16 |
| Needs discretion | 10 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 15 |
| Targeting disadvantaged area is good | 8 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| Poor question/don't understand | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| Need climate plan/ecologically sound | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Looks fair | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| Aim to become sustainable events in time | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Needs to be fair | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Sustainability of events supported | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Recommended by Sports England is good | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Use different method | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |

Applications for capital leverage (by capital leverage we mean investing a small amount of money to enable another funder to invest a large amount of money into a capital project in Dorset) will need to evidence the following:

1. Maximum commitment of 20% of the total project cost
2. Will have the capability to be allocated up to 3 years in advance – this could include provisional allocations while applicants develop supporting funding arrangements
3. There will be a demonstrable impact on the local economy
4. There will be evidence-based community benefits in terms of skills development and/or improved well being

Q31 “How much do you agree or disagree with the criteria above?”

| Overall responses | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I'm not sure |
|------------------------|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| Number | 329 | 812 | 242 | 58 | 26 | 129 |
| % of all who responded | 20.6% | 50.9% | 15.2% | 3.6% | 1.6% | 8.1% |

The overall responses show strong net agreement to this proposal for applications for capital leverage grants. 71.5% agreed or strongly agreed to the overall proposals but have used the following text box to qualify their answers. Net agreement is +66.3%. This is a strong figure. 15.2% neither agreed nor disagreed. Net agreement from residents, VCS volunteers and VCS organisations were all similarly high.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I'm not sure |
|---|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| Residents | 21.3% | 52.4% | 14.0% | 3.8% | 1.8% | 6.7% |
| VCS (volunteers & users) responses | 22.5% | 47.8% | 16.5% | 2.2% | 0.9% | 10.1% |
| VCS (official organisational) responses | 16.9% | 54.1% | 10.8% | 6.1% | 0.7% | 11.5% |

Q32 Tell us more about your answer –

137 residents, 34 other, 57 volunteers and 40 official organisations responded to this question, taking the opportunity to explain their answers. The main issues were the concerns over demonstrating the impact on the local economy and whether the 20% contribution was too low. Whilst many thought the idea was good there were some concerns that it is too rigid and needs to be more flexible. The full list of issues is shown in the table below and full comments are included in the appendix.

| Comment | Mentions | | | | |
|--|-----------|--------|------------------|---------------|-------|
| | Residents | Others | Voluntary Sector | Organisations | TOTAL |
| How do you measure demonstrable impact on the local economy and is it necessary? | 21 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 37 |
| Good important idea | 15 | 2 | 11 | 7 | 35 |
| 20% contribution is too low/high | 18 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 32 |
| Other | 20 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 30 |
| Don't understand/not enough info | 9 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 23 |
| Too rigid - needs to be more flexible | 10 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 18 |
| How do you measure community benefits and well being | 7 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 12 |
| Evidence | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 10 |
| Waste of money/too complex | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 9 |
| Need to include a climate plan/ environmental plan | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Refundable or a grant if doesn't go ahead? | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Some conditions can only be measured afterwards | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Social capital important | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |

Applications for museums, cultural and heritage will need to evidence the following:

1. Not for profit organisations are an accredited museum, cultural or heritage organisation
2. Evidence that a range of Dorset residents will have participated in the cultural organisations offer/programme.
3. The offer will be distinctive and form a critical component of the town or Dorset wide cultural provision, that is not duplicated elsewhere
4. There will be a demonstrable impact on the local economy
5. There will be evidence-based community benefits in terms of skills development and/or improved well-being
6. There will be a strong track record of inward external investment over the last three years.

| Resident responses | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I'm not sure |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Number | 247 | 503 | 136 | 49 | 26 | 45 |
| % of all who responded | 24.6% | 50.0% | 13.5% | 4.9% | 2.6% | 4.5% |

The resident responses show strong net agreement to this proposal for the proposed criteria for all applications for museums, cultural and heritage applying for grants. 74.6% agreed or strongly agreed to the overall proposals but have used the following text box to qualify their answers. Net agreement is +67.1%. This is a strong figure. 13.5% neither agreed nor disagreed.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I'm not sure |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| VCS (volunteers & users) responses | 31.4% | 44.4% | 14.3% | 3.5% | 1.6% | 4.8% |
| VCS (official organisational) responses | 17.2% | 49.7% | 13.8% | 5.5% | 1.4% | 12.4% |

Q34 Tell us more about your answer

230 residents, 42 other, 83 volunteers and 43 official organisations responded to this question, taking the opportunity to explain their answers. The main issue was concerns over whether the inward investment rule was feasible and reasonable. There were many concerns over whether smaller organisations could evidence the community benefits and the inwards investment. The difficulties of showing economic benefits seemed to favour the larger organisations. The full list of issues is shown in the table below and full comments are included in the appendix.

| Comment | Public | Other | Voluntary sector | Organisations | TOTAL |
|--|--------|-------|------------------|---------------|-------|
| Will not be able to show economic benefit (especially smaller organisations.) It is unrealistic. | 26 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 50 |
| Smaller/new organisations will struggle with evidencing 5 & 6 | 21 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 40 |
| Arts organisation/museum particularly important/good | 5 | 5 | 20 | 5 | 35 |
| Do not agree with inward external investment requirement (whatever that means) | 24 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 34 |
| Other | 18 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 30 |
| Too prescriptive - needs flexibility and discretion | 15 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 27 |
| Very difficult to evidence all for small organisations, villages etc | 11 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 22 |
| Visitors important too | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 22 |
| Poorly worded, too vague, too complicated | 16 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 20 |
| Accreditation not always possible/necessary | 11 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 20 |
| Duplication is not a bad thing. Everything does not need to be unique | 14 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 20 |
| Seem to bias against small and local | 12 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 18 |
| In a big organisation easier to evidence all six | 10 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 13 |
| Need to define things better e.g. participation, community development | 9 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 13 |
| Improved well-being hard to evidence | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 12 |
| Difficult to measure all | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 12 |
| Form filling for its own sake | 4 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Focus on critical services not museums etc | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Need to link to climate/environmental plan | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Should focus on disadvantaged & diverse groups | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| How will communities be involved | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |

Q35 Tell us anything else

163 residents, 29 other, 65 volunteers and 42 official organisations responded to this opportunity to explain anything else. The top 4 issues raised were supporting the arts, supporting local communities, spread the money around and how important the grants are for cultural benefits. The whole list of issues raised are included in the table below and the full comments are in the appendix.

| Comment | Residents | Other | Voluntary sector | Organisations | TOTAL |
|--|-----------|-------|------------------|---------------|-------|
| Support arts | 42 | 10 | 19 | 5 | 76 |
| Support organisations | 11 | 8 | 22 | 17 | 58 |
| Support local communities/ community groups | 39 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 56 |
| Important for cultural benefits | 27 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 38 |
| Spread the wealth | 28 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 32 |
| Shouldn't compete for funding/ease to apply | 7 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 20 |
| Working with similar groups to share good practice/avoid duplication | 12 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 18 |
| Residents and visitors would suffer without | 15 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 16 |
| Must improve environment/ climate | 12 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 15 |
| Benefit health and mental welfare | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Support to rural communities | 8 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 14 |
| Need to support lower income communities | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Assist learning | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Keep funding up/ long term too | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| Shouldn't have to demonstrate all areas | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |

Developing a VCS funding offer in the future

People were asked if they “Would you be happy for us to contact you to either talk more about your answers or to work with us on developing the VCS funding offer in the future?”

420 (26.5%) were happy to discuss their answers.

42 (2.9%) were happy to be contacted to discuss working together in the future

227 (14.3%) were happy to be contacted about either of the suggestions above

This shows strong commitment to developing the DC VCS funding offer.

The organisations themselves

This following section looks at responses directly from organisations specifically about how they function and their funding.

There were 148 official representations from VCS organisations.

86 (59.3%) A specific area in Dorset

19 (13.1%) All of Dorset Council Area

37 (25.5%) All of Dorset Council area and beyond

3 (2.1%) Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch area

| Those that covered a specific area of Dorset explained the areas covered included: |
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| 15 mile radius of Sturminster Newton |
| Alderholt and surrounding villages: Previously EAST DORSET |
| ALL AREAS WITHIN NORTH WEST DORSET (10/15 MILE RADIUS OF STALBRIDGE DT10 AREA) |
| All Dorset Council areas with the exception of the old East Dorset area |
| All of East Dorset, and Bearwood |
| Askerswell and neighbouring parishes including Briport. |
| BH21 |
| BH23 |
| Blandford and surrounding villages |
| Bournemouth, Poole, Christchurch and extending across the Purbecks, Wimborne, Ferndown and Verwood |
| Bridport |
| Bridport |
| Bridport |
| Bridport and surrounding villages |
| Bridport parish area |
| Bridport Town and 13 other parishes from Charmouth to Pucknowle and Swyre. |
| Bridport, Dorchester, Weymouth and Lyme Regis plus towns and villages in between |
| Broadwindsor |
| Castle Cove Beach, Rodwell, Weymouth |
| Chesil Bank Parish |
| Chideock & surrounding district |
| Colehill, Wimborne |
| Corfe Castle Parish, Wareham, Swanage |
| Cranborne, Edmondsham & Environs |
| Dorchester, Weymouth, Blandford, Purbecks |
| Dorchester, Weymouth, Blandford, Purbecks |
| DT8 3 |
| East Dorset |

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| Ferndown |
| From Lyme Regis in the West to Swanage in the East - from Portland to North Dorset - not East Dorset |
| Gillingham and surrounding villages |
| Gillingham, Shaftesbury, Mere, Marnhull, Sherborne, Wincanton and neighbouring villages. |
| Halstock and surrounding villages but we do get people from further afield for events like Artsreach |
| High Street and Old Weymouth (not Melcombe Regis_ |
| Loders and West Dorset |
| Lyme Regis |
| Lyme Regis and surrounding parishes |
| Melplash and surrounding area |
| Morden & nearby Red Post villages |
| North Dorset |
| North Dorset |
| North Dorset |
| North Dorset predominantly, but have members from Wiltshire, Somerset and Bournemouth |
| North Dorset, Gillingham, Shaftesbury and Blackmore Vale areas |
| Parish of Holwell |
| Poole, Bournemouth, Wimborne and Wareham |
| Portland |
| Puddletown |
| Purbeck |
| Shaftesbury |
| Sherborne |
| Sherborne |
| Sherborne and its immediate surrounding area |
| Sherborne, Gillingham |
| South Perrott |
| SP8 |
| Swanage and east Purbeck |
| Swanage and Purbeck |
| The former West Dorset district |
| Wareham and surrounding district |
| West & North Dorset, Dorchester and Weymouth |
| West Bay and surrounding area |
| WEST DORSET |
| West Dorset |
| West Dorset |
| West Dorset |
| West Dorset primarily, best we do work across the whole of Dorset, as well as East Devon |
| West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland |
| West Milton |
| Weymouth |
| Weymouth & Portland |
| Weymouth & Portland |
| Weymouth and Portland mainly but also have visitors from all over Dorset and UK |

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| Weymouth Dorchester portland |
| Weymouth,Portland and Dorchester |
| Wimborne |
| Wimborne & the surrounding areas |
| Wimborne and surrounds |
| Wimborne Minster |
| Wimborne St Giles and surrounding areas |
| Wimborne, Colehill & surrounding area - up to Six Penny Handley |
| Wool, Bovington, Lulworth, Winfrith |

Q5 Which of the following describes the work your organisation focuses on? Please tick all that apply;

The list below identifies the wide area of work that the voluntary and community sector respondents came from. Some will cover multiple areas. The most strongly represented areas are involved with young people and older people. Vulnerable adults were also well represented as were community events and festivals. Arts, heritage, museums and sport were less well represented.

| | |
|---|----|
| Young people/youth | 67 |
| Older people | 63 |
| Vulnerable adults | 63 |
| Community Events and Festivals | 62 |
| Children | 59 |
| People with learning or physical disabilities | 50 |
| Community Development | 49 |
| Volunteer development | 48 |
| Information, advice and guidance | 43 |
| Arts | 42 |
| Heritage | 32 |
| Voluntary and community sector support (infrastructure) | 32 |
| Other | 26 |
| Sport | 23 |
| Museums | 17 |
| Homelessness | 11 |

Responses from groups representing other interests specified them as:

- Alleviating 'social isolation' including making BH23 'dementia aware / friendly'
- Bereavement Support for Children, Young People and their Families
- BSO, through both its performance programme and the outreach work of BSO Participate have a womb to tomb philosophy of proving opportunity to experience and take part in creativity.
- Delivering workshop style training in relationships
- Education

- Education - Early years settings, schools, colleges, universities, teachers, EY practitioners, students
- Environment
- Environment, litter picks, campaign work about single use plastic, all people
- Fundraising, professional development and CPD for the sector, venue management (The Little Keep creative hub)
- LGBT+
- Mental health & Social Inclusion (service provider)
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Mental Health Education, Awareness Raising, Campaigning and Support Services
- Mental health, drop ins by local people and tourists
- Mental health, young parents, learning (GCSE equivalent qualifications, English and Maths)
- People with mental health issues. People with physical and mental health difficulties caused by disease/health conditions. Wellbeing support.
- Planning, parks, open spaces, allotments, markets, tourism, funding (grants).
- Surfing
- Venue for individual celebrations
- We keep open Castle Cove Beach.
- We run celebratory schools and community projects celebrating Dorset's natural and historical heritage.
- We support families through trained volunteers. The families we support come from all with a wide range of challenges and difficulties
- We turn the dreams and aspirations of our community into reality
- We work with Young Carers (Age 5-18) and Young Adult Carers (Age 18-25)
- Younger for Longer, Bridge and U3A Sports & Social activities for people who may be lonely and need to get out and meet people

**Q6 Does your organisation work with or support any of the following?
(This includes work you do with other partners;) Please tick all that apply**

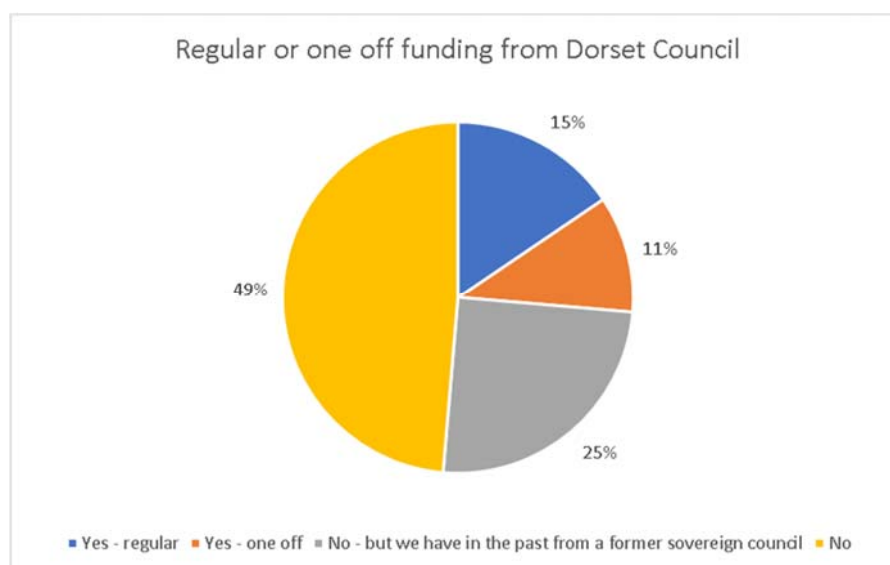
The table below shows the wide range of responses to the question about what people organisations support. The spread is right across the board, but some organisations are aimed at the wider general public. Those focusing on groups particularly specified children, young people, people with mental health problems, vulnerable adults and people with a physical or learning disability.

| | Number | % |
|--|--------|------|
| General public (not targeted at any specific client group) | 102 | 10.9 |
| Children | 80 | 8.6 |
| People with mental health problems | 71 | 7.6 |
| Vulnerable adults | 63 | 6.7 |
| People with physical or learning disability | 62 | 6.6 |
| Young people | 62 | 6.6 |
| People with long term health conditions | 61 | 6.5 |

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|--|----|-----|
| People on low incomes | 58 | 6.2 |
| People who live in areas of deprivation | 58 | 6.2 |
| Vulnerable young people | 53 | 5.7 |
| Vulnerable older people | 53 | 5.7 |
| Unemployed | 41 | 4.4 |
| Young people not in employment, education or training (NEET) | 37 | 4.0 |
| Homeless People | 30 | 3.2 |
| People affected by / recovering from substance misuse | 30 | 3.2 |
| Migrants and/or ethnic minorities | 30 | 3.2 |
| Any other people with protected characteristic (as per Equality Act) | 30 | 3.2 |
| Other | 13 | 1.4 |

Q7 Does your organisation currently receive any regular or one-off grant funding from Dorset Council? (This does not include commissioned contracts)

| | Number | % |
|--|--------|----|
| Yes - regular | 23 | 15 |
| Yes - one off | 16 | 11 |
| No - but we have in the past from a former sovereign council | 37 | 25 |
| No | 72 | 49 |



Interestingly of the 148 official organisational responses to the survey virtually half were neither receiving a grant from Dorset Council nor had received one from their former sovereign council. Nearly 40 organisations either received a regular or one-off grant.

Q8 What percentage of your funding currently comes from Dorset Council?

Those who did get funding from Dorset Council were asked what proportion of their overall funding this made up. The results are shown in the table below

| | Number | % |
|---------------|--------|----|
| Less than 10% | 19 | 49 |
| 10-20% | 9 | 23 |
| 21-30% | 5 | 13 |
| 31-40% | 1 | 3 |
| 41-50% | 2 | 5 |
| 51-60% | 0 | 0 |
| 61-70% | 1 | 3 |
| 71-80% | 0 | 0 |
| 81-90% | 0 | 0 |
| over 90% | 2 | 5 |

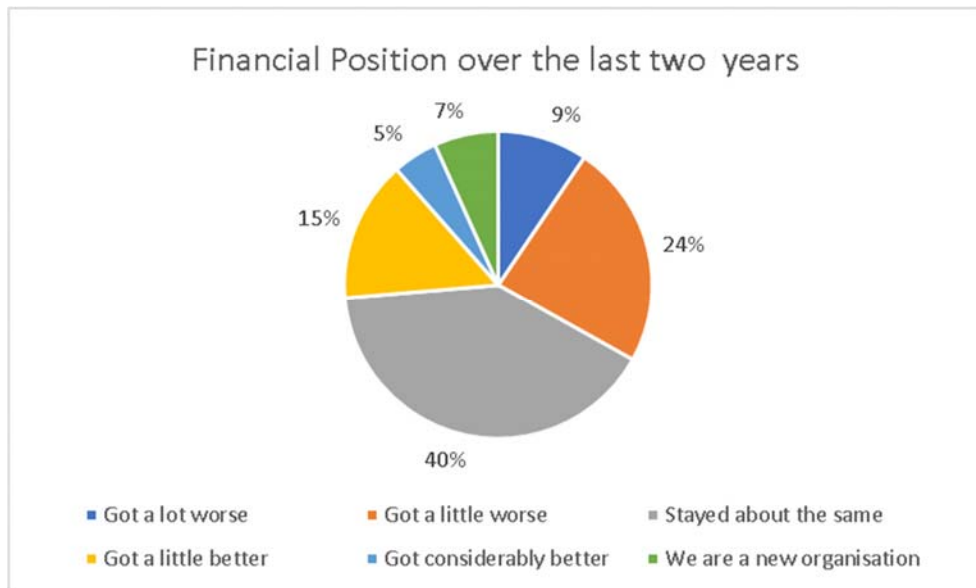
Half of the respondents said the DC grant only made up less than 10% of their income. For 84% of respondents it was less than a third of their overall income.

Q9 In terms of money, how much funding do you receive from Dorset Council? Please tell us how much and if this was a one-off grant or is ongoing funding.

37 grant recipients responded to this question. The responses show the funding amounts vary significantly from £127,000 for a service level agreement with one major organisation down to a few hundred pounds for one-off grants. Other major grants were £72,000, £54,000, £31,000 and £17,000.

Q10 Over the last two years would you say your organisation's financial position has;

| | Number | % |
|---------------------------|--------|----|
| Got a lot worse | 14 | 9 |
| Got a little worse | 35 | 24 |
| Stayed about the same | 60 | 40 |
| Got a little better | 22 | 15 |
| Got considerably better | 7 | 5 |
| We are a new organisation | 10 | 7 |



Q11 Over the next two years would you say your organisation's financial position will;

| | Number | % |
|-------------------------|--------|----|
| Get a lot worse | 10 | 7 |
| Get a little worse | 40 | 27 |
| Stay about the same | 47 | 32 |
| Get a little better | 24 | 16 |
| Get considerably better | 4 | 3 |
| I am not sure | 23 | 16 |



As the question above shows, 73% felt that their financial position over the last two years had either stayed the same or got worse. People felt slightly more optimistic over the coming two years with this figure dropping to 66%. Only 1 in 5 organisations thought it would get better over the coming two years.

Q12 Do you currently have a designated person who is responsible for fundraising and or bid writing to bring new funds in?

| | Number | % |
|--------------------------------|--------|----|
| Yes | 86 | 59 |
| No but we used to | 11 | 8 |
| No but we are considering this | 26 | 18 |
| No | 23 | 16 |

Interestingly over half of organisations had designated fundraisers/bid writers, with quite a few more considering getting someone to cover this role.

Q13 Do you currently receive any matched funding linked to funding received from Dorset Council?

| | Number | % |
|--|--------|----|
| Yes we do | 12 | 31 |
| No but we plan to apply for some | 2 | 5 |
| No we do not receive any match funding | 21 | 54 |
| I'm not sure | 4 | 10 |

Half the organisations who get grants from Dorset Council do not receive (or apply for) any matched funding. Nearly 1 in 3 do get matched funding at the moment.

Q14 If you were to receive reduced funding by up to 10% from Dorset Council from April 2021 what impact would that have on your organisation? Please tick all that apply.

As the table below shows, whilst most felt the risk of redundancies and closure would be limited if funding were reduced there would have to be other cutbacks. The main concern would be the need to reduce the quality/extent of their services. Other major concerns were the funding from others may be at risk and the number of people using the services would need to be restricted. A whole range of further concerns were selected.

| | Number | % of those responding |
|---|--------|-----------------------|
| We would need to reduce quality/extent of some services | 23 | 62 |
| Funding from other funders may be at risk | 18 | 49 |
| We would need to restrict the number of people who can access services | 17 | 46 |
| We would need to commit significant staff resources to securing income/fundraising | 12 | 32 |
| We may need to close one or more services | 10 | 27 |
| We would need to charge for some services | 10 | 27 |
| We may have to make redundancies | 9 | 24 |
| We would need to consider partnering with another service deliverer to maintain service | 7 | 19 |
| We would need to limit services to those who are not in greatest need | 6 | 16 |
| We would need to make redundancies | 4 | 11 |
| We may need to close the organisation | 4 | 11 |
| We would have to close one or more services | 3 | 8 |
| We would have to close the organisation | 1 | 3 |

Q15 Are there any other impacts that having a reduction in funding from Dorset Council may have on your organisation, service users or volunteers?

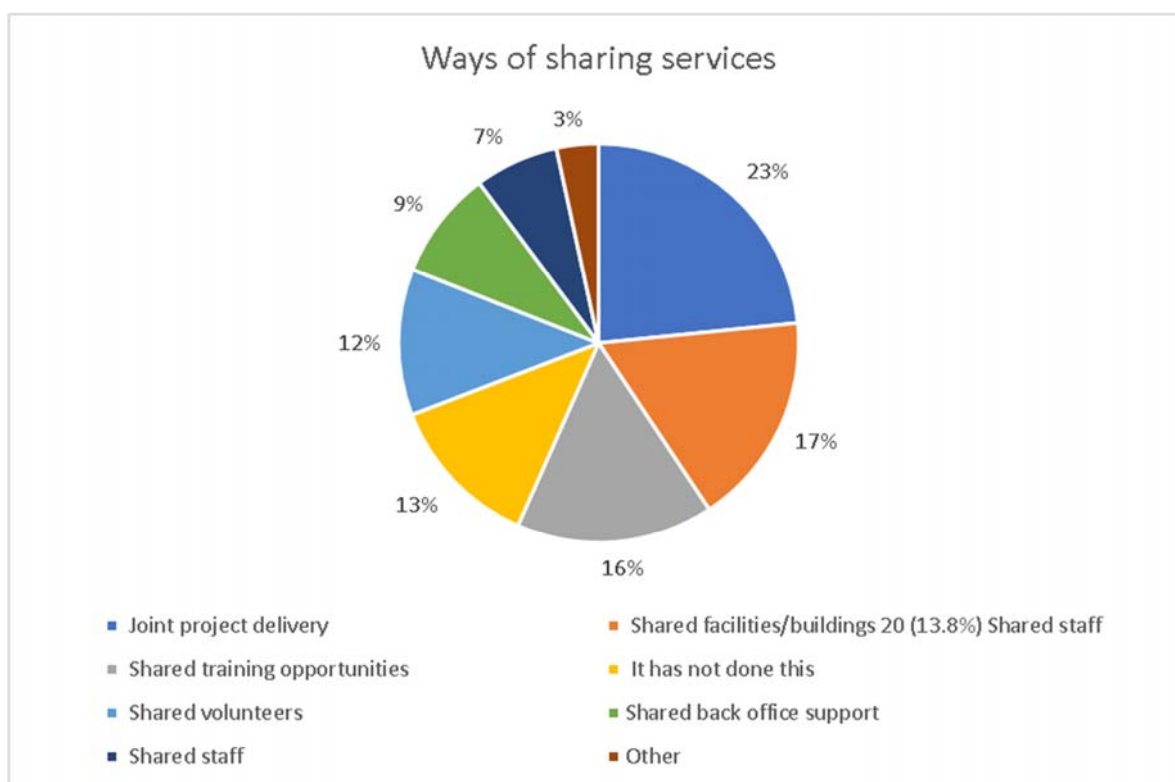
There were 25 responses to this question. Most reiterated concerns on the list above but were specific to the area they worked in. Most related to the current level of service being reduced. Examples include:

- “cuts across all services”
- “review services”
- “restructure service”
- “reduced core services”

Full details of all comments are in the appendix.

Q16 How has your organisation looked at ways it can work more closely with/share services with other organisations? (Tick all that apply)

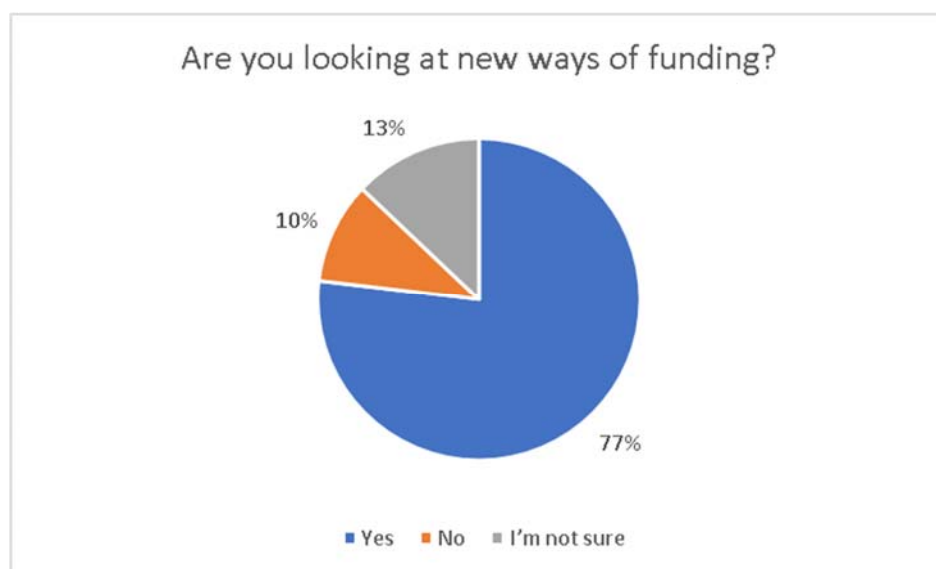
| | Number | % |
|-------------------------------|--------|----|
| Joint project delivery | 69 | 47 |
| Shared facilities/buildings | 51 | 35 |
| Shared training opportunities | 47 | 32 |
| It has not done this | 37 | 26 |
| Shared volunteers | 35 | 24 |
| Shared back office support | 26 | 18 |
| Shared staff | 20 | 14 |
| Other | 10 | 7 |



Many of the organisations had looked at ways of joint working with joint project delivery being the main one, followed by shared facilities/buildings and shared training opportunities. The whole list is shown above. 10 organisations mentioned other ways they had looked at sharing services and these included collaboration at different levels. Some collaborated at town level, some across subject areas, some across very specific specialist areas but others found collaboration difficult for a variety of reasons.

Q17 Is your organisation currently looking for new ways of funding/income?

| | Number | % |
|--------------|--------|----|
| Yes | 113 | 77 |
| No | 15 | 10 |
| I'm not sure | 19 | 13 |



Three quarters of all organisations responding are looking for new ways of funding/income generation. Clearly income generation and survival are important and pressing issues for most voluntary organisations.

Q18 Tell us more about the new ways of funding you are looking at;

107 organisations responded to this question. The table below highlights the responses. Organisations are applying for a wider range of grants, changing the way they do things, running community events, fundraising events and looking at company sponsorship. A whole range of other suggestions and ideas are included below.

| New ways of funding | mentions |
|---|----------|
| Applying for a wider range of grants | 16 |
| Re-inventing/developing new services/diverging what we do | 12 |
| Community events | 10 |
| Company sponsorship | 8 |
| Fundraising events | 8 |
| Working with donors and businesses | 6 |
| More professional bid writing | 6 |
| More collaboration | 5 |
| Using all methods available | 4 |
| Raise income by renting things/property out | 4 |
| Specific schemes such as Keep the Change, Crowdfunding and Big Give | 4 |

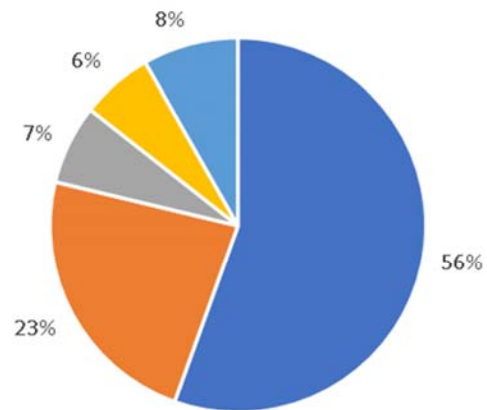
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| Commercial/retail arm | 4 |
| Become more business like | 4 |
| Do partnership bids | 3 |
| Using long term funder/trusts | 3 |
| Invest to increase capacity/income | 3 |
| Advertising | 2 |
| Using the National Lottery | 2 |
| Online sales | 2 |
| Reducing overheads | 2 |
| Focus on legacies | 2 |
| Building wider supporter base | 1 |
| Working over bigger geographical area | 1 |
| Running a charity shop | 1 |
| Raise/introduce charges | 1 |
| More research about what funding is available | 1 |
| Web donations | 1 |

Q19 The Charity Commission recommends VCS organisations hold at least 6 months running cost in reserves. Do you currently have this?

| | Number | % |
|--|--------|----|
| Yes we have at least 6 months running costs | 81 | 56 |
| No but we have at least 3 months running costs | 34 | 23 |
| No we have less than 3 months running costs | 10 | 7 |
| No we do not have any reserves | 9 | 6 |
| Not applicable | 12 | 8 |

Over half the organisations hold 6 months running costs in reserve and a further quarter have at least three months. Only 6% hold no reserves.

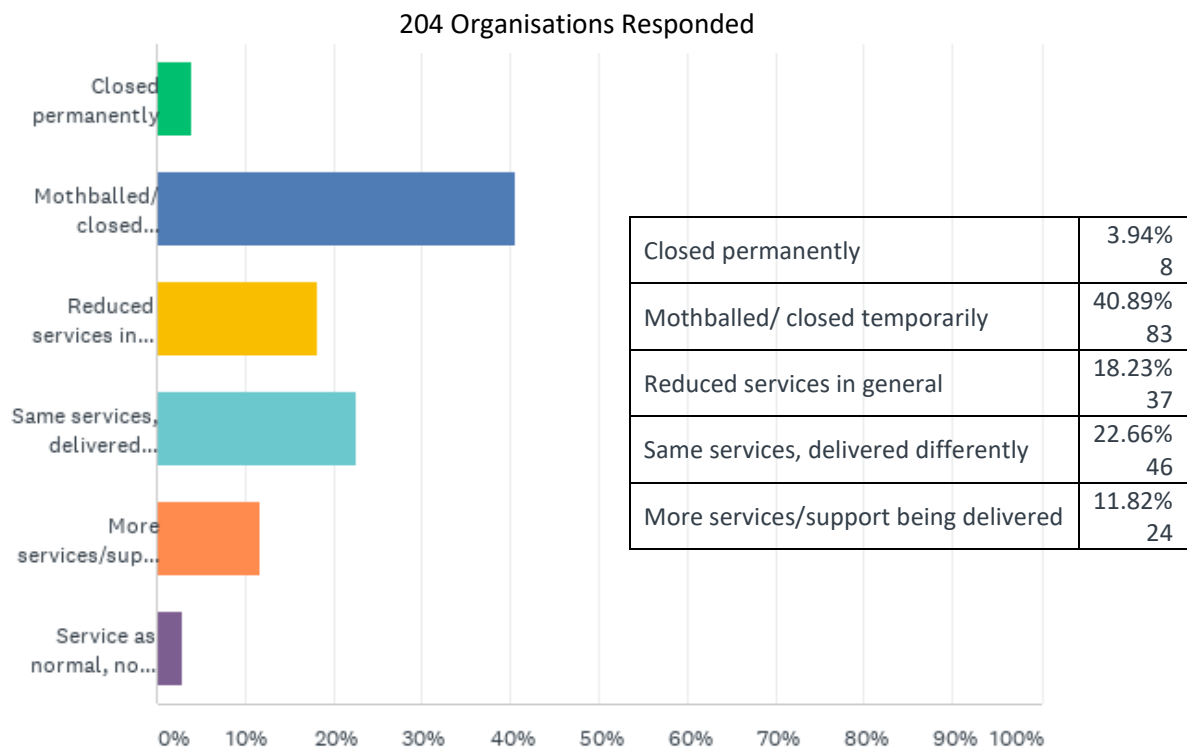
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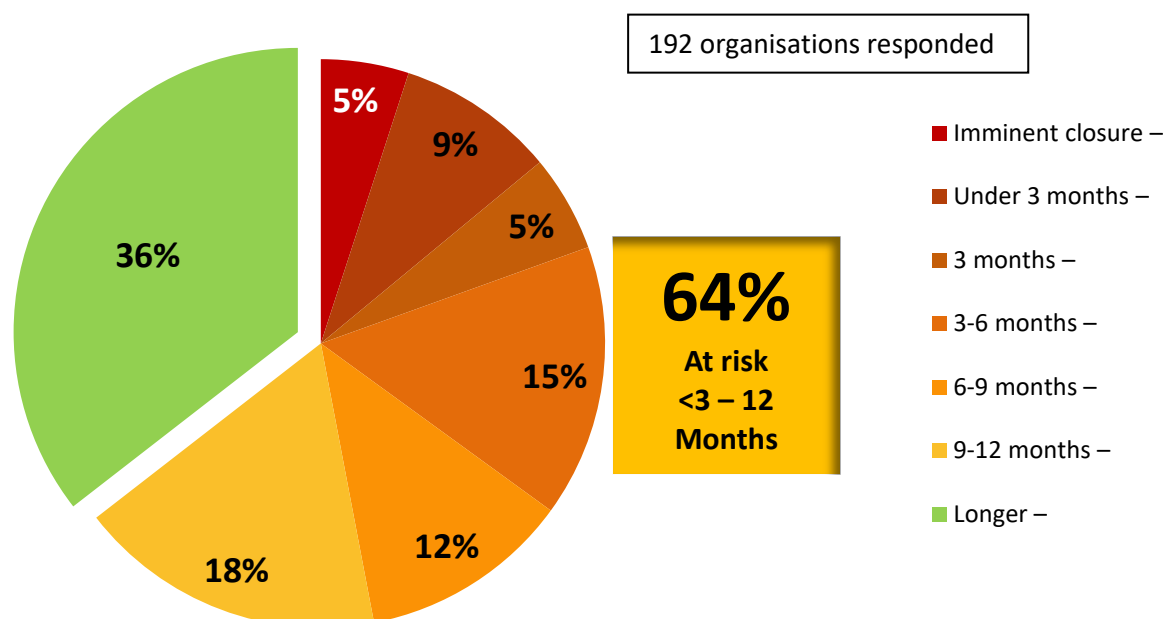
- Yes we have at least 6 months running costs
- No but we have at least 3 months running costs
- No we have less than 3 months running costs
- No we do not have any reserves
- No applicable

Impact of Covid – 19 on organisations

Q1 What is the status of your Organisation?



Q6 How long will you be able to keep operational without emergency funds to help?



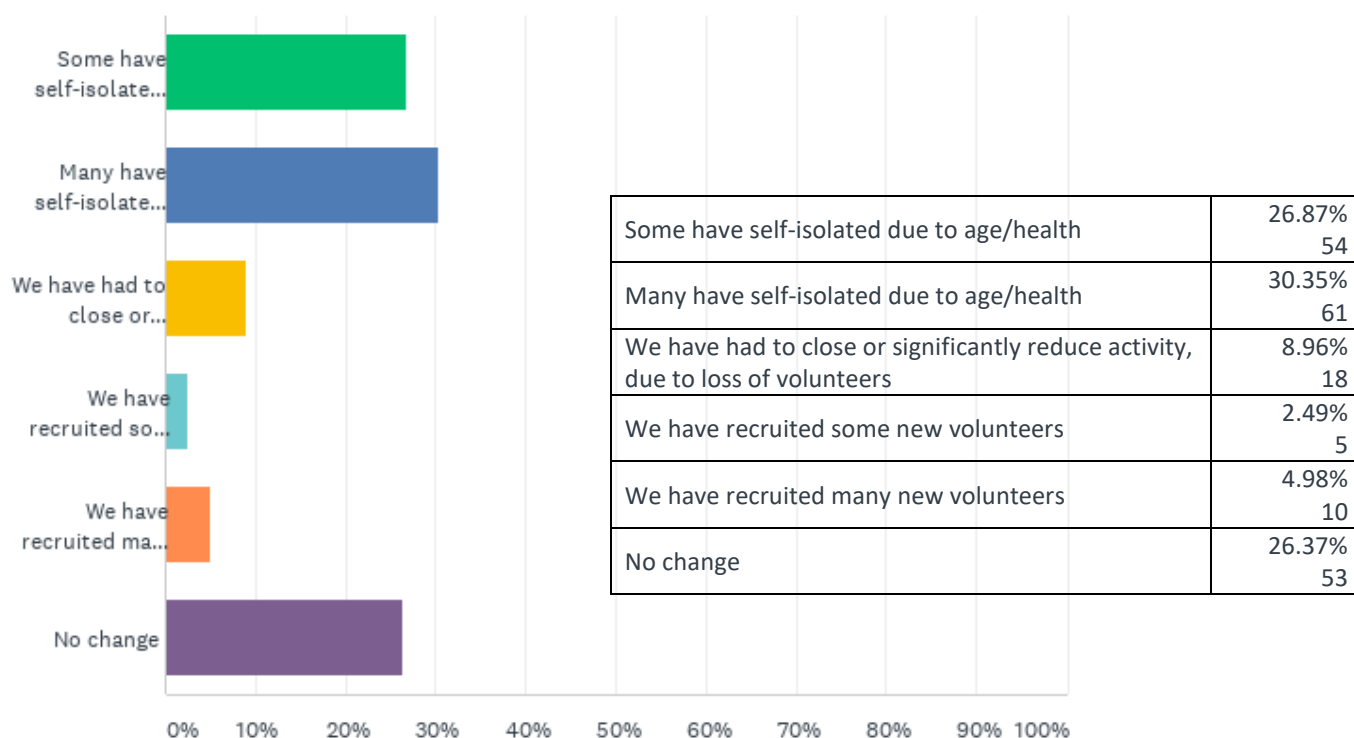
Impact on Staff

- Of the 117 organisations that have employed staff, 62 have furloughed some / all staff.
- Out of the 62 organisations.
 - 27 have furloughed less than 50% of staff
 - 35 have furloughed more than 50%, 11 of which have furloughed 100% of employees
- Of those organisations that employ staff (117) 58 think the current crisis will lead to staff losses and most expect to lose up to half their staff.
 - 19 expect to lose up to 25%
 - 16 between 26 & 50%
 - 6 between 51 & 75%
 - 12 between 76 & 100%

Impact on Volunteers

- As mentioned, the majority of organisations responding to the survey (181/205 that responded) involved volunteers before Covid-19. The impact of Covid-19 on volunteer involving organisations has been as follows.

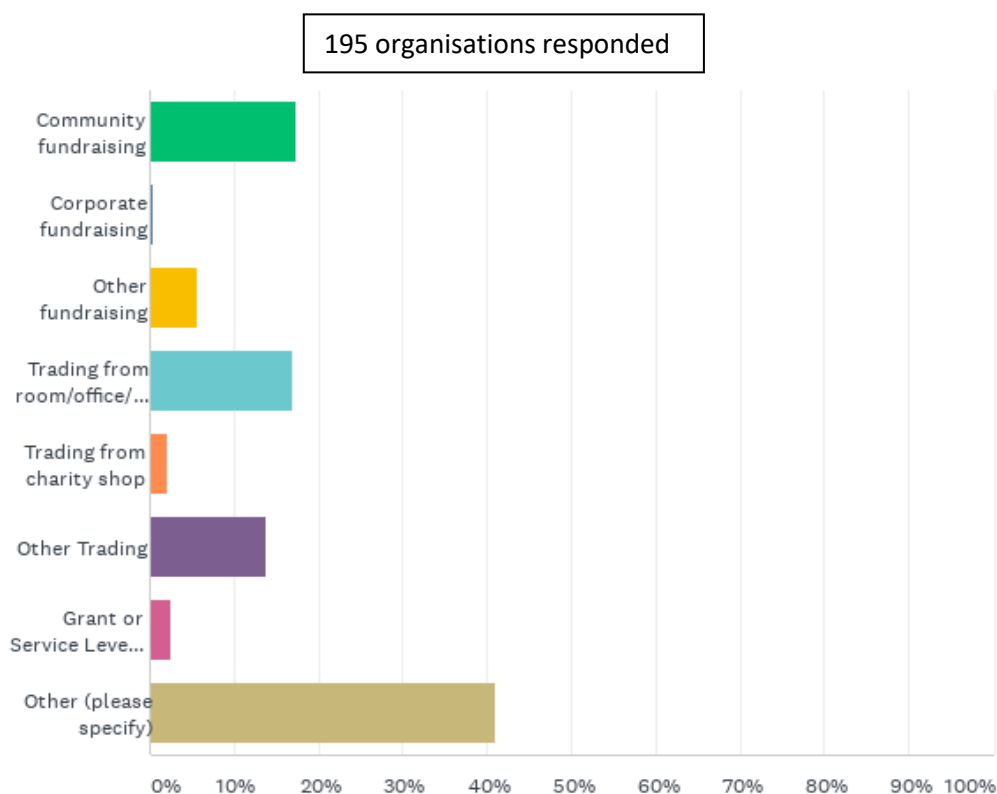
Q13 How has Covid-19 affected your volunteers?



Impact on Income / Turnover

- Of the 202 organisations answering this question, 152 expected some loss of income, 27 didn't expect to lose any income and 1 had seen an increase.

Q8 What is the main reason you expect to lose income?

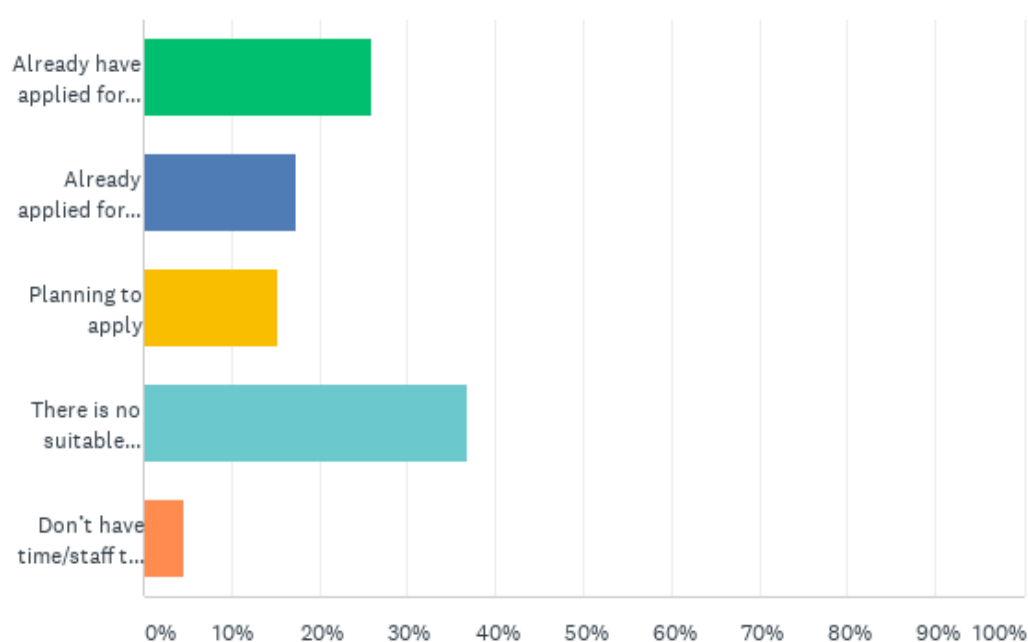


| | |
|---|--------|
| Community fundraising | 17.53% |
| | 34 |
| Corporate fundraising | 0.52% |
| | 1 |
| Other fundraising | 5.67% |
| | 11 |
| Trading from room/office/hall hire | 17.01% |
| | 33 |
| Trading from charity shop | 2.06% |
| | 4 |
| Other Trading | 13.92% |
| | 27 |
| Grant or Service Level Agreement changes | 2.58% |
| | 5 |
| Other (please specify) <i>**overwhelmingly groups used this section to specify trading, fundraising and room usage as another significant reason.</i> | 40.72% |
| | 79 |

- The main reasons for loss of income are loss of hire income and community fundraising. The items listed within the other** category confirm this.
- One comment to note is that an organisation expected to lose income because many grants have been diverted to frontline Covid-19 emergency response leaving fewer other grants.
- This is borne out below with 71 groups responding, “there is no suitable funding for them”.

Q3 Are you applying for any Covid-19 related funding?

196 organisations responded



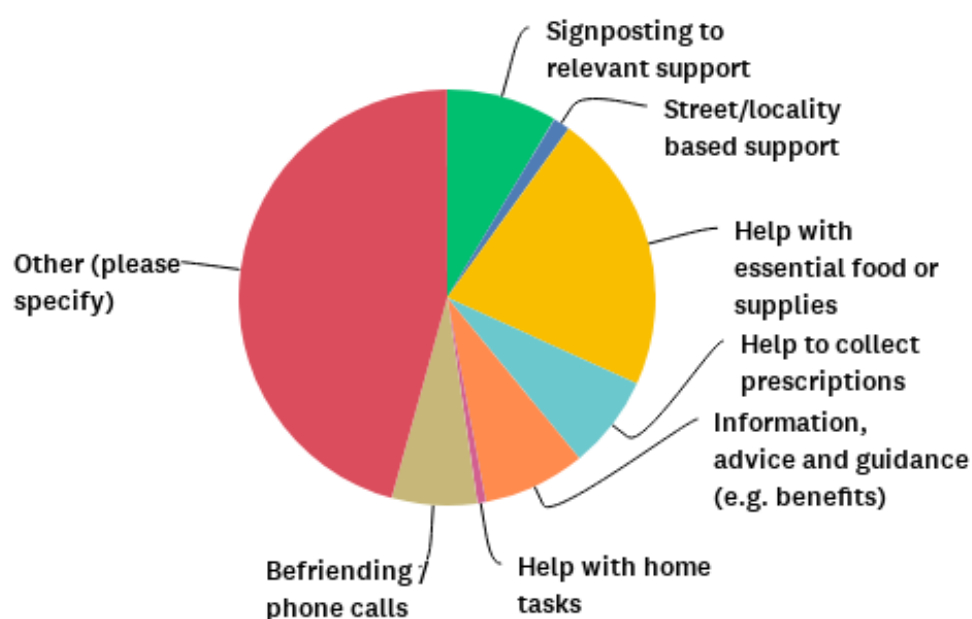
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| Already have applied for funding and been successful | 26.15% 51 |
| Already applied for funding and awaiting outcome | 17.44% 34 |
| Planning to apply | 15.38% 30 |
| There is no suitable funding for us | 36.41% 71 |
| Don't have time/staff to make an application | 4.62% 9 |

Impact on beneficiaries & services

- 46 out of 112 (who are still operating and answered the question) have seen an increase in beneficiary numbers and 40 have seen no impact. However, some organisations cannot assess, are unsure or don't know at the present time.

Q17 What is the main area of extra demand?

151 Organisations responded



| | |
|--|--------------|
| Signposting to relevant support | 8.61% 13 |
| Street/locality based support | 1.32% 2 |
| Help with essential food or supplies | 21.85% 33 |
| Help to collect prescriptions | 7.28% 11 |
| Information, advice and guidance (e.g. benefits) | 7.95% 12 |
| Help with pets | 0.00% 0 |
| Help with home tasks | 0.66% 1 |
| Befriending / phone calls | 6.62% 10 |
| Other (please specify)** | 45.70% 69 |

**Other includes; hospital / doctor visits, quite a few put a combination of the choices, support in social media to help community stay connected, Home security, grant giving support, one to one support for young people, switch to online services / support, emotional needs.

Areas of concern

- Those responding to the survey expressed concern about certain communities and geographical areas. Many of these are those that are already marginalised or disadvantaged in some way. There is concern;
 - That information being made available is not accessible to those who face language barriers, or take account of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds.
 - For other disadvantaged / minority communities such as the blind or partially sighted who have no way of measuring safe social distancing.
 - That services that have been switched to “online” are not reaching parts of the rural community because of poor broadband and mobile services.
 - That online services may not be fully accessible or as effective for those with learning disabilities, poor mental health or to disadvantaged, vulnerable people who do not have access to computer, mobile phone, laptop equipment due to libraries being shut.
 - For the availability of safe community transport for vulnerable people.
 - About for mental health, increased loneliness of those who are self-isolating, carer (young carers were specifically mentioned), of those in care homes and those who have relatives in care homes and young people in general.
 - For our children and young people, specifically those in school transition years, exam years or at risk of NEET without EHCP. Families living on the edge of poverty and those placed within B&B without support.
 - For those who have had an expected change in circumstances and are waiting for the universal credit / pupil premium etc. system to catch up.

Finally there is concern about gaps in support for VCSE organisations that are not providing a direct covid-19 response, e.g. business rate relief, retail, hospitality and leisure grants and a view that there is a growing need for Social Enterprise support emerging as social enterprises are created to meet the changed economic landscape.

Support received and support needed.

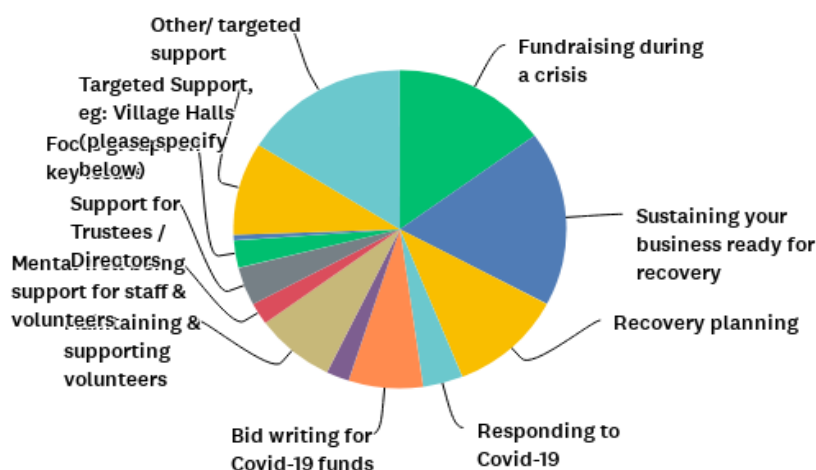
When asked about the support received to date, 177 organisations responded as follows;

- 62 said “none” – no support received, but this could be because it hasn’t been asked for or it hasn’t been needed or that some organisations are just up against it and haven’t had time *“None yet - because I haven’t stopped long enough to consider what we can ask for or how it can be facilitated.”*
- 37 were around funding and financial support – receiving and being invited to apply for funding, the furlough scheme *“furloughing has been a God send and is allowing us to keep staff through the crisis otherwise we would have made redundancies”* and rate relief.

- 30 mentioned the DCA support webinars “Joining the weekly webinar sessions and accessing the many excellent resources made available by DCA” and “The Zoom meetings have been very useful in advice and for bench marking what we have achieved and setup during Covid-19”
- 9 mentioned the contact via emails, newsletters and phone calls e.g. “offer of wellbeing support via phone calls” and “Regular email updates which is helpful”
- And 8 mentioned support from partners including the Volunteer Centre Dorset e.g. “Just being kept up to date with public liability insurance and regular Volunteer Bureau checking we are coping with demand.” Local Councils (including Town and Parish Councils) “Good support from Dorset Council. Partnership working with the VCS has been very useful” as well as professionals such as accountants and solicitors.

Q20 What support from DCA would you find most useful at this time?

180 organisations responded



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| Sustaining your business ready for recovery | 17.78% |
| Other/ targeted support (9.44%) and Don't know/Unsure (6.67%)** | 16.11% |
| Fundraising during a crisis | 15.00% |
| Recovery planning | 11.11% |
| Targeted Support, eg: Village Halls (please specify below) | 9.44% |
| Maintaining & supporting volunteers | 7.78% |
| Bid writing for Covid-19 funds | 7.22% |
| Responding to Covid-19 | 3.89% |
| Support for Trustees / Directors | 3.89% |
| Focus groups on key issues | 2.78% |

****Only 17 (9.44%) of “other support” were actual responses, the others were don’t know or unsure.**

The “other support - targeted” to report on includes;

- Mental wellbeing for specified groups e.g. the elderly, staff.
- Support around finance and funding; reserves, revenue, financial planning, applying for funds.
- Recovery planning and guidance on re-opening, risk assessments for re-opening
- Lobbying government, local decision makers and making sure they are aware of the sector
- Help with spreading information / awareness raising and which charities are open and the services / support available
- Online surveys

Ending on something positive ... When asked to share anything positive about their work and their volunteers during this crisis, we received some wonderful comments; here is just a small sample.

“A remarkable community response shows the strength of our community”

“We have adapted our services and been able to respond to the actual needs of the community - with emergency funding, pay pal service, hot meals for families by working with schools as well as socially isolated & shut ins”

“Local support by small businesses making deliveries and strength of local volunteers offering support extraordinary.”

“About 75 people have offered to be volunteers (in a town of about 3,000 population) to help deliver food and medicines to those who are vulnerable, self-isolating or without transport. We are using our community bus and have our own contactless card payment facility.”



The Cabinet Forward Plan - October 2020
For the period 8 SEPTEMBER 2020 to 31 JANUARY 2021
(Publication date – 8 SEPTEMBER 2020)

Explanatory Note:

This Forward Plan contains future items to be considered by the Cabinet and Council. It is published 28 days before the next meeting of the Committee. The plan includes items for the meeting including key decisions. Each item shows if it is 'open' to the public or to be considered in a private part of the meeting.

Definition of Key Decisions

Key decisions are defined in Dorset Council's Constitution as decisions of the Cabinet which are likely to -

- (a) to result in the relevant local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates (**Thresholds - £500k**); or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the relevant local authority."

In determining the meaning of "*significant*" for these purposes the Council will have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 9Q of the Local Government Act 2000 Act. Officers will consult with lead members to determine significance and sensitivity.

Cabinet Portfolio Holders 2020/21

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| Spencer Flower | Leader / Governance, Performance and Communications |
| Peter Wharf | Deputy Leader / Corporate Development and Change |
| Gary Suttle | Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy |
| Ray Bryan | Highways, Travel and Environment |
| Tony Ferrari | Economic Growth, Assets & Property |
| David Walsh | Planning |
| Jill Haynes | Customer and Community Services |
| Andrew Parry | Children, Education, Skills and Early Help |
| Laura Miller | Adult Social Care and Health |
| Graham Carr-Jones | Housing and Community Safety |

| Subject / Decision | Decision Maker | Decision Due Date | Other Committee Date | Portfolio Holder | Officer Contact |
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| Initial, high-level, draft budget information for 2021/22 and MTFP for 2023-2026 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 6 Oct 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy | <i>Jim McManus, Corporate Director - Finance and Commercial</i> <i>J.McManus@dorsetcc.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i> |
| Major Highway Improvement Schemes - Dinah's Hollow, Melbury Abbas Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 6 Oct 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment | <i>Kate Tunks, Service Manager for Infrastructure and Assets</i> <i>kate.tunks@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i> |
| Dorset Workplace Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 6 Oct 2020 | | Deputy Leader - Corporate Development and Change | <i>Deborah Smart, Designate Corporate Director – Digital & Change</i> <i>deborah.smart@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Corporate Director of Human Resources & Organisational Development (David McIntosh)</i> |
| Dorset Council Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy Delivery plan (Draft) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 6 Oct 2020 | Climate and Ecological Emergency Advisory Panel Before 6 Oct 2020 | Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment | <i>Antony Littlechild, Community Energy Manager</i> <i>antony.littlechild@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i> |

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| Asset Management Plan for Dorset Council 2020- 2023 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 6 Oct 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy | <i>Dave Thompson, Corporate Director for Property & Assets</i> <i>dave.thompson.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i> |
| Results of Public Consultation on the proposed dog-related Public Spaces Protection Order Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 6 Oct 2020 | Dorset Council - Place and Resources Overview Committee 21 Sep 2020 | Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services | <i>Graham Duggan, Head of Community & Public Protection</i> <i>graham.duggan@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i> |
| Leisure Services Review Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 6 Oct 2020 | Dorset Council - Place Scrutiny Committee 10 Mar 2020 | Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services | <i>Paul Rutter, Service Manager for Leisure Services</i> <i>paul.rutter@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i> |
| 'Planning for the Future' consultation response Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 6 Oct 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Planning | <i>Hilary Jordan, Service Manager for Spatial Planning</i> <i>hilary.jordan@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i> |
| Approach to Value for Money Key Decision - No Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 6 Oct 2020 | Dorset Council - Audit and Governance Committee 10 Aug 2020 | Deputy Leader - Corporate Development and Change | <i>Bridget Downton, Head of Business Insight and Corporate Communications</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan</i> |

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| Children's Services Provision Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 6 Oct 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills and Early Help | <i>Stuart Riddle, Senior Manager</i> <i>Stuart.Riddle@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i> |
| Weymouth harbour and Esplanade flood and coastal erosion risk management Strategy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 6 Oct 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment | <i>Matthew Penny, Project Engineer</i> <i>matthew.penny@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i> |
| Dorset Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 6 Oct 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills and Early Help | <i>Tom Smith, Commissioning & Marketing Development Manager</i> <i>tom.smith@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> , <i>Deborah Gill, Senior Education Psychologist</i> <i>deborah.gill@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i> |
| Grants to the Voluntary and Community Sector Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 6 Oct 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services | <i>Laura Cornette, Corporate Policy & Performance Officer</i> <i>Laura.cornette@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i> |
| Children and Young People and | Dorset Council | 15 Oct 2020 | Dorset Council - Cabinet | Portfolio Holder for | <i>Claire Shiels, Assistant</i> |

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| Families' Plan 2020 - 2023 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | | | Dorset Council - People Scrutiny Committee 6 Oct 2020 20 Jul 2020 | Children, Education, Skills and Early Help | <i>Director for Commissioning and Partnerships</i> <i>claire.shiels@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i> |
| Community Safety Plan 2020-2023 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council | 15 Oct 2020 | Dorset Council - Cabinet 30 Jun 2020 | Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety | <i>Andy Frost, Community Safety and Drug Action Manager</i> <i>andy.frost@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Mathew Kendall)</i> |
| Youth Justice Plan Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council | 15 Oct 2020 | Dorset Council - Cabinet Dorset Council - People Scrutiny Committee 28 Jul 2020 20 Jul 2020 | Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills and Early Help | <i>David Webb, Service Manager - Dorset Combined Youth Offending Service</i> <i>david.webb@bcpcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i> |
| Building Better Lives - Purbeck Gateway: Design Brief Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 3 Nov 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health | <i>Rosie Dilke, Project Manager</i> <i>rosie.dilke@dorsetcc.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Mathew Kendall)</i> |
| Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 3 Nov 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety | <i>Richard Conway, Service Manager for Housing Standards</i> <i>richard.conway@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Mathew Kendall)</i> |

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| Housing Allocations Policy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 3 Nov 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety | <i>Rebecca Kirk, Corporate Director of Housing, Dorset Council</i> <i>Rebecca.Kirk@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Mathew Kendall)</i> |
| Housing Standards Enforcement Policy and Statement of Principles for determining Financial Penalties 2020-2025 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 3 Nov 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety | <i>Rebecca Kirk, Corporate Director of Housing, Dorset Council</i> <i>Rebecca.Kirk@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Mathew Kendall)</i> |
| Dorset Council Budget - Quarterly Performance Report - Q2 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 3 Nov 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy | <i>Jim McManus, Corporate Director - Finance and Commercial</i> <i>J.McManus@dorsetcc.gov.uk</i> <i>Corporate Director, Legal and Democratic Services - Monitoring Officer (Jonathan Mair)</i> |
| Dorset Council Plan- Quarterly Performance Report Q2 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 3 Nov 2020 | | Deputy Leader - Corporate Development and Change | <i>Bridget Downton, Head of Business Insight and Corporate Communications</i> <i>Chief Executive (Matt Prosser)</i> |
| Annual Self Evaluation of Children's Services Key Decision - Yes | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 3 Nov 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills and Early Help | <i>Claire Shiels, Assistant Director for Commissioning and Partnerships</i> <i>claire.shiels@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> |

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| Public Access - Open | | | | | <i>gov.uk Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i> |
| Annual Adoption Report- Aspire Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 3 Nov 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills and Early Help | <i>Sarah Jane Smedmor, Corporate Director - Care & Protection sarah-jane.smedmor@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i> |
| Transformation Programme Annual Report Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 3 Nov 2020 | | Deputy Leader - Corporate Development and Change | <i>Deborah Smart, Designate Corporate Director – Digital & Change deborah.smart@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i> |
| Final version of the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council | 10 Dec 2020 | Dorset Council - Cabinet Dorset Council - Licensing Committee Dorset Council - Place and Resources Overview 3 Nov 2020 22 Oct 2020 19 Oct 2020 | Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services | <i>John Newcombe, Service Manager, Licensing & Community Safety john.newcombe@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i> |
| Final Version of the Statement of Licensing Policy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council | 10 Dec 2020 | Dorset Council - Cabinet Dorset Council - Licensing Committee Dorset Council - Place and Resources Overview 3 Nov 2020 | Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services | <i>John Newcombe, Service Manager, Licensing & Community Safety john.newcombe@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i> |

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| | | | 22 Oct 2020 19 Oct 2020 | | |
| Budget Strategy Report Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 12 Jan 2021 | Dorset Council - Health Scrutiny Committee Dorset Council - People Scrutiny Committee Dorset Council - Place Scrutiny Committee | Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy | <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i> |
| Dorset Council Budget - Quarterly Performance Report - Q3 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 12 Jan 2021 | Dorset Council - Audit and Governance Committee 22 Feb 2021 | Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy | <i>Jim McManus, Corporate Director - Finance and Commercial</i> <i>J.McManus@dorsetcc.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i> |
| Dorset Council Plan Quarterly Performance Report - Q3 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open | Dorset Council - Cabinet | 12 Jan 2021 | Dorset Council - Audit and Governance Committee 22 Feb 2021 | Deputy Leader - Corporate Development and Change | <i>Bridget Downton, Head of Business Insight and Corporate Communications,</i> <i>Rebecca Forrester, Business Intelligence & Performance</i> <i>rebecca.forrester@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Chief Executive (Matt Prosser)</i> |

Private/Exempt Items for Decision

Each item in the plan above marked as 'private' will refer to one of the following paragraphs.

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the shadow council proposes:-
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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People and Health Overview Committee – Forward Plan

| Subject | Report due | Consultation | Portfolio Holder/s / Other relevant Councillors | Officer Contact - Lead |
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| Voluntary & Community Sector Report | 22 September 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services | Lead Officer – Bridget Downton, Head of Business Intelligence and Corporate Communications; Laura Cornette, Policy & Performance Officer (External Funding & VCS) |
| Draft Housing Allocations Policy | 27 October 2020 | Cabinet 3 November 2020 | Portfolio Holder for Housing | Rebecca Kirk – Corporate Director for Housing Sharon Attwater Service Manager Housing Strategy and Performance |
| Housing Standards Enforcement Policy and Statement of Principles for determining Financial Penalties 2020-2025 | 27 October 2020 | Cabinet 3 November 2020 | Portfolio Holder for Housing | Steve March Senior Environmental Health Officer |
| Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy | 27 October 2020 | Cabinet 3 November 2020 | Portfolio Holder for Housing | Rebecca Kirk – Corporate Director for Housing Richard Conway – Service Manager Housing Standards |
| Annual Complaints Report | 27 October 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services | Marc Eyre - Service Manager for Assurance |
| Q2 Service Performance Data | 14 December 2020 | | Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Change | Rebecca Forrester – Business Partner – Policy, Research & Performance |

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| Q3 Performance Data | 4 March 2021 | | Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Change | Rebecca Forrester – Business Partner – Policy, Research & Performance |
| Q4 Performance Data | 4 May 2021 | | Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Change | Rebecca Forrester – Business Partner – Policy, Research & Performance |

Outstanding items from postponed meetings to be rescheduled into forward plan

| Subject | Report due | Consultation | Portfolio Holder/s / Other relevant Councillors | Officer contact - Lead |
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Annual items and items to be scheduled into current forward plan and beyond 2020/21:

- Development of performance indicators in Children's Services and Adults and Housing Services (raised during 2020/21 Budget scrutiny) Scrutiny to receive a report (6 months) of KPI's and progress made the changes and efficiency savings highlighted in the overall report

Executive Advisory Panels (EAP) to report:

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