

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **COMMUNITY PROFILE & PARTNERSHIPS
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

DATE: **MONDAY, 9 MARCH 2015**

REPORT BY: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

SUBJECT: **FLINTSHIRE COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.01 To provide members with an update on the progress and performance of the Flintshire Community Endowment Fund since its launch in September 2013.
- 1.02 To receive a presentation from Colin Evans, an Associate of the Community Foundation in Wales and Tom Barham from the Foundation.

2.00 BACKGROUND

- 2.01 The Flintshire Community Endowment Fund was established in September 2013 following Cabinet approval to transfer approximately £200k of 16 educational trust funds which were moribund or ineffective to the Community Foundation in Wales.
- 2.02 The Fund has since been managed and invested by the Community Foundation in Wales; and for the first 2 years it was agreed that an annual amount of £10k would be available for grants.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.01 The representatives from the Community Foundation in Wales will provide an update on the fund's performance at the meeting.
- 3.02 Two grant panels have been held (in January and February 2015) and grants awarded to 17 applicants totalling over £15k.
- 3.03 The fund is currently promoted via the Council's website, Flintshire Local Voluntary Council and via the schools and local educational organisations. Further promotion has been recently undertaken at the County Forum and will be enhanced during 2015 with specific targeted promotion.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 The Committee continues to support the work of the Community Endowment Foundation and its work in Flintshire.

4.02 The Committee receives a further annual update in 2016.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 The financial performance of the Fund will be discussed with the Foundation representatives at the meeting.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 The aims of the fund support alleviation of poverty by providing opportunity for educational grant awards.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 The general principles of the Fund support environmental projects.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 The general principles of the Fund support equality impacts.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 There are no personnel implications of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 No consultation is required.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 Consultation with a wide range of community groups has been undertaken when promoting the fund.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Flintshire Community Endowment Fund: Impact Report March 2015.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Reports to Community Profile and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee: October 2012 and Cabinet: November 2012

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