

## Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)

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<b>Title</b>	Review of Dorset Council funding support to voluntary and community sector organisations		
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		<b>Date of completion:</b>	

### Type of Strategy, Policy, Project or Service:

Is this Equality Impact Assessment (please put a cross in the relevant box)

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### Step 1: Aims

<b>What are the aims of your strategy, policy, project or service?</b>
To undertake a fair and robust review of historical funding to voluntary and community sector organisations (VCSO) inherited by Dorset Council from the sovereign councils to ensure that a future funding offer and gives equal funding opportunity to all geographic and thematic communities helping deliver the Dorset Council corporate priorities for 2021-26 and to offer longer term stability to the support sector (infrastructure) organisations of the VCS.
<b>What is the background or context to the proposal?</b>
In September 2018, the Shadow Dorset Executive Committee agreed to commence a 'robust and fair review of funding' to voluntary and community sector organisations (VCSO) as part of the convergence work to the new Dorset Council's priorities for 2020-21.

The Committee agreed to maintain current levels of funding and support for 2019-20. This one-year extension gave some certainty to the sector and provided Dorset Council with the opportunity to conduct a full commissioning review and agree future levels of support to ensure all VCISO's operating in the Dorset Council area received the same level of support services or infrastructure and the same opportunity to apply for discretionary funds to deliver services and projects that helped Dorset Council meet our council priorities which the historical arrangements did not. In November 2019 Cabinet then granted an extension for a further year to allow a full consultation to take place.

- Appendix 1 - full list of historical grant arrangements
- Appendix 2 - map depicting the level of sovereign council funding

## Step 2: Intelligence and Communication

What data, information, evidence and research was used in this EqIA and how has it been used to inform the decision-making process?

Geowessex Dorset Statistics and census information on Dorset Council website at:

<https://apps.geowessex.com/stats/>

[www.gov.uk/government/statistics](http://www.gov.uk/government/statistics)

[Health state life expectancy at birth by local areas, UK, 2015- 2017, ONS](#)

[House of Commons Defence Committee, Mental Health and the Armed Forces, Part One: Pan Dorset Local Transformation Plan: Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing, 31/10/17](#)

[Create, Arts Council England, December 2015](#)

[Child Poverty Action Group – Regional Estimates LAD South West 2019](#)

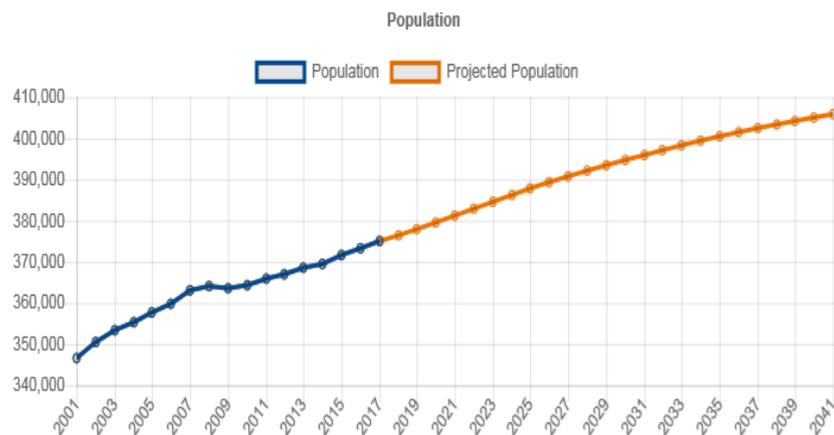
What data do you already have about your service users, or the people your proposal will have an impact on?

### Age:

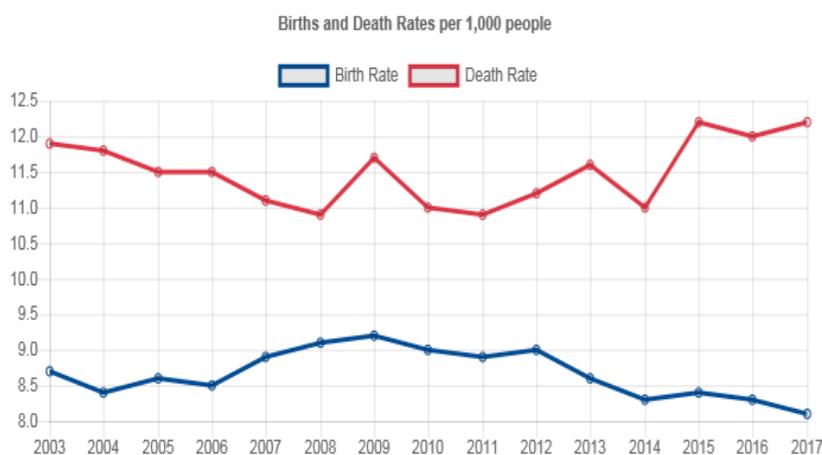
Dorset's higher than national average population over 65 means that changes to funding for supporting organisations support would affect this age group.

- In the Dorset Council area 16% of the population is under 25 and funding was specifically given to youth centres in North and West Dorset that specifically target disadvantaged young people e.g. Sherborne the Rendezvous is the last dedicated Youth Advice Centre in Dorset. Youth organisations were also funded through open grant schemes such as social inclusion and leisure development and this will impact residents aged 24 and under.
- Population 375,075 (source Office of nation statistics)

	Comparators		
	Total	Percentage	England and Wales
All persons	375,025	-	58,744,600
All Males	183,390	48.9%	49.4%
All females	191,660	51.1%	50.6%
0-15 years	59,850	16%	19.1%
16-64 years	209,150	55.8%	62.8%
65+years	106,060	28.3%	18.2%



Source: Mid Year Estimates, Office for National Statistics



- The graphs show that the population is due to increase due to increased average life expectancy and higher birth rates and therefore Dorset, which already has a 10% higher than the national average of over 65's, will continue to increase demand on these services

## Disability

Disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on the ability to carry out normal day to day activities. Across the Dorset Council area 8% of the population has day to day activities that are limited a lot and 11% have day to day limited activities a little. Currently disability groups are regularly supported through the different grant schemes of the sovereign councils. These are:

WDDC Social Inclusion Open Grant Scheme – Age UK, Dementia Friendly groups, Dorset Blind Association, Bridport Deaf Club, The Living Tree, The Horse Course.

A significant number of Citizens Advice clients are disabled people.

- Dorchester, Sherborne & Districts CA client base for 2018-19 comprised 8% who had a disability and 35% with a long-term health condition
- North Dorset, 6% and 31% with a long-term health condition
- Weymouth and Portland CA client base comprised of 18% who had a disability and 47% with a long-term health condition
- East Dorset CA client base comprised of 5% who had a disability and 53% with a long-term health condition

- Purbeck CA client base comprised of 9% who had a disability and 44% with a long-term health condition

**Ethnicity**

The current population statistics for the Dorset Council area indicate that the population is predominantly White British (95.6%). However, the overall statistic for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) of 4.4% with 1.7% of the population not having English as their mother tongue. However, this masks the significant regional variations in certain parts of the Dorset area.

Grants to groups or organisations providing support to diverse communities are of importance in the wards of Cranborne Chase, Dorchester East and West, Ferndown North and South, Melcombe Regis, Poundbury, Shaftesbury Town, Sherborne West, Sturminster, Swanage and Wimborne Minster. These are areas with a greater than Dorset average BAME population. The highest proportion of Dorset’s BAME population are classified as ‘White Other’ who make up approximately 40% of Dorset’s BAME population.

**Country of Birth**

Within the Dorset Council area, the statistics are as follows-

94.4% Born in UK

5.6% Born outside of UK

0.4% Born in Ireland

1.3% Born in EU (Member Countries in March 2001)

0.7% Born in EU (Accession Countries April 2001 - March 2011)

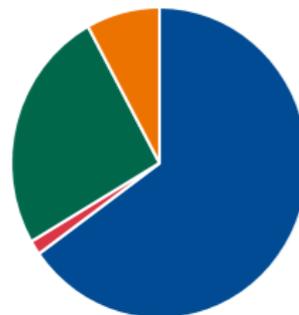
3.1% Born elsewhere

Source 2011 Census Office of national Statistics

**Religion and Belief:**

The five major non-Christian world religions Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism and Sikhism constitute 1% of Dorset’s residents’ religious beliefs. Dorset’s main non-Christian religious groups are concentrated in Dorset’s towns. Weymouth has just over 300 residents of Muslim faith. There are also concentrations around military establishments such as Blandford Camp where the Gurkhas and their families live who are predominantly Hindu in their religious belief. Any grants awarded to churches and religious organisations are for purposes other than religion such as youth groups, older people’s activities, arts and culture, sports and leisure. Grants to organisations on the grounds of race or ethnicity could therefore be impacted by any changes to the level of funding to organisations that provide any services and activities in support of people who have this protected characteristic.

<span style="color: blue;">■</span> % Christian	65.1%
<span style="color: red;">■</span> % Non-Christian	1.5%
<span style="color: green;">■</span> % No religion	25.4%
<span style="color: orange;">■</span> % Religion not stated	8%



Source: 2011 Census. Office for National Statistics

**Health and Wellbeing:**

In Dorset, there is a difference of 17 years between healthy life expectancy and overall life expectancy for men, and 19 years for women. 62% of adults in Dorset are classified as overweight or obese. Residents in Dorset are more likely to be unpaid carers, there are now

around 3,000 registered carers in Dorset alone. 12% of Dorset residents compared to 10% across England. There are now around 3,000 registered carers in Dorset. By 2025, we expect to see more than 10,000 people aged 65+ living with dementia. With these figures it is likely that an additional 3,000 carers will be needed to cope with this increase. Domestic abuse, mental ill-health and substance misuse have been termed a 'Toxic Trio' commonly found in families where harm to children has occurred. 1,831 domestic abuse incidents were reported in Dorset last year.

It is well documented that Arts and culture can have a positive impact on specific health conditions such as dementia, Mental Health

\*(<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/258383.php#1>) Parkinson's

<https://www.pdsw.org.uk/dance-devs/why-dance-feasibility-study/>) \*and depression&

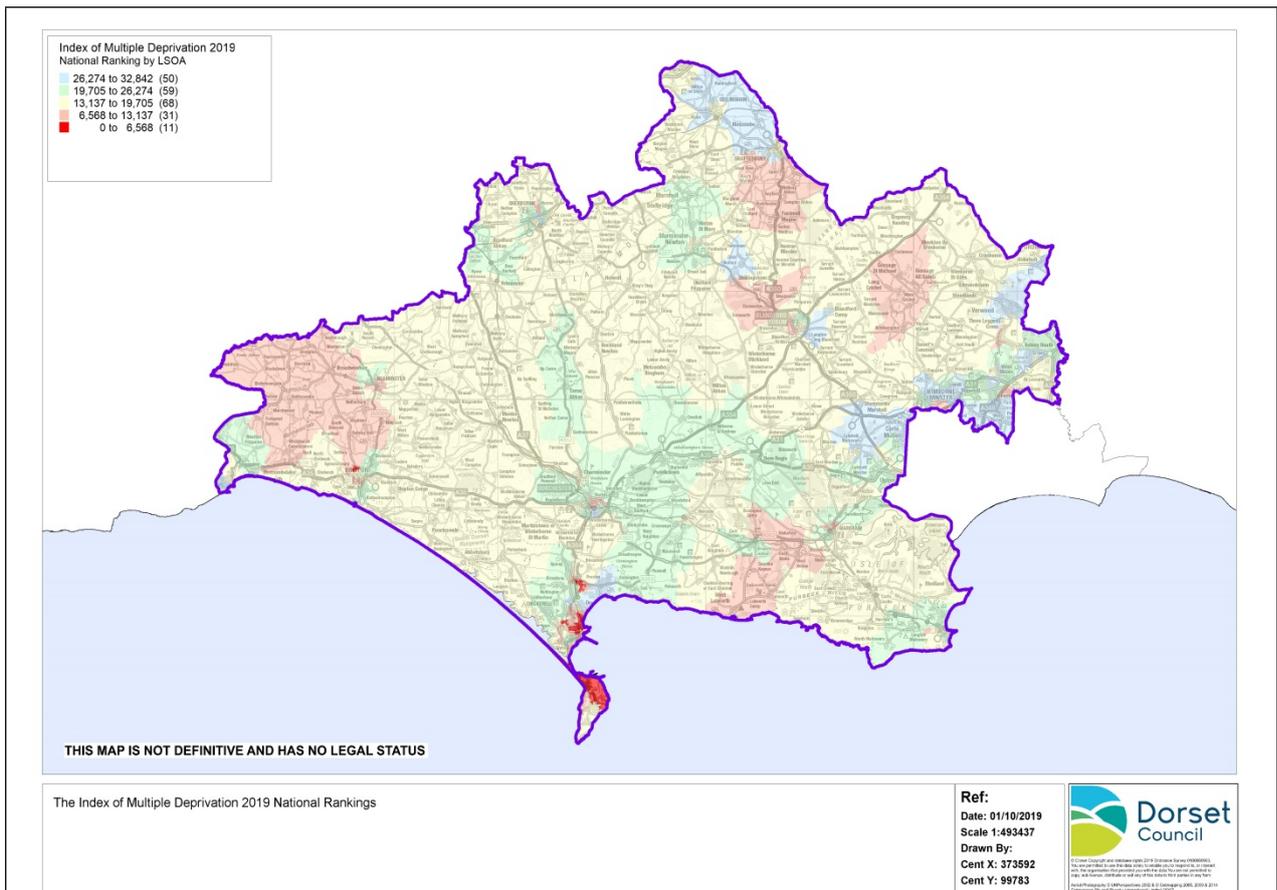
(<https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/news/news-detail/2019/02/28/social-prescribing-linking-patients-with-non-medical-support.>)

Overall 77% of people surveyed agree that access to cultural activities helps to make Dorset a better place to live and that engagement in cultural activities contributes to an improved quality of life. The value of sport for savings to health is £147.8 million per annum in Dorset.

### **Deprivation in Dorset**

Eleven areas in Dorset are in the top 20% most deprived nationally, ten of those are within the former borough of Weymouth & Portland, the other is in West Dorset Bridport Court Orchard. Six of the Weymouth & Portland areas are in the top 10% most deprived nationally: Melcombe Regis Town Centre (which is now the most deprived area in Dorset), Littlemoor West, Melcombe Regis Park District, Fortuneswell North, Westham North Westhaven, and Rodwell and Chapelhay. The county provides real contrasts 80% of Dorset's least deprived LSOAs are in the east of the council area and none of the areas in the former districts of Purbeck or North Dorset are in the top 30% most deprived nationally.

Deprivation appears to create a greater dependency upon information, advice and guidance services particularly in relation to benefits and debt. Citizens Advice statistics for clients by ward evidence this with the following wards that feature in the 2015 English Index of Multiple Deprivation having significantly more clients: Dorchester North and East, Cerne Valley, Gillingham Town.



In Dorset, about 15,400 people aged 16-64, plus 2,800 children live in 12,900 workless households. 12% of Dorset households were workless, slightly below the national figure. Child Poverty statistics also illustrate the issues of deprivation as after housing costs are paid for 24% of children are living in child poverty in West Dorset, 23 % in North Dorset, Purbeck it is 24%, East Dorset 19% and Weymouth and Portland 30%. Rural and social isolation creates barriers for communities to access services especially within rural areas. In Dorset 46% of households are in the top 20% nationally of areas most deprived in accessing services with 4.6% overall not having access to a car.

What engagement or consultation has taken place as part of this EqIA?

Initial consultation has been undertaken with Dorset Transition Group, a collective of key 3<sup>rd</sup> sector partners with links to the wider sector networks with whom they are communicating. At this stage the review had not started, and its direction and scope had not been decided because Dorset Council had not yet been formed.

Following the agreement from Cabinet in November 2019, a full consultation of the proposed new criteria and support services was conducted in January-March 2020.

Is further information needed to help inform this proposal?

The consultation report that was conducted between January and March 2020 (Appendix 3) and also the consultation criteria prioritising the promotion of applications from diverse and inclusive communities from both the National protected and our local protected characteristics. (appendix 4).

How will the outcome of consultation be fed back to those who you consulted with?

Through regular communication using existing networks in formats suitable to those stakeholders.

### Step 3: Assessment

Who does the service, strategy, policy, project or change impact?

- If your strategy, policy, project or service contains options you may wish to consider providing an assessment for each option. Please cut and paste the template accordingly.

For each protected characteristic please choose from the following options:

- Please note in some cases more than one impact may apply – in this case please state all relevant options and explain in the ‘Please provide details’ box.

Positive Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive impact on a large proportion of protected characteristic groups</li> <li>• Significant positive impact on a small proportion of protected characteristics groups</li> </ul>
Negative Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disproportionate impact on a large proportion of protected characteristic groups</li> <li>• Significant disproportionate impact on a small proportion of protected characteristic groups.</li> </ul>
Neutral Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change/ no assessed significant impact of protected characteristic groups</li> </ul>
Unclear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not enough data/evidence has been collected to make an informed decision.</li> </ul>

Age:	Positive
What age bracket does this affect?	Older people 50+ and young people
Please provide details:	<p>Dorset’s higher than national average population over 65 means that changes to funding for supporting organisations support would detrimentally affect this age group. Following the consultation, the political steer is not to reduce any funding and to secure longer term arrangements for support service organisations such as the provision for information advice and guidance (currently provided by CA), this would have a positive impact</p> <p>Impacts on the age protected characteristic have been identified as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes to funding for Citizens Advice (CA) would impact all people and specifically older people. This is because the over 50s age group represent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 52% of clients in Dorchester &amp; Sherborne</li> <li>- 49% of clients in North Dorset</li> <li>- 52% of clients in Bridport</li> <li>- 26% of clients East are over 60</li> <li>- 34% of clients in Purbeck are over 60</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Young people support organisations will be able to apply for funding at a level they feel they need, not just the historical agreement and it may be set for a number of years to allow the organisation to develop strategy. Organisations in North, Purbeck and East who previously received no funding will also be able to apply.</p>

Disability:	Positive
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<p>Please provide details:</p>	<p>One in five of all residents in Dorset have a health condition that limits their day to day activities (census 2011). Disability residents benefit claimants vary across the Dorset Council area. The highest percentage of resident claimants are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weymouth &amp; Portland - 6.1%</li> <li>• Purbeck – 3.9%</li> <li>• Dorset average – 4.6%</li> </ul> <p>Citizens Advice experience high percentages of disabled clients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridport &amp; Districts – 44%</li> <li>• Weymouth &amp; Portland – 53% disabled or with a long-term health condition of which 26% have a mental health condition</li> <li>• Dorchester, Sherborne &amp; Districts and North Dorset – 47% disabled or with a long-term health condition</li> <li>• East Dorset – 52% disabled or with a long-term health condition, 20% of which have a mental health condition</li> <li>• Purbeck – 49% disabled and 28% have a mental health problem</li> </ul> <p>This group is likely to be impacted if levels of funding to supporting organisations are reduced especially to Citizens Advice specifically people with a disability or long-term health condition who represent on average around 40% of the CA client base.</p> <p>Cultural organisation run projects specifically to engage people who are disabled both physically and learning. Activate Performing Arts coordinates projects such as the Remix which is a group for disabled and non-disabled young people aged 7 – 19 years.</p> <p>Dorchester Arts runs a weekly drama session for people with long term mental health management issues. Artsreach also offers an inclusive children and young people’s summer arts programme and additional support is sourced to assist children who wish to access the scheme who have a disability. These projects would be significantly affected or stopped if funding was reduced.</p> <p>East Dorset has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) to support the delivery of activities to children with special needs across Dorset, this is a partnership arrangement but reduction of funding to such initiatives has a direct and immediate affect by reducing activities that most children have access to as a norm. Support to these projects enables respite for parents, teaches new skills and gives disabled children opportunity to socialise and engage with arts, sports, adventure and play.</p> <p>Access to community centres, Museums and arts organisations funded by SLA all have volunteer policies, have disabled access and run activities within their buildings for those with disabilities. Reduced funding would have an impact on users of these facilities.</p> <p>East Dorset Heritage Trust run tractor rides for wheelchair users at Moors Valley with support and specialist equipment to enable disabled to access the country which has positive impact on their health and wellbeing.</p>
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	Organisations in North, Purbeck and East who previously received no funding will now be eligible.
Gender Reassignment & Gender Identity:	Unclear / positive
Please provide details:	<p>Robust statistical data at a Local Authority level on Gender Identity and reassignment does not currently exist, however, the community is likely to be impacted if levels of funding to supporting organisations is reduced.</p> <p>The discretionary criteria gives a priority to those organisations addressing disadvantage within characteristics covered by the Equality Act 2010 and our Dorset Council protected characteristics.</p>
Pregnancy and maternity:	Positive
Please provide details:	<p>Currently no negative impact identified based on historic funding information. No specific activities receive funding for this group, however community facilities may provide room hire for services that deliver either social or health services to such groups.</p> <p>The discretionary criteria gives a priority to those organisations addressing disadvantage within characteristics covered by the Equality Act 2010 and our Dorset Council protected characteristics</p>
Race and Ethnicity:	Positive
Please provide details:	<p>The highest proportion of Dorset's BAME population are classified as 'White Other' who make up approximately 41% of Dorset's BME population. This classification includes people who identify as white but who do not have UK national identity (English, Welsh Scottish, Northern Irish and British). An example would be Polish.</p> <p>CA's support a range of clients and show the variations by area in Melcombe Regis 16% of CAB clients are BAME. In Bridport &amp; District it is 4%. North Dorset sees Sturminster Newton CA BAME clients being the highest at 15% and the lowest is Sherborne West at 3%. Purbeck sees 6.5% clients that identify as BAME.</p> <p>The cultural sector provide an eclectic programme of performances and workshops promoting the diversity of modern-day Britain. These less commercial productions would be reduced if funding was to be reduced or cease.</p> <p>Dorset Race Equality Council (DREC) is being categorised as an infrastructure organisation so they will be able to bid as part of the community partnership infrastructure contract to ensure equality is supported through the entire sector</p> <p>The discretionary criteria gives a priority to those organisations addressing disadvantage within characteristics covered by the Equality Act 2010 and our Dorset Council protected characteristics</p>

Religion or belief:	Neutral
Please provide details:	<p>Dorset Council does not support the practice of religion, or any activities that actively promote religion or particular belief systems, however we do support religious groups to support community cohesion and local community activities</p> <p>The discretionary criteria gives a priority to those organisations addressing disadvantage within characteristics covered by the Equality Act 2010 and our Dorset Council protected characteristics</p>
Sexual orientation:	Unclear / positive
Please provide details:	<p>Previously specific support to groups based on the sexual orientation characteristic has been adhoc and based around discretionary funding opportunities.</p> <p>The discretionary criteria gives a priority to those organisations addressing disadvantage within characteristics covered by the Equality Act 2010 and our Dorset Council protected characteristics</p>
Sex:	Positive
Please provide details:	<p>Limited support to groups based on the sex characteristic; previously the Social Inclusion Award and Leisure Development Fund has awarded funding to sex specific groups of which these have been female only groups e.g. West Dorset – Women’s Action Network (WAND) and Bridport, Dorchester and Portland Men’s Sheds</p> <p>The discretionary criteria give a priority to those organisations addressing disadvantage within characteristics covered by the Equality Act 2010 and our Dorset Council protected characteristics</p>
Marriage or civil partnership:	Neutral
Please provide details:	<p>We have no statistical information on this group, Dorset Council will not directly fund marriages or civil partnerships. CA will offer relationship and partnership advice. The discretionary criteria gives a priority to those organisations addressing disadvantage within characteristics covered by the Equality Act 2010 and our Dorset Council protected characteristics</p>
Carers:	Neutral / Positive
Please provide details:	<p>12% of the population of Dorset provide unpaid care. The figure is similar across the districts/boroughs with the highest of 13% in Purbeck. 87% of carers live with the person they care for and more women over the age of 50 provide unpaid care than any other demographic. In Dorset 2% (830) of unpaid carers are under the age of 16. Over 120 Dorset children provide more than 20 hours per week of unpaid carers. Dorset has an aging population, with a projected increase in the over 85s of almost 20% in the next 10 years. 61% of those being cared for in Dorset are aged 75+, this compares with 53% nationally.</p> <p>Current grant levels ensure support is provided and they will receive an opportunity to apply for greater length and for additional funding no matter where they are in the Dorset Council area.</p>

Rural isolation:	Positive
Please provide details:	<p>41% of Dorset's population lives in rural areas. Barriers to housing and essential services are significant in Dorset reflecting rurality and distance from services. 67 Dorset neighbourhoods fall in the 20% most deprived nationally for this measure: 21 are in West Dorset and 20 in North Dorset. 72,869 rural households across Dorset fall within the top 20% of areas most deprived nationally, 37,956 households have one car or less 45.9% of households that fall within the top 20% of areas most deprived nationally for access to services.</p> <p>All cultural organisations provide a platform for accessible social engagement through a variety of workshops, performances or volunteering opportunities.</p> <p>The discretionary criteria gives a priority to those organisations addressing disadvantage within characteristics covered by the Equality Act 2010 and our Dorset Council protected characteristics</p>
Single parent families:	Neutral / Positive
Please provide details:	<p>We have no statistical information on this group, Dorset Council will not directly fund single parent families. CA will continue to offer benefits and relationship advice. The discretionary criteria gives a priority to those organisations addressing disadvantage within characteristics covered by the Equality Act 2010 and our Dorset Council protected characteristics</p>
Poverty (social & economic deprivation):	Positive
Please provide details:	<p>Many grant schemes support people living in poverty. Dorset residents living in poverty also experience impacts on other aspects of their day to day living such as health, housing, income, crime, educational attainment and employment.</p> <p>10 areas of Dorset are in the most deprived nationally, 9 are in Weymouth and Portland and 1 in East Dorset</p> <p>12,900 workless households</p> <p>2,800 children live in workless households</p> <p>All of the cultural organisations operate concession schemes often giving free access (or for a very low fee) to cultural activity for families on low incomes. They work in partnership with social housing providers to ensure there is opportunity for all to engage with cultural activity.</p> <p>The discretionary criteria gives a priority to those organisations addressing disadvantage within characteristics covered by the Equality Act 2010 and our Dorset Council protected characteristics</p>
Military families/veterans:	Neutral

<p>Please provide details:</p>	<p>Dorset is a county with above average military presence, particularly veterans, and has strong existing relationships with its Armed Forces Community. It has 3,150 serving personnel across 4 bases: Blandford Camp, Bovington Camp (Stanley Barracks, Allenby Barracks, Gunnery School Lulworth Camp), West Moors Fuel Depot and Royal Marines at Hamworthy. It is estimated there are around 1,575 spouses and 2,389 children related to those personnel.</p> <p>Dorset has a large veteran population, being home to 2% of the UK's veterans whilst having only 1.2% of the national population. Research suggests that the rate of Armed Forces veterans with mental health conditions could be as high as 10%, compared to around 3% for the general population. The prevalence of military families and veterans means that impacts could be felt from groups who provide support e.g. advice and guidance through CA. Dorset Council manages the Armed Forces Covenant programme which specifically aims to support this community so therefore any impact might be negated.</p> <p>The discretionary criteria gives a priority to those organisations addressing disadvantage within characteristics covered by the Equality Act 2010 and our Dorset Council protected characteristics</p>
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## Step 4: Action Plan

Provide actions for **positive**, **negative** and **unclear** impacts.

If you have identified any **negative** or **unclear** impacts, describe what adjustments will be made to remove or reduce the impacts, or if this is not possible provide justification for continuing with the proposal.

Issue	Action	Person(s) responsible	Deadline	How will it be monitored?
Unclear Impacts Gender reassignment and Gender identity  Sexual orientation	Need to ensure that grant funded programmes target the protected characteristic communities so that they can benefit directly from the projects funded.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Partner – Communities and Partnerships</li> <li>• Grants Monitoring Officer</li> <li>• Cultural Development Officer</li> <li>• Museums development Officer</li> </ul>	Dec 2020	Analysis of applicants of new grant schemes
Unclear Impacts Gender reassignment and Gender identity  Sexual orientation	Ensure delivery of grant funded programmes cut across the whole Dorset Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Partner – Communities and Partnerships</li> <li>• Grants Monitoring Officer</li> <li>• Cultural Development Officer</li> <li>• Museums development Officer</li> </ul>	Dec 2020	Engagement with relevant networks and marketing of grant schemes

## Step 5: EqIA Sign Off

Officer completing this EqIA:	Laura Cornette	Date:	21/09/20
Equality Lead:	Susan Ward-Rice	Date:	21/09/20
Relevant Focus Groups*:		Date:	
Directorate Board Chair:	Pete Bartlett	Date:	21/09/20

\* To include Diversity Action Groups

## Appendix 1 Full list of historical grant arrangements

Organisation	Total Amount	Sovereign Council	Budget holder	Purpose of Grant
<b><u>INFRASTRUCTURE EARMARKED FUNDS</u></b>				
Citizen's Advice	571,650	DCC WDDC W&P NDDC EDDC PDC	Laura Cornette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide free confidential impartial advice to everyone regardless of race, gender, sexuality and disability. To ensure that individuals do not suffer through lack of knowledge of their rights and responsibilities, or through an inability to express their needs effectively. To provide advice on issues concerning rent/mortgage arrears, council tax, housing benefit, employment issues homelessness and other issues for health and well-being.</li> <li>Funding for Debt and Homeless advice</li> <li>Homeless prevention supervisor contribution</li> <li>To ensure access to information, advice and guidance for residents of Dorset is available so that people are able to get information support early avoiding the need for more intensive support later.</li> </ul>
Arts Development Company	127,000	DCC	Paul Rutter	Support organisations with information, governance and training. Develop the sector to bid for external funding together
Dorset Community Action	91,579	DCC WDDC EDDC PDC	Laura Cornette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SLA to deliver the following outcomes: Level 1 supporting information to 30 organisations a year in East Dorset. Level 2 1:1 supported advice to up to 4 organisations a year in East Dorset. Level 3 to provide consultancy support to voluntary organisations – up to 30 hours. To provide general support to two partner events for VCS organisations (30 hours of support).</li> <li>To build capacity of VCS through focussed support, advice and training.</li> <li>SLA funding with community based delivery targets set</li> <li>SLA funding with Community based delivery targets set</li> </ul>

Volunteer Centre Dorset	48,475	DCC EDDC	Laura Cornette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To support volunteering and the volunteering infrastructure in Dorset so that we are able to maximise the impact and support to people across a range of needs</li> <li>Contribution towards running costs (Wimborne)</li> </ul>
Dorset Race Equality Council	10,075	DCC NDDC	Laura Cornette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To support the work of DREC in supporting individuals, communities and institutions in challenging racism, celebrating diversity and promoting equality of opportunity.</li> </ul>
Bridport Museum	54,062	WDDC	Sam Johnston	SLA Revenue Grant
Priest House Museum / TIC	98,000	EDDC	Sam Johnston	Contribution towards running costs and salaries - £28,000 is for the manager of the TIC
Dorset County Museum	78,994	DCC WDDC	Sam Johnston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SLA Revenue grant to support provision and operation of an effective museum for the general public by collecting, safeguarding and making accessible its collections through a diverse and active learning and events programme enquiry service.</li> <li>Annual grant to off-set rent due on All saints Church, Dorchester which the museum rents from the council for use as a museum store. The museum plan to vacate the premises by 2022</li> </ul>
Allendale Community Centre	13,000	EDDC	Paul Rutter	Contribution towards running costs
Barrington Community Centre	10,000	EDDC	Paul Rutter	Contribution towards running costs
<b><u>HISTORICAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS (proposed to be removed and put into application pot)</u></b>				
<b>Discretionary Museums</b>				
Lyme Regis Museum	28,486	WDDC	Sam Johnston	SLA Revenue Grant
Sherborne Museum	2,056	WDDC	Sam Johnston	SLA Revenue Grant
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,542</b>			
<b>Discretionary Social Voluntary Sector</b>				
Safewise	35,000	DCC	Laura Cornette	Supporting schoolchildren in Year 2 and 5 to attend community safety awareness training

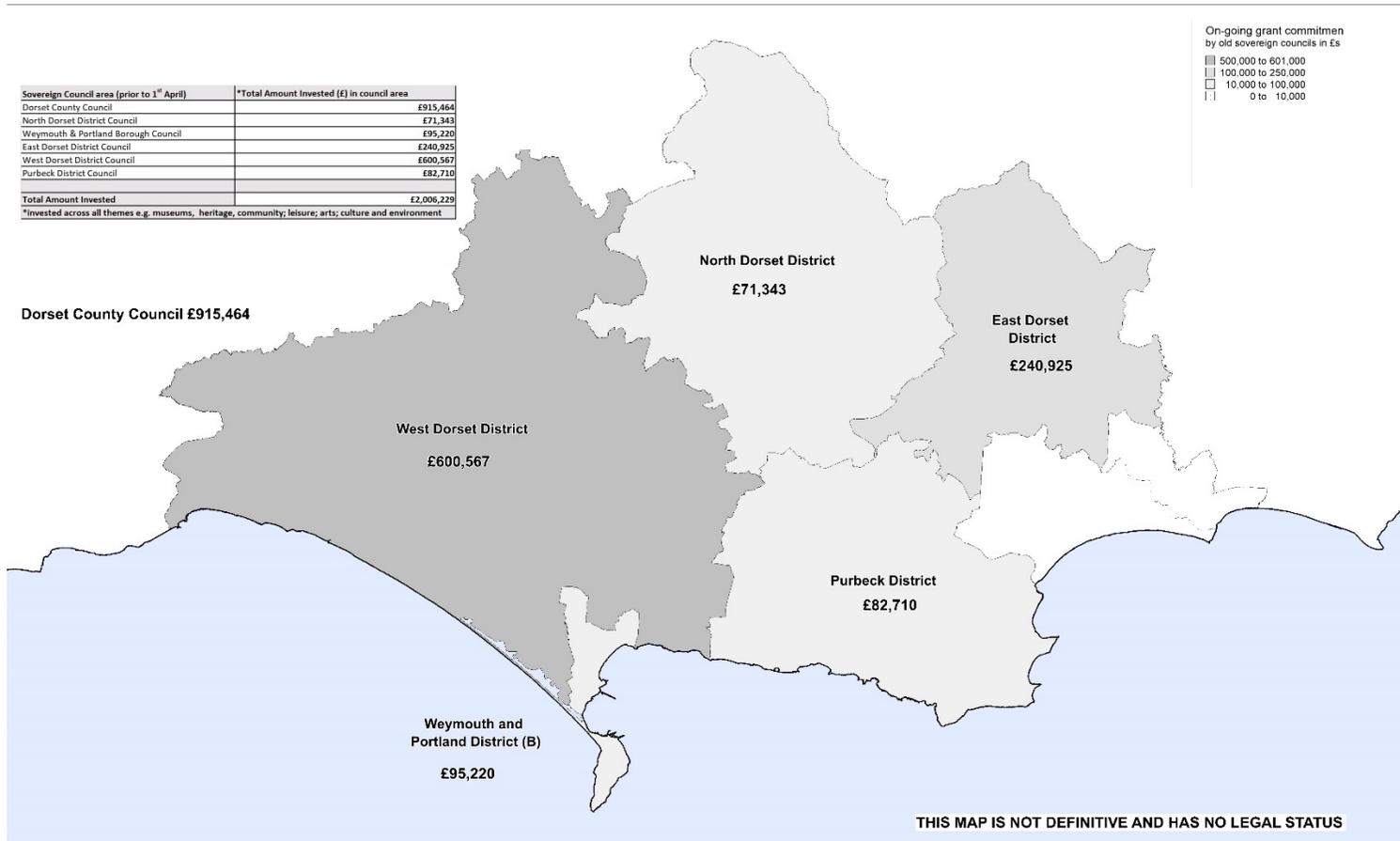
Chesil Bank Fleet Nature Reserve	1,000	WDDC	Laura Cornette	General Support Grant
Dorset Historic Churches Trust	100	PDC	Laura Cornette	General Support Grant
Dorset Wildlife Trust	800	WDDC	Laura Cornette	General Support
Heart of Wessex Rail Partnership	7890	DCC WDDC	Laura Cornette	Support for community rail partnership
Weymouth Angling Society	5,000	WDDC	Laura Cornette	Grant to offset rent due to council
Young Enterprise	1,500	PDC	Laura Cornette	Funding to go to schools and give information
Dorset Youth Association	1,000	WDDC	Laura Cornette	To support activities for young people
Dorset Youth Association - Routes	4,438	WDDC	Laura Cornette	For the provision of youth advice services in the Dorchester area
Youth Advice Centre – Lyme Regis Development Trust	4,438	WDDC	Laura Cornette	Youth hub SLA
Youth Advice Centre – The Rendezvous (Youth Resource)	4,438	WDDC	Laura Cornette	Youth resource service SLA
Islanders Youth Club	2,250	WDDC	Laura Cornette	Grant to offset rent due to council
Treads Youth Advice Blandford	7,000	WDDC	Laura Cornette	Youth advice and Information Centre.
Beaminster & Villages LAP	6,000	WDDC	Laura Cornette	Community Planning Grant to support 5 Local Area Partnerships in West Dorset with defined performance target, quarterly monitoring and reporting in place so value for money can be evidenced
Bridport LAP	6,000	WDDC	Laura Cornette	Community Planning Grant to support 5 Local Area Partnerships in West Dorset with defined performance target, quarterly monitoring and reporting in place so value for money can be evidenced
Dorchester Community Forum	6,000	WDDC	Laura Cornette	Community Planning Grant to support 5 Local Area Partnerships in West Dorset with defined performance target, quarterly monitoring and reporting in place so value for money can be evidenced

Lyme Forward	6,000	WDDC	Laura Cornette	Community Planning Grant to support 5 Local Area Partnerships in West Dorset with defined performance target, quarterly monitoring and reporting in place so value for money can be evidenced
Sherborne Community Focus	6,000	WDDC	Laura Cornette	Community Planning Grant to support 5 Local Area Partnerships in West Dorset with defined performance target, quarterly monitoring and reporting in place so value for money can be evidenced
West Dorset Partnership Social Benefit	1,450	WDDC	Laura Cornette	To support the administration of the LSP
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>112,304</b>			
<b>Arts, Culture and Leisure</b>				
East Dorset Heritage Trust	3,000	EDDC	Paul Rutter	Contribution towards running costs
Folk Festival	5,000	EDDC	Paul Rutter	To deliver a nationally recognised and celebrated annual Folk Festival including subsidiary event. Contribution towards running costs.
Forest FM	2,000	EDDC	Paul Rutter	To deliver and run a community radio station covering South East Dorset. Contribution towards running costs (Verwood)
Activate	7,105	DCC	Paul Rutter	Deliver a learning and participation programme across Dorset to increase engagement with theatre, dance and outdoor arts, specifically working with diverse communities, young people and older people. To support artists, producers and practitioners at all stages of their career. Continue to manage DCC grants to 4 arts organisations and ensure due diligence and scrutiny of governance, finances and ROI.
Artsreach	41,312	DCC EDDC WDDC NDDC PDC	Paul Rutter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants to take live performances out to rural communities across DCC area.</li> <li>• To enable people in rural villages to participate in high quality arts events</li> <li>• To enable people in rural villages to participate in high quality arts events</li> <li>• SLA Revenue Grant</li> <li>• General contribution</li> </ul>

Bridport Arts Centre	33,954	WDDC	Paul Rutter	SLA Revenue Grant
Dorchester Arts	33,954	WDDC	Paul Rutter	SLA Revenue Grant
Sherborne Arts Link Limited	23,642	WDDC	Paul Rutter	SLA revenue Grant
Sting in the Tail	700	EDDC	Paul Rutter	Contribution towards running costs – various locations in Dorset
Rex Cinema Wareham	650	PDC	Paul Rutter	General Support
Walford Mill	20,250	DCC EDDC	Paul Rutter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focussed around education and learning programmes for adults including a Makers Master Class Programme, 6-8 craft exhibitions per year and developing creative workshops for under 5's and their families.</li> <li>Contribution towards running costs. Also, get a share of car park income (Wimborne). £1,827.00 in 2018/19</li> <li>Innovation in the creation and management of amenities and community and facilities and the management of heritage assets. Promote the benefits of pursuing health and wellbeing improvements amongst our partners and stakeholders. Improvements to skills and learning provision across the partnership area.</li> </ul>
Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis	6,938	WDDC	Paul Rutter	SLA Revenue SLA Revenue Grant
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	71,963	DCC WDDC PDC	Paul Rutter	Offering audiences the opportunity to enjoy vibrant performances of live music and to inspire people of all ages and communities to enjoy and take part in live music making and musical events
Reef (Colehill PC)	12,000	EDDC	Paul Rutter	Servicing PWLB debt for community use
Leigh Park (Wimborne TC)	15,000	EDDC	Paul Rutter	Servicing PWLB debt for community use
<b>Total</b>	<b>277,090</b>			
<b>Open Grant Funds</b>				
Leisure Development Fund -	101,466	WDDC	Paul Rutter	Capital and revenue grants for arts, sport, village halls, Play and accredited museums (approximate split 60:40) between capital and revenue funding).

Capital Leverage Fund	155,000	<b>DCC</b>	<b>Laura Cornette</b>	Gives capital grants as match funds for projects that meet the council's priorities to lever in external funding into the county.
Social Inclusion Awards – Officer delegated	30,000	<b>WDDC</b>	<b>Laura Cornette</b>	Grants to support social inclusion amongst West Dorset Communities
Dorset Community Impact Fund	75,055	<b>DCC</b>	<b>Laura Cornette</b>	This grant fund aims to support community organisations with a turnover of less than £5000,000 to deliver services that meets the needs of Dorset residents. Supports capacity building through innovative new projects to meet the council's ambition of reducing demand for its services through connecting people to early and appropriate help and support.

## Appendix 2 Map depicting the level of Sovereign Council funding



The financial commitment (currently owned) in grants across the old sovereign councils

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### **Appendix 3 - Proposed grants criteria for consultation**

#### **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 prove long-term good practice and/or sustainability
6. Provide evidence the organisation will be fit for purpose and resilient
7. Any building or premise should have reasonable tenure for minimum 20 years (capital applications)

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

1. Target disadvantaged areas (thematical 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)

#### **Applications for capital leverage 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 wellbeing

#### **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 a range of Dorset residents will have participated in the cultural organisation's 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 wellbeing
6. There will be a strong track record of inward external investment over the last three years.



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