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**Title: Community Engagement Forums Annual Reports: 2018-19**

### **Summary:**

The Council has five Community Engagement Forums (CEFs) which have been in place since 2009. Each CEF is required to submit an annual report to Council detailing their work for the past year including progress with their Community Development Plans (CDPs), key achievements and details of the community initiatives, projects and other proposals that the CEF has supported through funding. The membership for each CEF in 2018-19 is attached at **Appendix A** while the annual reports are attached at **Appendices B to F**.

### **Recommendation:**

**To note the contents of the reports and make any comments.**

### **Reasons for recommendation**

To ensure that the work of the CEFs is recognised and they are working towards the delivery of their Community Development Plans.

## **1. Introduction and background**

- 1.1 There are currently five CEFs covering the Selby District area; all North Yorkshire County Council Councillors and Selby District Councillors for the respective CEF areas are automatically admitted as voting members of the CEF. In addition, each CEF can co-opt eight partners on to the Partnership Board; these may be representatives from local Town or Parish Councils, or community activists. The Chair of each CEF is determined by Council. Details of each CEF and its membership in 2018-19 can be found at **Appendix A**.

## **2. The Report**

2.1 A key part of the CEFs is to allow for collaboration between local and regional service providers, local businesses, community groups and individual residents. Through this, the CEFs can help to make a positive impact on residents' lives and their respective communities, and help to empower local people to shape their own communities so that they reflect the needs and aspirations of those who live there.

2.2 Each CEF holds the following meetings:

### Community Forums

These allow the opportunity for residents of the CEF to raise issues relating to the area. Residents are also able to learn more about opportunities and services available within the CEF area by listening to presentations and discussions based on key themes affecting the residents and based around the respective CDP. Forums take place across the CEF areas.

### Partnership Boards

Partnership Boards allow for the planning of the Community Forums and to discuss the key issues raised at the meetings. They also allow for the consideration of funding applications and monitoring of the CDP.

2.3 In order to assist in the development and delivery of the CDP, each CEF is allocated a yearly funding sum of £20,000 which they can allocate to projects and initiatives in their area in accordance with the CEF Funding Framework.

2.4 Each report details the respective CEF's activity for the year 2018-19 including a summary of funding granted and an overview of the Community Forum events. Outlined also are each CEF's key priorities in terms of their CDP.

## **3. Alternative Options Considered**

None.

## **4. Implications**

### **4.1 Legal Implications**

The decision making process and rules governing the administration for CEFs has to be in line with the Council's Constitution.

### **4.2 Financial Implications**

Each CEF is allocated £20,000 per year to spend on the initiatives in their area as well as on developing the CDP.

### **4.3 Policy and Risk Implications**

Not applicable.

### **4.4 Corporate Plan Implications**

The Council's Corporate Plan sets out long term plans to make Selby District a great place to do business, enjoy life, make a difference, supported by the Council delivering great value. Effective and meaningful engagement with local communities underpins the work of the Council.

### **4.5 Resource Implications**

Not applicable.

### **4.6 Other Implications**

Not applicable.

### **4.7 Equalities Impact Assessment**

Not applicable.

## **5. Conclusion**

5.1 The Council is asked to note the reports and make any comments.

## **6. Background Documents**

None.

## **7. Appendices**

Appendix A – Details of CEF Membership 2018-19

Appendix B – Central CEF Annual Report 2018-19

Appendix C – Eastern CEF Annual Report 2018-19

Appendix D – Southern CEF Annual Report 2018-19

Appendix E – Tadcaster and Villages CEF Annual Report 2018-19

Appendix F – Western CEF Annual Report 2018-19

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