

Proposal Title: Community and Voluntary Sector and Volunteering Strategy

Impact Summary

Climate Change & Energy	Amber - Minor negative impacts identified / unknown impacts
Communities & Culture	Green - Only positive impacts identified
Waste & Resource Use	Green - Only positive impacts identified
Economy	Green - Only positive impacts identified
Health & Wellbeing	Green - Only positive impacts identified
Learning & Skills	Green - Only positive impacts identified
Natural Environment	Green - Only positive impacts identified
Sustainable Procurement	Green - Only positive impacts identified
Transport & Accessibility	Amber - Minor negative impacts identified / unknown impacts



Major negative impacts identified



Minor negative impacts identified / unknown impacts



Only positive impacts identified



No positive or negative impacts identified

Answers provided indicate that the score for the carbon footprint of the proposal is: **4**

The Carbon Footprint is banded as follows:

0-4

4.5-9.5

10-14

Low**Moderate****High**

Proposal ID: **271**

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Type of Proposal: **Strategy**

Brief description: **This strategy is the first Community and Voluntary Sector and Volunteering strategy for BCP Council and contributes to the commitment to developing vibrant communities, with an outstanding quality of life, where everyone plays an active role. The strategy sets out the key principles and framework for how the Council will collaborate and work together with the community and voluntary sector to support local communities. It will also develop volunteering and social action opportunities that are accessible to all.**

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Proposer's Directorate: **Environment & Community**

Proposer's Service Unit: **Communities**

Estimated cost (£): **Between £5K and £25K**

If know, the cost amount (£):

Ward(s) Affected (if applicable):

All Wards

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) supported by the proposal:

1. No Poverty 2. Zero Hunger 3. Good Health and Well Being 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth 10. Reduced Inequalities 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities 17. Partnerships for the Goals

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Climate Change & Energy

Is the proposal likely to have any impacts (positive or negative) on addressing the causes and effects of climate change? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Has the proposal accounted for the potential impacts of climate change, e.g. flooding, storms or heatwaves? **Yes**
- 2) Does it assist reducing CO2 and other Green House Gas (GHG) emissions? E.g. reduction in energy or transport use, or waste produced. **Yes**
- 3) Will it increase energy efficiency (e.g. increased efficiency standards / better design / improved construction technologies / choice of materials) and/or reduce energy consumption? **No**
- 4) Will it increase the amount of energy obtained from renewable and low carbon sources? **Not Relevant**

How was the overall impact of the proposal on its ability to positively address the cause and effects of climate change rated?

Amber - Minor negative impacts identified / unknown impacts

The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):
The strategy focuses on creating connected communities at a local level. It identifies how the Council will work more closely with community and voluntary sector partners to support local needs. As a result of these actions, the strategy helps to work with people and organisations at a local level and potentially reduce the level carbon emissions caused by working with organisations that are geographical further away.

The strategy aims to encourage more people to actively participate in their local activities, including through volunteering and social action. This could in turn increase the number of journeys made across the conurbation.

The strategy links to the greenspaces volunteering strategy that is being developed. It encourages people to engage and connect with local open spaces. Survey work for the open spaces strategy revealed that many people that volunteer in open spaces that are within a mile of where they live.

The Council will work closely with Community Action Network, who are also working on the climate change agenda. This includes looking to support organisations and groups across the community and voluntary sector to work together to help reduce the impact of climate change. This will strengthen the commitments made by BCP Council.

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Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring
(inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

To mitigate this, the strategy will encourage people to participate in their local neighbourhoods. If journeys are required, sustainable transport options will be recommended, such as walking, public transport and car shares depending on suitability for those involved.

Active communities will help address the causes/effects of climate change by volunteering to improve the natural environment and spread the message that individual actions will assist in global improvements. This should outweigh the increased transport caused by volunteer movements - some of which will be by sustainable means as local volunteering is encouraged.

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Communities & Culture

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the development of safe, vibrant, inclusive and engaged communities? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it help maintain and expand vibrant voluntary and community organisations? **Yes**
- 2) Will it promote a safe community environment? **Yes**
- 3) Will it promote and develop cultural activities? **Yes**

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the development of safe, vibrant, inclusive and engaged communities be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified

Reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

Our vision is to ensure that Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole is a vibrant, connected community which provides meaningful opportunities for volunteering and empowers a thriving Community and Voluntary Sector to help support community needs.

The Council will work with a range of organisations, community groups and individuals to better understand needs and provide targeted support. It recognises the need to work with trusted partners and community leaders to reach all sections of our community.

The strategy includes a delivery plan which details how we will work with such partners.

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

The strategy will include annual reviews to monitor whether the Council is improving its ability to support the needs of all within our communities and ensure everyone is able to feel connected and part of a community.

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Is the proposal likely to have any impacts (positive or negative) on waste resource use or production and consumption? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it prevent waste or promote the reduction, re-use, recycling or recovery of materials? **Partially**
- 2) Will it use sustainable production methods or reduce the need for resources? **Don't know even though may be relevant**
- 3) Will it manage the extraction and use of raw materials in ways that minimise depletion and cause no serious environmental damage? **No**
- 4) Will it help to reduce the amount of water abstracted and / or used? **Partially**

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the sustainable production and consumption of natural resources be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified

The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

The Council works collaboratively with the community and voluntary sector on a range of community issues. This includes the Access to Food partnership which aims to support everyone in BCP to be able to feed themselves and their family nutritious food, all of the time. This includes projects focused on cooking skills and growing initiatives for residents to be involved in. As part of this work, it aims to improve education on food waste and shares information on ways to make your food go further.

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

n/a

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Economy

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the area's ability to support, maintain and grow a sustainable, diverse and thriving economy? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will the proposal encourage local business creation and / or growth?

Partially

- 2) Will the proposal enable local jobs to be created or retained?

Yes

- 3) Will the proposal promote sustainable business practices?

Don't know even though may be relevant

How would the overall impact of the proposal on it's potential to support and maintain a sustainable, diverse and thriving economy be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified

The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps)

The strategy identifies ways to support residents to access volunteering and work experience opportunities. It aims to increase the range of opportunities available to enable more people to be able to access and participate in such activities.

Opportunities should look to support skills development.

The delivery plan includes working with local businesses to create stronger connections with the community and voluntary sector through relevant partnerships, focusing on corporate social responsibility agendas to support local communities.

This includes engaging businesses in employer supported volunteering to further share skillsets to support others within communities.

The Council is establishing a living legacy grant, working with the Dorset Community Foundation, to provide small grants to the local community and voluntary sector to enable further development and work that supports the priorities of BCP Council's corporate plan.

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc)

No issues identified.

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Health & Wellbeing

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the creation of a inclusive and healthy social and physical environmental for all?

Yes

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will the proposal contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of residents?

Yes

- 2) Will the proposal contribute to reducing inequalities in health between different communities or groups?

Yes

- 3) Will the proposal contribute to a healthier and more sustainable physical environment?

Yes

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the creation of a fair and healthy social and physical environmental for all be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified

The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):
The strategy aims to create vibrant communities and encouraging people to actively participate in their communities, which in turn provides many health and wellbeing benefits.

As part of the strategy and partnerships, the Council is investing in supporting communities to recover from the negative impact of the recent Covid pandemic. This includes connected community coordinators to improve networks and knowledge about what support is available for those feeling lonely and socially isolated.

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

None identified.

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Learning & Skills

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on a culture of ongoing engagement and excellence in learning and skills? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it provide and/or improve opportunities for formal learning?
No
- 2) Will it provide and/or improve community learning and development?
No
- 3) Will it provide and/or improve opportunities for apprenticeships and other skill based learning?
Yes

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the encouragement of learning and skills be rated? **Green - Only positive impacts identified**

The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):
The strategy aims to improve the volunteering and work experience opportunities that exist within the Council and the broader community. As part of the Council's corporate parenting role, it is working with care leavers to ensure they are able to access such opportunities to help with their development.

Through partnership working, there are also opportunities for knowledge and skills sharing between organisations and groups which help to develop more thriving communities. For instance, this may include sharing resources, best practice examples and toolkits on common tasks, such as volunteer recruitment.

The strategy links to digital inclusion work to support people to be able to have the IT skills to access support and services they may need.

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

The delivery of the strategy is dependent on partnership working and having a thriving community and voluntary sector. There can be challenges with funding and sustainability of projects, which means the offering to residents can sometimes be stopped. There are numerous examples of this to date.

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Natural Environment

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the protection or enhancement of local biodiversity or the access to and quality of natural environments?

Yes

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it help protect and improve biodiversity i.e. habitats or species (including designated and non-designated)? **Not Relevant**
- 2) Will it improve access to and connectivity of local green spaces whilst protecting and enhancing them? **Yes**
- 3) Will it help protect and enhance the landscape quality and character?
Partially
- 4) Will it help to protect and enhance the quality of the area's air, water and land?
Yes

How would the overall impact of your proposal on the protection and enhancement of natural environments be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified

The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):
The strategy links to the greenspaces volunteering strategy and Future Parks work. It aims to encourage people to volunteer and participate in their local open spaces, and in turn improve the quality of these spaces. Through participation, it also encourages people to value these spaces more and improve quality. It provides opportunities for further improvements to biodiversity and habitats.

Work includes collaborating with Community Action Network to support the focus on climate change and encourage more community and voluntary sector organisations and groups to support this area of work.

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

n/a

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Is the proposal likely to involve the procurement of goods or services which risk negative impact on resources (including power, water, raw material extraction), natural environment or labour markets (e.g. welfare standards)?

Yes

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

Has or is it intended that the Strategic Procurement team be consulted?

Yes – already underway

If the Strategic Procurement team was not consulted, then the explanation for this is:

- 1) Do the Government Buying Standards (GBS) apply to goods and/or services that are planned to be bought?

No

- 2) Has sustainable resource use (e.g. energy & water consumption, waste streams, minerals use) been considered for whole life-cycle of the product/service?

Not Relevant

- 3) Has the issue of carbon reduction (e.g. energy sources, transport issues) and adaptation (e.g. resilience against extreme weather events) been considered in the supply chain?

Not Relevant

- 4) Is the product/service fairly traded i.e. ensures good working conditions, social benefits e.g. Fairtrade or similar standards?

Don't know even though may be relevant

- 5) Has the lotting strategy been optimised to improve prospects for local suppliers and SMEs?

Partially

- 6) If aspects of the requirement are unsustainable then is continued improvement factored into your contract with KPIs, and will this be monitored?

Not Relevant

How is the overall impact of your proposal on procurement which supports sustainable resource use, environmental protection and progressive labour standards been rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified

The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):
Working with strategic procurement, the strategy includes reference to the social value act and the desire to ensure this is considered more in the Council's procurement of services.

The delivery plan includes looking at ways to support local providers and smaller community and voluntary sector organisations to have the opportunity to bid for Council contracts where appropriate.

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The plan is a corporate wide approach and plans to work with commissioners across departments to work effectively with the community and voluntary sector. There are already some examples of good working practice and the strategy seeks to improve the level of communication across the organisation to share such examples. It includes the development and promotion of partnerships register for staff and Councillors.

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

This strategy is dependent on the approval and commitment of others to improve sustainable procurement practices and work that happens with the local community and voluntary sector.

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Is the proposal likely to have any impacts (positive or negative) on the provision of sustainable, accessible, affordable and safe transport services - improving links to jobs, schools, health and other services? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it support and encourage the provision of sustainable and accessible modes of transport (including walking, cycling, bus, trains and low emission vehicles)?
Yes
- 2) Will it reduce the distances needed to travel to access work, leisure and other services?
Partially
- 3) Will it encourage affordable and safe transport options?
Yes

How would the overall impact of your proposal on the provision of sustainable, accessible, affordable and safe transport services be rated?

Amber - Minor negative impacts identified / unknown impacts

The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):
The strategy is focused on local and connected communities at a local level and within neighbourhoods.

Details of proposed mitigation and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

The ambition to create vibrant connected communities will mean an increase in activity and people travelling around the conurbation. However, sustainable transport methods will be encouraged and options such as using technology for virtual meetings will also be considered as part of the plans.