

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I072611
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1. **TITLE:** Voluntary Sector Core Revenue Grants 2018/19

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Chief Executive's Office

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

Approval for the distribution of the voluntary sector core grants.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for Culture, Resources and Public Protection

6. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED that:

- i) subject to Conditions of Grant agreements being concluded between the council and each grantee, grant funding be awarded as set out in the table below.

Organisation	2017/18 Award	2018/19 Award
Citizens Advice	£167,250	£167,250
Involve	£106,900	£106,900
Shopmobility	£29,500	£19,650
Totals	£303,650	£293,800

- ii) the Head of Performance and Partnerships be given delegated authority to enter into Conditions of Grant agreements in respect of the grant funding.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Bracknell Forest Council has historically provided revenue funding to its major local partners within the voluntary sector under the general power of competence created by the Localism Act 2011. These grants subsidise their core overheads to enable them to carry out functions which contribute to the council's objectives.

The level of grant to Involve and Citizens Advice is maintained. The grant to Shopmobility is reduced to £19,650 (a reduction of £9,850). This reduction reflects the levels of demand plus the increased opportunity to generate revenue for Shopmobility since the opening of The Lexicon. The total core grants budget stands at £293,800 in 2018/19; Annex A of the Chief Executives report provides a financial analysis.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The council is not under any statutory duty to continue to provide the same level of financial support to its local voluntary sector partners.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** None.
10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Chief Executive
11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
14 March 2018	21 March 2018