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## **Agenda Item 5**

### **Following the Public Pound: Community Development**

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Subject: Following the Public Pound: Community Development**  
**Meeting: Scrutiny Committee (External)**  
**Date: 29 August 2019**  
**Author: Director of Children's Services**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1. This report provides information under the Following the Public Pound arrangements for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 for the Council's priorities with regard to community development. Community development underpins the Council's priority of partnership as set out in its Corporate Plan.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Committee is invited to consider each organisation's report and select from the following options for each external organisation:**
- 1) approve the report and acknowledge progress by the external organisation in meeting Council priorities;**
  - 2) request further information be provided to them on specific aspects of the service provided; or**
  - 3) request a follow-up report for a subsequent Scrutiny External Committee consideration on specific aspects of the organisation's performance or on the organisation as a whole.**

**3. Background**

- 3.1. External organisations which receive funding from Falkirk Council are subject to formal monitoring, scrutiny and reporting. The organisations that receive funding from Children's Services and Corporate and Neighbourhood Services are from the Third Sector (voluntary/ charitable).
- 3.2. The organisations are funded on the basis that they are able to provide services which could not readily be provided within the Council. Services are, however, provided in ways which complement those provided by the Council and other statutory partners. They are subject to routine monitoring in terms of their performance against agreed outcomes.
- 3.3. The majority of external organisations were subject to a reduction in funding from the Council last year. Whilst the long term value of input from the funded

external provision is acknowledged, challenging fiscal restraints have required organisations to operate with reduced funding and in future years these constraints are expected to further impact on service delivery. As a result, resources allocated to external organisations continue to be under review to ensure value for money.

- 3.4. As part of the process for Following the Public Pound, Monitoring Officers assess risk and measure performance for the organisations they are responsible for. Monitoring takes the form of regular reports and meetings. Each Reporting Statement (attached as Appendices) provides an overview of the service funded by the Council, the agreed objectives or outcomes, performance information during the period and a financial overview.
- 3.5. The Council provides funding to a number of organisation that support community development. These organisations each provide community development services to children, young people, adults and their families and operate in partnership with the Council.

#### **4. Considerations**

- 4.1. The organisations funded by Falkirk Council enhance and support our ability to meet our statutory responsibilities and local policy objectives but financial constraints require us to keep each arrangement under review.

##### Policy Context - National

##### 'Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013'

- 4.2. This has 4 key policy goals:-

- To ensure communities across Scotland - particularly those that are disadvantaged - have access to the CLD support they need.
- To strengthen co-ordination between the full range of CLD providers, ensuring that CPPs, local authorities and other providers of public services respond appropriately to the expectations set by the CLD Strategic Guidance.
- To reinforce the role of communities and learners in the assessment, planning and evaluation processes, enabling them to shape CLD provision.
- To make the role and contribution of CLD more visible.

##### The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

- 4.3 This Act emphasises the importance of community engagement prioritising preventative measures, working to reduce inequality, targeting the underlying causes of inter-generational deprivation and low aspiration, and making the best use of resources to achieve maximum impact.
- 4.4 The benefits of successful community empowerment and engagement would see:
  - local democratic participation boosted;

- increased confidence and skills among local people;
- higher numbers of people volunteering in their communities;
- more satisfaction with quality of life in a local neighbourhood; and
- the delivery of better, more responsive services and better outcomes for communities.

#### Policy Context – Local

- 4.5 By funding the local organisations, the Council is taking positive action to make sure that everyone has the chance to achieve the vision set out in Falkirk's Strategic Outcome Local Delivery Plan (SOLD). The work agendas of the organisations are identified through local community audits and inform Falkirk Locality Planning approach and as such, they contribute to early interventions that prevent both potential harm to people and communities and the future demands on public services that might have resulted.

#### Policy Context – Corporate Plan

- 4.6 The Councils Corporate Plan sets out as one of its priorities the need to work in partnership with communities to ensure we are meeting their needs. The plan notes:

We will work with communities to help them thrive by delivering services differently. We will do this by:

- developing a common approach to co-production that redefines then redesigns the services we deliver;
- delivering locality planning supported by neighbourhood / village / town community action plans, developed and delivered with local communities;
- giving a voice to our diverse communities; and
- celebrating the diversity of those who live, work and visit the area.

We will empower and enable people to be self-reliant. We will do this by:

- supporting opportunities for groups and individuals to be empowered; and
- building and developing skills and experiences.

We will promote stronger, more self-reliant communities. We will do this by:

- supporting stronger, more self-reliant people and communities;
- providing opportunities to meet self-identified needs; and
- working with the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector.

- 4.7 The table below details funding received by external organisations which fall within Following the Public Pound reporting.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Monitoring Service</b>	<b>Annual Funding (£)</b>	<b>Appendix</b>
Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd	Children's Services	11,330	1
Denny Community Support Project	Children's Services	23,620	2
Workers Education Association	Children's Services	22,280	3
CVS Falkirk and District	Corporate and Neighbourhood Services	24,310	4

## **5 Implications**

### **Financial**

- 5.1 The funding allocated to each group is agreed by Council at its budget meeting in February each year. The information set out in this report should inform those decisions.

### **Resources**

- 5.2 Nil.

### **Legal**

- 5.3 Nil.

### **Risk**

- 5.4 Following the Public Pound processes are designed to assess and mitigate risks to the Council of funding external organisations.

### **Equalities**

- 5.5 The funding of each organisation will be subject to an EPIA over the course of the coming months.

### **Sustainability/Environmental Impact**

- 5.6 Nil.

## **6 Conclusions**

- 6.1 Each Appendix attached provides a detailed statement of the service provided, the agreed objectives or outcomes, performance information during the reporting period and a financial overview.

- 6.2 Members are asked to consider the projects reported and to determine any future reports or information they may want from Officers.

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**APPENDICES****Annual Reporting Statements**

- Appendix 1 Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd
- Appendix 2 Denny Community Support Project
- Appendix 3 Workers Education Association
- Appendix 4 CVS Falkirk and District

<b>FALKIRK COUNCIL CHILDRENS SERVICES</b> <b>FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND ANNUAL REPORTING STATEMENT 2018/19</b>
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Organisation Name	Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd (formerly Archibald Russell Community Hall)
Project	Community Development Project
Agreement Dates	1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019
Name of Lead Officer	Mark Meechan

#### **A OVERALL ORGANISATION AIMS**

##### **Summary of Key Aims & Objectives of Organisation**

- i. Summary of Key Aims & Objectives:  
To improve the quality of life, health and wellbeing and opportunities available to residents with the area, in particular those residents at risk of disadvantage or exclusion.
- ii. List of Agreed Outcomes:  
To provide a range of community learning and development activities to support the delivery of safer communities, reduce anti-social behaviour and promote learning and development opportunities for young people and adults including:
  - To provide a range of positive opportunities for children and young people by providing children's groups, youth groups and opportunities to gain accreditation
  - To provide adult learning opportunities the promote progression to further learning, accreditation and/or involvement within the school and wider community
  - To promote and support volunteering locally
  - To provide community meeting space and local information point, including internet access
  - To raise awareness of the service with the local community

##### **What is the purpose of the funding provided by the Council?**

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd provides community development services to vulnerable children, young people and adults and community groups primarily within the Dennyloanhead area.

The work undertaken by the Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd contributes to Falkirk's Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery (SOLD) Plan.

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd contributes to the following 4 priorities:

- Improving mental health and wellbeing
- Maximising job creation and employability
- Minimising the impact of substance misuse
- Addressing the impact of poverty on children

And the following 5 outcomes:

- Our area will be a fairer and more equal place to live
- Our children will develop into resilient, confident and successful adults
- Our population will be healthier
- People live full, independent and positive lives within supportive communities
- Our area will be a safer place to live

#### **Why Does the Council fund this?**

The Council is committed to reducing inequality and developing early intervention with vulnerable children, young people, families and communities.

The work of Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd makes a significant contribution in the delivery of community development support to vulnerable individuals and communities.

The work undertaken by Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd is outcome focused and contributes to individuals having the best start in life and improving community wellbeing.

#### **How long has the Council Funded this Organisation to Deliver this Service? When did the Council agree to fund this?**

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd has been part funded by Falkirk Council for over 15 years. The Council agreed to a continuation of funding for 2018/19.

#### **Set out the funding provided by the Council for the last five years**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual Funding</u>	<u>Support in Kind</u>	<u>One Off Support</u>
2018/2019	£11,330	£1,000	NIL
2017/2018	£11,336	£1,000	NIL
2016/2017	£11,336	£1,000	NIL
2015/2016	£11,933	£1,000	NIL
2014/2015	£12,561	£1,000	NIL
2013/2014	£12,561	£1,000	NIL
2012/2013	£12,561	£1,000	NIL



**B SERVICE DELIVERY****What does the organisation deliver and to whom?**

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd provides a local Community Hall for 19 regular groups and lets. The annual footfall survey shows there was 771 weekly users of the Community Hall.

The Community Hall is also the venue for a large number of children's parties throughout the year.

**Who and how many people directly benefit from the organisation?**

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd provide and support a range of activities in the Dennyloanhead area.

Detailed below, are some examples of the range of opportunities offered by Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd:

- Afterschool Club - 40 children participated in afterschool sessions each week during 2018/19
- Junior Youth Group - 65 young people participated in youth provision each week during 2018/19
- Playscheme - 70 young people participated in the Playscheme each day at the Community Hall during the summer of 2018
- Yoga Group - 30 individuals participated within this group each week during 2018/19
- Over 50's Group - 32 individuals participated within this group each week during 2018/19
- Scouts Group - 33 young people participated within this group each week during 2018/19
- Fitness Classes - 25 individuals participated within this class each week during 2018/19
- Baby Sensory - 16 individuals participated within this group each week during 2018/19
- Life Boat Crew - 10 individuals participated within this group each week during 2018/19
- Tablet Group - 7 individuals participated within this group each week during 2018/19

The Community Hall also provides an information point for the local community. The information provided relates to social, recreational and learning and development activities that community members can access within the immediate area and across the Falkirk Council area. This information has been accessed mainly by people who are over the age of 50.

During the 2018 summer and Xmas holiday periods, the Community Hall also participated within the distribution of food parcels to vulnerable families. As part of the Council Food Initiative, the Community Hall also ensured that children within the immediate area were provided with food during the school holiday periods.

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd have been active members of Falkirk's Community Food Consortium. The Consortium, led by Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd, have submitted a funding proposal to the Scottish Government's Investing in Communities Fund. The Consortium will hear the outcome of the Funding proposal in August 2019.

**Set out what other similar and/or complementary services are provided which are similar in function or support the same client/communities.**

Within the Dennyloanhead area, there are no other organisations that specifically provide similar services to Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd. The Council does fund other community development projects/services within the Falkirk Council area. However, these projects do not provide services with the Dennyloanhead area.

**How does this organisation support the Council achieve its priorities?**

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd contributes to the Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery Plan - Falkirk Community Planning Partnership 2016-2020 through the delivery of community development interventions to children, young people, families and community groups within the Dennyloanhead area.

The services provided by Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd contributes to:

**Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery (SOLD) Plan**

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd contributes to the following 4 priorities:

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**Are there any areas of improvement and efficiency that could be achieved?**

In 2018/19, Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd Management Committee and volunteers have secured investment of significant sums (over £10K from Big Lottery) to refurbish the Community Hall.

This has meant that a large part of 2018/19 has been spent fund raising to ensure that the fabric of the building is “fit for purpose”.

Due to the age of the Community Hall the Management Committee think that the fund raising process will continue for the next 3 years.

**Which areas does this service / organisation cover within the Council area – Be Specific?**

The Management Committee primarily provides services to the Dennyloanhead area.

However, a number of individuals from across the Falkirk Council access these services on a regular basis.

**C ASSESMENT OF PERFORMANCE**

**Set out current agreed performance information alongside previous years and future years. If there is any benchmarking information provide that.**

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd is subject to inspection by HMIE.

The Management Committee undertakes an annual Health & Safety Inspection of its premises.

In addition to this, the Management Committee is regularly visited by Community Learning and Development Service staff.

The Management Committee undertake internal reviews of its service delivery and working practices to ensure efficient and effective outcome focused delivery. Policies and procedures are reviewed to improve practice.

**Are there any aspects of performance that are causing concern or need to be improved. If so what are they and what are the plans for improvement?**

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd have complied with the Joint Working Agreement. However, the Management Committee is a concern over potential future funding cuts and how this will affect children, young people, families and community groups that the Hall works with.

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd are planning to apply for external funding to try to bridge any gap potential future funding cuts will create. This has been placed within the context of the plans for fund raising activities related to Community Hall refurbishment.

However, the Management Committee are aware that external funders are not necessarily attracted to filling gaps created by funding cuts.

**When was the last time the service was reviewed and what plans are there to review this?**

Monitoring and review meetings are held between the Management Committee and the Monitoring Officer every 10/12 weeks.

The Monitoring Officer and Lead Officer also attend Committee and sub-group meetings as and when appropriate.

The date of the most recent Monitoring/Review meeting was 15 July 2019.

Next scheduled monitoring/review meeting is September /October 2018.

**D FINANCIAL / RISK ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW**

**Set out Falkirk Council funding as a % of the organisations budget. Including financial and in kind contributions.**

Falkirk Councils funding is approximately 25% of the operational costs of Denny Community Hall Ltd.

**List other sources of funding the organisation has and how much is provided by source.**

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd have been fund raising through grant application to the Big Lottery, coffee mornings and dances that raised £10,000.00 for new hall floor during 2018/19.

**What is the amount of uncommitted reserves held by the organisation?**

In 2018/19 Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd have £2,500 uncommitted reserves.

**What proportion of operation cost do reserves represent?**

The uncommitted reserves would enable Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd to operate for 2/3 months.

**Last Period of Submitted Audited Accounts**

2017/18. The next accounts are due in September 2019.

**What other services does the Council fund that are similar to this organisation including Council provision and to what level are those activities funded?**

The Council does not fund other organisations that directly deliver community development services within the Dennyloanhead area.

**Future sustainability - Are there ways in which the organisation can improve resilience and decrease the money required from the Council?**

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd are continually exploring opportunities to secure external funding. However, there are limited opportunities to secure external funding that would cover core costs.

**How can reductions in funding be achieved?**

Decreasing the present level of funding would directly affect the service that Dennyloanhead Community Project could provide.

This would mean reduced opening hours of the Community Hall. In practice, this would mean reduced income from lets and hires.

The Management Committee have informed the Lead Officer that if the Management Committee were to receive a cut of 10% or above then this would make the Community Hall financially unsustainable and a large number of services provided would cease.

**What is the risk to the Council if these services are not funded?**

The Council would not be able to provide the Services that Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd provides.

**Overall Risk Rating (Low/Medium/High)**

If grant funding at present level is maintained there would be a low/medium risk to the Project and in essence Service delivery. However, if there were a further reduction in funding the risk to Project would be high.

**E CONCLUSIONS**

**Summary of the future activities of the organisation that will allow services to continue to be delivered.**

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd plan to continue to delivering the community development interventions with vulnerable children, young people, families and community organisations within the Dennyloanhead area.

There is evidence that Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd is improving outcomes for most of the vulnerable children, young people, families and community organisations they are work with.

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd continue to demonstrated value for the funding provided by the Council in 2018/19.

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<u>Date</u>	16/07/19

**FALKIRK COUNCIL CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND ANNUAL REPORTING STATEMENT 2018/19**

Organisation Name	Denny Community Support Project
Project	Community Development Project
Agreement Dates	1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019
Name of Lead Officer	Mark Meechan

**A OVERALL ORGANISATION AIMS**

**Summary of Key Aims & Objectives of Organisation**

i. Summary of Key Aims & Objectives:

To improve the quality of life, health and well-being and opportunities available to residents with the area, in particular those residents at risk of disadvantage or exclusion.

ii. List of Agreed Outcomes:

- To provide a range of community learning and development activities to support the delivery of safer communities, reduce anti-social behaviour and promote learning and development opportunities for young people and adults including:
  - To provide a range of positive opportunities for children and young people by providing children's groups, youth groups and opportunities to gain accreditation.
  - To provide adult learning opportunities that promote progression to further learning, accreditation and/or involvement within the school and wider community.
  - To promote and support volunteering locally.
  - To provide community meeting space and local information point, including internet access.
  - To raise awareness of the service with the local community.

**What is the purpose of the funding provided by the Council?**

Denny Community Support Project provides community development services to vulnerable children, young people and adults and community groups within the Denny/Dunipace area.

The work undertaken by the Denny Community Support Project contributes to:

**Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery (SOLD) Plan**

Denny Community Support Project contributes to the following 4 priorities:

- Improving mental health and wellbeing
- Maximising job creation and employability
- Minimising the impact of substance misuse
- Addressing the impact of poverty on children

And the following 5 outcomes:

- Our area will be a fairer and more equal place to live
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- Our population will be healthier
- People live full, independent and positive lives within supportive communities
- Our area will be a safer place to live

#### **Why Does the Council fund this?**

The Council is committed to reducing inequality and developing early intervention with vulnerable children, young people, families and communities. The work makes a significant contribution in the delivery of community development support to vulnerable individuals and communities. The work undertaken is outcome focused and contributes to individuals having the best start in life and improving community wellbeing.

#### **How long has the Council Funded this Organisation to Deliver this Service? When did the Council agree to fund this?**

Denny Community Support Project has been funded by Falkirk Council for over 25 years.

The Council agreed to a continuation of funding for 2018/19.

#### **Set out the funding provided by the Council for the last five years**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual Funding (£)</u>	<u>Support in Kind (£)</u>	<u>One Off Support (£)</u>
2018/2019	£23,620	£1,000	£3,242 from Falkirk Council Digital Inclusion Fund
2017/2018	£27,788	£1,000	Nil
2016/2017	£27,788	£1,000	Nil
2015/2016	£29,250	£1,000	Nil
2014/2015	£29,536	£1,000	Nil
2013/2014	£29,536	£1,000	£22,000 from Community Safety
2012/2013	£29,536	£1,000	Nil

#### **B SERVICE DELIVERY**

##### **What does the organisation deliver and to whom?**

Denny Community Support Project (DCSP) provides a range of community learning and development services. These services include:

- Credit Union
- Job Club
- IT Support for Unemployed People
- Additional Needs Youth Group
- Junior Youth Clubs
- 2 Playschemes
- Environmental Group
- Family Group
- Parents Support Group
- Signpost
- Digital skills for Work

DCSP has also developed a Food Cloud initiative. Denny Food Cloud initiative disperses food to vulnerable families within the Denny and Dunipace areas.

**Set out what other similar and or complementary services are provided which are similar in function or support the same client / communities.**

Within the Denny area there are no other organisations that specifically provide similar services to Denny Community Support Project.

The Council does fund other community development projects/services within the Falkirk Council area. However, these projects do not provide services with the Denny area.

**How does this organisation support the Council achieve its priorities?**

Denny Community Support Project contributes to the Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery Plan - Falkirk Community Planning Partnership 2016-2020 through the delivery of community development interventions to children, young people, families and community groups within the Denny area.

The work undertaken by the Denny Community Support Project contributes to:

**Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery (SOLD) Plan**

Denny Community Support Project contributes to the following 4 priorities:

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**Are there any areas of improvement and efficiency that could be achieved?**

See above.

**Which areas does this service / organisation cover within the Council area? – Be Specific.**

Denny Community Support Project provides services to the whole Denny area. However, the Project particularly focuses on the geographical area surrounding Denny Community Flat, Bridge Crescent, Denny which is a designated regeneration area.



## C ASSESMENT OF PERFORMANCE

**Set out current agreed performance information alongside previous years and future years. If there is any benchmarking information provide that.**

DCSP is subject to inspection by HMIE.

DCSP undertakes an annual Health & Safety Inspection of its premises.

In addition to this, DCSP is regularly visited by Community Learning and Development Service staff.

DCSP undertake internal reviews of its service delivery and working practices to ensure efficient and effective outcome focused delivery.

**Are there any aspects of performance that are causing concern or need to be improved? If so what are they and what are the plans for improvement?**

Denny Community Support Project have complied with Falkirk Council's Joint Working Agreement.

However, there is a concern over future funding cuts and how this will affect children, young people, families and community groups that the Project works with.

Denny Community Support Project are planning to apply for external funding to try to bridge the gap that previous and potential future funding cuts will create.

However, DCSP are aware that external funders are not necessarily attracted by filling gaps created by funding cuts.

DCSP Management Committee has limited capacity and they are actively recruiting new members.

Denny Community Support Project Coordinator left their post in late 2018. The Management Committee have undertaken a review of the Projects aspirations and needs and they are seeking to recruit a new member of staff in September 2019.

CLD Service has been providing support to the Management Committee during the transition period.

There are opportunities for the DCSP to collaborate with other community organisations in both the Denny & District Community Network and the emerging Community Action Plan.

There have been 10 people showing interest in developing a Community Food Plan for the area.

The proximity to the YMCA Hall (which is securing finance for refurbishment) and the location within a priority area augurs well for partnership working to be stepped up.

**When was the last time the Service was reviewed and what plans are there to review this?**

Monitoring and review meetings are held between the Project Manager and the Monitoring Officer every 8/10 weeks.

The Monitoring Officer and Lead Officer also attend Committee and sub-group meetings as and when appropriate.

Date of the most recent Monitoring/Review meeting was 8 July 2019.

Next scheduled Monitoring/Review meeting is in 23 September 2019.

**D FINANCIAL / RISK ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW****Set out Falkirk Council funding as a % of the organisations budget. Including financial and in kind contributions.**

Falkirk Council funding represents 100% of Denny Community Support Projects “core” budget. This includes all financial and in kind contributions.

Denny Community Support Project have been successful in securing additional investment for programme costs for the Project, not for “core” costs.

**List other sources of funding the organisation has and how much is provided by source.**

Denny Community Support Project have been able to secure any additional investment from external sources during 2017/18 and 2018/19. The sources of funding are detailed below:

<b>Funder</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Awards for All	Family days, Playscheme workers, Bus trip, family group	£8,090
Morrison's Foundation	Bus Trip	£1,914
FALK Renewals (Windfarm)	Youth Work	£8,690
Action Earth 2017	Community Growing	£ 250
Action Earth 2018	Community Growing	£ 250
Falkirk Council Digital Inclusion	IT Equipment	£3,242

**What is the amount of uncommitted reserves held by the organisation?**

At present Denny Community Support Project have £500 of uncommitted reserves.

**What proportion of operation cost do reserves represent?**

The uncommitted reserves would enable Denny Community Support Project to operate for 2 weeks.

**Last Period of Submitted Audited Accounts**

2017/18. The next accounts are due in September 2019.

**What other services does the Council fund that are similar to this organisation including Council provision and to what level are those activities funded?**

The Council does not fund other organisations that directly deliver community development services within the Denny/Dunipace area.

**Future sustainability- Are there ways in which the organisation can improve resilience and decrease the money required from the Council?**

Denny Community Support Project are continually exploring opportunities to secure external funding.

As detailed above, the Project has been very successful in securing external investment for programme costs.

However, there are limited opportunities to secure external funding that would cover core costs.

**How can reductions in funding be achieved?**

Decreasing the present level of funding would directly affect the service that Denny Community Support Project could provide.

The Management Committee have informed the Lead Officer that if the Project were to receive a cut of 10% or above then this would make the Project financially unsustainable and the Project would cease.

**What is the risk to the Council if these services are not funded?**

The Council would not be able to provide the Services that Denny Community Support Project provides.

**Overall Risk Rating (Low/Medium/High)**

If grant funding at present level is maintained there would be a medium risk to the Project and in essence Service delivery.

However, if there were a further reduction in funding the risk to Project would be high.

**E CONCLUSIONS**

**Summary of the future activities of the organisation that will allow services to continue to be delivered.**

Denny Community Support Project plan to continue to delivering the community development interventions with vulnerable children, young people, families and community organisations within the Denny and Dunipace area.

There is evidence that the Project is improving outcomes for most of the vulnerable children, young people, families and community organisations they are work with.

Denny Community Support Project Coordinator left their post in late 2018. CLD Service has been providing support to the Management Committee during the transition period.

The Project continued to demonstrated value for the funding provided by the Council in 2018/19.

<b>F COMPLETED BY</b>	
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<b>FALKIRK COUNCIL CHILDREN'S SERVICES FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND ANNUAL REPORTING STATEMENT 2018/19</b>
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Organisation Name	Workers Education Association
Project	Community Development Project
Agreement Dates	1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019
Name of Lead Officer	Mark Meechan

## **A OVERALL ORGANISATION AIMS**

### **Summary of Key Aims & Objectives of Organisation**

i. Summary of Key Aims & Objectives:

To improve the quality of life, health and wellbeing and opportunities available to residents

within the area, in particular those residents at risk of disadvantage or exclusion.

ii. List of Agreed Outcomes:

To provide a range of community learning and development activities to support the delivery

of learning and development opportunities for vulnerable adults including:

- To provide adult learning opportunities then promote progression to further learning, accreditation and volunteering.
- To promote and support volunteering locally.
- To raise awareness of the service offered with the local community.

### **What is the purpose of the funding provided by the Council?**

Workers Education Association provides community development services to vulnerable adults within the Falkirk Council area.

The work undertaken by the Workers Education Association contributes to Falkirk's Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery (SOLD) Plan.

Workers Education Association contributes to the following 4 priorities:

- Improving mental health and wellbeing
- Maximising job creation and employability
- Minimising the impact of substance misuse
- Addressing the impact of poverty on children

And the following 5 outcomes:

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- People live full, independent and positive lives within supportive communities
- Our area will be a safer place to live

The WEA also contributes to the following Falkirk Council Fairer Falkirk Strategy Action:

- Fairer Access-Making Access to Services and Opportunities Seamless

- By Fairer Access partners, and services ensure that individuals and families in Falkirk have access to opportunities that will support their welfare, wellbeing, and development.

#### 1. Action

Prioritise disadvantaged communities when designing and delivering services

##### *Sub Action*

Identify those most affected by welfare reform and target them directly with relevant support services.

#### 2. Action

Improve access to services for the most vulnerable within our area

##### *Sub Action*

Promote more collaborative working to build trust and relationships with and across services, partners and communities

### **Why Does the Council fund this?**

The Council is committed to reducing inequality and developing early intervention with vulnerable adults and communities. The work makes a significant contribution in the delivery of community development support to vulnerable individuals and communities. The work undertaken is outcome focused and contributes to individuals having the best life possible and improving community wellbeing.

### **How long has the Council Funded this Organisation to Deliver this Service? When did the Council agree to fund this?**

Workers Education Association delivery of services has been part funded by Falkirk Council for over 10 years. The Council agreed to a continuation of funding for 2018/19.

### **Set out the funding provided by the Council for the last five years**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual Funding (£)</u>	<u>Support in Kind (£)</u>	<u>One Off Support (£)</u>
2018/2019	22,280	1,000	NIL
2017/2018	29,708	1,000	NIL
2016/2017	29,708	1,000	NIL
2015/2016	46,326	1,000	NIL
2014/2015	49,635	1,000	NIL
2013/2014	49,635	1,000	NIL
2012/2013	49,635	1,000	NIL

**B SERVICE DELIVERY****What does the organisation deliver and to whom?**

Workers Education Association deliveries core skill learning and development opportunities to unemployed people living with the Falkirk Council area.

**Who and how many people directly benefit from the organisation?**

The WEA runs four Work Clubs within the Falkirk Council area. The Work Clubs are in:

- Bonnybridge
- Camelon
- Falkirk Town Centre
- Grangemouth

Individuals are referred from DWP, other CLD provision, various local agencies and word of mouth.

The Work Clubs offer a drop in service where unemployed people (learners) can access support with computing skills, literacy, job search, building CVs, covering letters and interview skills.

Initially, staff work with the learners to reduce their anxiety, build their confidence and self-esteem.

The Work Clubs provide a drop in service where unemployed people can access support with computing skills, literacy, job search, building CVs, covering letters and interview skills. Learners are referred from Job Centre Plus, other CLD provision and various local agencies and partnerships and word of mouth.

Building confidence, self-esteem and putting anxious learners at ease is paramount and the provision has buddies and volunteers. Building the capacity of buddies is an important part of the clubs and up-skilling and the option of accreditation is offered.

As well as developing skills in IT and literacy, learners have access to information about the benefits system and entitlements. Volunteering opportunities with partnerships, and within the job clubs, are available and this can be a valuable first step back to employment for individuals who have been out of work for some time.

Learners report an increase in skills, confidence and reduced anxiety due a number of factors:

- Computer skills – building a CV, liaising with DWP, job search, emails/attachments, on-line applications, CSCS test
- Universal Credit support
- Support in a welcoming environment
- Peer, buddy and tutor support
- Interview skills
- More confident at writing – covering letters
- Improved self-esteem and confidence
- Successful job applications

- Successful college applications
- Volunteering

113 people have used the service this year with most achieving positive destinations and all learners who have completed an evaluation form report increased confidence and reduced anxiety. The impact of the WEA's work is detailed below:

- 30 – Employment
- 16 - Volunteering – Capability Scotland, Strathcarron Hospice, Homeless Project, British Heart Foundation, Re-union Canal Boats
- 34 – Universal Credit Support
- 30 - Progression to other learning opportunities (SQA Communications accredited courses, CLD classes – Digital Skills, Literacy. CSCS cards, College.
- 8 Learners achieved SQA qualifications

85% of the people who attended the Work Clubs have no internet or computer at home and 65% report health issues, physical and/or mental, that impacts on their employability.

In 2018/19, the WEA made a successful grant application for tablets and iPads from Digital Inclusion Fund managed by Fairer Falkirk Partnership.

The WEA also participated within partnership exchange visits with Job Centre Plus to share practise, raise awareness and highlight holistic and learner focused approach in the job clubs.

Discussed with Job Centre staff the Scottish Government's new Social Security Charter with the headings – dignity, fairness, respect.

The WEA also developed new links with Citizens Advice and Falkirk and District Mental Health Association. to cross refer people attending the Work Clubs

The WEA also liaised with Falkirk Food Bank and Clothing Banks to support vulnerable people attending the Work Clubs.

### **Testimonies/Impact Statements**

Below are a number of testimonies/impact statements from people from the Falkirk Council area who attend the Work Clubs delivered by the WEA.

*"Got a job. The job club gave me computer skills. Can go on myself now - at the library too, and I can come here (Bonnybridge Community Centre) at other times myself. It's been good to practise the CSCS test – I got 49 out of 50 last week! Starting work next week, first job in 5 years. Was fed up being skint. This is a new life...I hope. " Thanks,  
Tam. Bonnybridge*

*"This is the first learning I've done in 48 years. The tutor spotted my dyslexia and I've now been diagnosed. It has been a relief after being called stupid all these years. If it wasn't for this I would still be struggling along.  
The smart phone apps have been great – I can hear what's been written. It's good, but I want to read and write myself. I still feel the stigma, the shame.  
I want back to work. I want my independence and not depend on benefits. That would make me feel better. I used to feel worthless and I don't want to go back to that. I know I have some way to go and want to continue. It's small steps but I'll get there."  
G. Falkirk*



*"I found it difficult at first at the job club because of my mental health. I used to find it hard to communicate but when I see all the different nationalities in one room helping each other, all looking to better their lives, I feel so much better. It's a good environment – I can use a computer now and have a qualification. But it's the social part too, it's help my depression a lot."*

Mathew, Falkirk.

*"Really helpful. Helped me get a job over Christmas and I'm now volunteering. The tutor signposted me to a youth worker who is encouraging me go to college and will get me youth volunteer placement if I want. I help out at the job club with computer skills. All this has given me confidence and options."*

T.H. Falkirk

Below is a case study that demonstrates the impact of the WEA's work:

"Chris came to a WEA Job Club in the Falkirk area for employability support – computer skills, job applications, CV, universal credit application etc. He attended regularly and it was clear he was determined to move on. He completed a CV, covering letters, applied for a number of jobs and fulfilled his obligations to Job Centre Plus.

He began to talk about his life and lack of education. He is a recovered heroin user and has spent time in prison. He said his dream was to get a job that allowed him to work with young people to discourage them doing what he did.

The tutor signposted him to the Re-union Canal Project where he secured a position as a volunteer mentor. The mentors use their own skills and experiences to guide young people, learning some new skills themselves along the way. The feedback from the Project Coordinator was glowing.

Christie continued to attend the job club building his skills and inspiring others. He completed an accredited SQA level 4 communications skills course at the job club achieving his first ever qualification. While doing this course he began writing short stories about his life and continues this in his own time.

He gave a talk at WEA Scotland's AGM recounting some of his life experiences, how he came to adult learning and the impact that is having on his life.

He successfully applied to West Lothian College for an Introduction to Counselling course which he starts in March. He is currently volunteering with Cyrenians and is working towards a mentoring qualification.

*"Who would have thought that popping in here (job club) to get the Job Centre off my back would have led to this?"*

Thomas - Falkirk

**Set out what other similar and or complementary services are provided which are similar in function or support the same client / communities.**

Within the Falkirk Council area, there are no other organisations that specifically provide similar services to Workers Education Association. The Council does fund other community development projects/services within the Falkirk Council area. However, these projects do not provide services across the Falkirk Council area.

**How does this organisation support the Council achieve its priorities?**

Workers Education Association contributes to the Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery Plan - Falkirk Community Planning Partnership 2016-2020 through the delivery of community development interventions to children, young people, families and community groups within the Across the Falkirk Council area.

The work undertaken by the Workers Education Association contributes to:

**Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery (SOLD) Plan**

Workers Education Association contributes to the following 3 priorities:

- Improving mental health and wellbeing
- Maximising job creation and employability
- Minimising the impact of substance misuse

And the following 3 outcomes:

- Our area will be a fairer and more equal place to live
- Our population will be healthier
- People live full, independent and positive lives within supportive communities

**Are there any areas of improvement and efficiency that could be achieved?**

The WEA will develop a closer partnership with the DWP to ensure better outcomes for the people attending the Work Clubs.

**Which areas does this service / organisation cover within the Council area? – Be Specific.**

Workers Education Association provides services within Bonnybridge, Camelon, Falkirk Town Centre and Grangemouth areas.

However, a number of individuals from across the Falkirk Council access these services on a regular basis.

**C ASSESMENT OF PERFORMANCE****Set out current agreed performance information alongside previous years and future years. If there is any benchmarking information provide that.**

The WEA is subject to inspection by Education Scotland/HMIE.

In addition to this, the WEA is regularly visited by Community Learning and Development Service staff.

The WEA undertakes internal reviews of its service delivery and working practices to ensure efficient and effective outcome focused delivery. This is shared with partners to maximise learning and continuous improvement.

**Are there any aspects of performance that are causing concern or need to be improved? If so what are they and what are the plans for improvement?**

Workers Education Association have complied with the Joint Working Agreement, however there is a concern over future funding cuts and how this will affect the people that the Project works with.

Workers Education Association have been applying for external funding to try to bridge the gap that previous and potential future funding cuts will create.

An example of this is that the WEA have managed to secure additional funding from the DWP to provide Assisted Digital Support to vulnerable unemployed adults.

**When was the last time the service was reviewed and what plans are there to review this?**

Monitoring and review meetings are held between WEA staff and the Monitoring Officer every 8/10 weeks. Date of the most recent Monitoring/Review meeting 3 June 2019. Next scheduled Monitoring/Review Meeting is for 5 September 2019.

**D FINANCIAL / RISK ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW**

**Set out Falkirk Council funding as a % of the organisations budget. Including financial and in kind contributions.**

The Workers Education Association is a national organisation with an annual turnover of £1.7M. Falkirk Council funding represents 100% of WEA's budget for the delivery of Work Clubs. This includes all financial and in kind contributions.

**List other sources of funding the organisation has and how much is provided by source.**

Workers Education Association have been able to secure £15,000 (2018/19) from DWP to support delivery of Assisted Digital Support to vulnerable unemployed adults.

This funding will mitigate the reduction in Falkirk Council funding for 2018/19 and enable the WEA to continue to deliver 4 Work Clubs. If this funding is not continued in 2019/20 then the WEA will reduce the number of Work Clubs from 4 to 3.

**What is the amount of uncommitted reserves held by the organisation?**

Workers Education Association uncommitted reserves for the organisation were £1,000,000.

However, for the work relating to the Joint Working Agreement with Falkirk Council the WEA have no uncommitted reserves.

**What proportion of operation cost do reserves represent?**

N/A. If the grant funding awarded to the WEA were to cease from Falkirk Council then the work delivered as part of the Joint Working Agreement would cease.

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2017/18

**What other services does the Council fund that are similar to this organisation including Council provision and to what level are those activities funded?**

The Council does not fund other similar organisations that directly deliver community development services within the across the Falkirk Council area.

**Future sustainability- Are there ways in which the organisation can improve resilience and decrease the money required from the Council?**

Workers Education Association are continually exploring opportunities to secure external funding. However, there are limited opportunities to secure external funding that would cover core costs.

**How can reductions in funding be achieved?**

Decreasing the present level of funding would directly affect the service that Workers Education Association could provide.

The WEA have informed the Monitoring Officer that if the Service were to receive a cut of more than 10% then this would make the Service financially unsustainable and the Service would cease.

**What is the risk to the Council if these services are not funded?**

The Council would not be able to provide the Services that Workers Education Association provides.

**Overall Risk Rating (Low/Medium/High)**

If grant funding at present level is maintained there would be a low/medium risk to the Project and in essence Service delivery.

However, if there were a further reduction in funding the risk to Project would be high.

**E CONCLUSIONS**

**Summary of the future activities of the organisation that will allow services to continue to be delivered.**

Workers Education Association plan to continue to delivering the community development interventions with vulnerable adults across the Falkirk Council area.

There is evidence that the service is improving outcomes for most of the vulnerable adults they are work with.

The WEA continues to demonstrated value for the funding provided by the Council in 2018/19.

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<b>FALKIRK COUNCIL – CORPORATE AND HOUSING SERVICES</b> <b>FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND ANNUAL REPORTING STATEMENT 2018/19</b>
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Organisation Name	CVS Falkirk and District
Project	Core Funding
Agreement Dates	1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019
Name of Lead Officer	Andrew Wilson
<b>A OVERALL ORGANISATION AIMS</b>	
<b>Summary of Key Aims &amp; Objectives of Organisation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteering, Social Enterprise and Third Sector Partnering make key contributions to the delivery of Falkirk's Community Plan</li> <li>• Provision of the Third Sector Interface for the Falkirk Council area</li> <li>• Continuously improve its services to offer Best Value to its service users</li> </ul>	
<b>What is the purpose of the funding provided by the Council?</b>  <b>CVS supports the Council by ensuring:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More people have increased opportunities to volunteer, and volunteer involving organisations are better able to recruit, manage and retain volunteers</li> <li>• Social enterprise develops and grows</li> <li>• Third sector organisations are well governed and managed to enable them to deliver quality outcomes</li> <li>• Third sector organisations have access to public policy making and able to contribute their views on this</li> </ul> <p>This includes contributing as partner to Community Planning, with access to the wider Third Sector and helping support the implementation of some of the provisions of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015</p>	
<b>Why Does the Council fund this?</b>  <p>The Council funds CVS as the area's representative body for the Third Sector and the access it has to the sector, as well as performing specific functions in support of Community Planning. CVS can also provide an impartial and independent voice to represent the Third Sector locally.</p>	
<b>How long has the Council Funded this Organisation to Deliver this Service? When did the Council agree to fund this?</b>  <p>31 years including the predecessor authority to Falkirk Council</p>	

**Set out the funding provided by the Council for the last five years**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual Funding</u>	<u>Support in Kind</u>	<u>One Off Support</u>
<u>2012/13</u>	<u>£211,327</u>	Nil	Nil
<u>2013/14</u>	<u>£211,327</u>	Nil	Nil
<u>2014/15</u>	<u>£132,178</u>	Nil	Nil
<u>2015/16</u>	<u>£122,678</u>	Nil	Nil
<u>2016/17</u>	<u>£107,969</u>	Nil	Nil
<u>2017/18</u>	<u>£97,252</u>	Nil	£2,960 (Employment & Training Unit)
<u>2018/19</u>	<u>£72,940</u>	Nil	£29,136 (Employment & Training Unit)

## B SERVICE DELIVERY

### What does the organisation deliver and to whom?

CVS supports third sector organisations, social enterprises and volunteers with support and advice on how to operate in accordance with OSCR requirements, governance arrangements and constitutions and provides access to placements for volunteers. A core aspect of CVS is acting as the local Third Sector interface and providing access for the Third Sector to Community Planning.

The sector includes charities, unincorporated voluntary organisations, social enterprises, co-operatives, development trusts, community groups and organisations etc. There are over 500 organisations operating across the Council area which it is estimated is worth £70 million to the local economy.

Social enterprises are not for profit businesses that seek to address social and environmental issues through reinvesting all their profits from trading. CVS supports and promotes social enterprise as a way of doing business and works with existing social enterprises, as well as encouraging individuals to be more socially enterprising. Within the last 2 years this service has been re-modelled and is now accessible on a pan Forth Valley basis. The range of support CVS offers in this area includes:

- Start up guidance
- Idea development
- Business planning
- Identifying funders
- Partnership working
- Providing advice on legal and compliance issues
- Measuring social impact
- Tendering and procurement
- Signposting to other services

Volunteering is an increasingly popular choice which local people to contribute to their local communities. This is open to all ages, with an annual recognition scheme open to 12 to 25 year olds, who volunteer. CVS registers people who are interested in volunteering and provides a service to match them to suitable opportunities. The service is now being targeted towards those who may face the greatest challenge in volunteering. This can allow people to:

- Gain new skills and experience of updating existing
- Provide a contributions to CV's which employers are increasingly recognising
- Contribute to local communities
- Provide an opportunity to network and socialise

CVS provides organisational development support to Third Sector organisations to help them meet charitable status requirements and also help them secure funding. This includes support from idea generation to submitting funding applications, including organisational governance.

As the Third Sector interface CVS provides a platform for Third Sector organisations to engage with public bodies and the Community Planning Partnership. It achieves this by running a number of themed forums which reflect the Community Planning Partnership's Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery Plan, and itself is a core Community Planning partners with a seat on both the Strategic Board and Executive Group. This allows them to be better informed on Community Planning, access to training, and be involved in influencing the local agenda.



**Who and how many people directly benefit from the organisation?**

The following provides a snapshot of some of the key achievements of CVS in its core area of business.

During 2018/19 CVS supported 330 young people aged between 12 and 25 to register for the Saltire Award for Volunteering. From this pool of volunteers 78 young people volunteered for 10 hours or more.

17 new start social enterprises received tailored support to help them become established. 4 social enterprises received individual support to become more enterprising.

120 Third Sector organisations received support regarding their governance arrangements, including the establishment of constitutions. 39 organisations received funding advice to help them diversify sources of income.

163 individuals attended the annual funder's fayre to help them make contact with potential funders and / or receive advice on funding applications. This event is now held every 2 years to help achieve savings.

CVS has established 6 forums which resulted in 24 meetings to reflect different aspects of the Community Planning Partnership's Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery Plan. This also provides third sector and community organisations with a channel to influence community Planning.

**Set out what other similar and or complementary services are provided which are similar in function or support the same client / communities.**

The Council's Community Learning and Development Team provide some similar services but these are now aligned with CVS. These include organisations trying to access funding and offering guidance on governance arrangement including the development of constitutions.

**How does this organisation support the Council achieve its priorities?**

CVS acts as a gateway for the Third Sector into Community Planning through its interface role, and also helps to build and sustain the local Third Sector through development advice and support. CVS also helps sustain local volunteering through running a scheme to register volunteers and placing them within community and business settings. This is more fully explained above.

**Are there any areas of improvement and efficiency that could be achieved?**

CVS instigated a reorganisation in 2017 so that it is better able to cope with the loss of posts and reduced funding. This has included improving the generic skill base of the workforce so that individuals can support a wider range of tasks more flexibly. In addition to this CVS plans to develop host forum meetings, organisational training and development to improve access to its services but also to improve efficiency. Keynote annual events such as the Funder's Fayre and the Third Sector will be held every 2 years on a rotating basis to achieve cost savings. Volunteering is now better targeted on those who will benefit from it most. The support for social enterprise is now being shared on a pan Forth Valley basis. This provides access to a wider range of support as well generating income for CVS.

**Which areas does this service / organisation cover within the Council area – Be Specific.**

CVS operates across the whole Council area.

## C ASSESMENT OF PERFORMANCE

**Set out current agreed performance information alongside previous years and future years. If there is any benchmarking information provide that.**

CVS assesses its performance on 5 outcomes, although the outcome on volunteering has been split into two separate elements. Within these indicators are used to demonstrate progress on each outcome. These outcomes are as follows:

- ***More people have increased opportunity and enthusiasm to volunteer.***

Performance on this outcome is set against 8 indicators. Of these indicators for the financial year 2018/19, 6 were green and met expectations, 1 was amber and making progress towards expectations and 1 was red having not met expectations. This was with the number of volunteers registered with CVS but had not been placed in a volunteering opportunity. This reflects changing priorities within CVS to better target the service matched to the reduced level of resource available to support this. Priority has been given to support those who face the greatest challenge in accessing volunteering, e.g. those who experience deprivation etc.

- ***Volunteering involves organisations which are able to recruit, manage and retain volunteers.***

Performance on this outcome is measured against 4 indicators. For the financial year 2018/19 all 4 of these indicators were green having met expectations.

- ***Social enterprise develops and grows***

Performance on this outcome is measured on 9 indicators, 7 of which met expectations and were assessed as green. 2 indicators were assessed as red, not having met expectations. Due to the financial pressures CVS has experienced the service model supporting social enterprise is now organised and delivered on a pan Forth Valley basis.

- ***Third sector organisations are well governed, managed and deliver quality services***

Performance on this outcome is measured on 10 indicators, 9 of which met expectations and were categorised as green. 1 indicator failed to meet expectations and was assessed as red.

- ***Third sector organisations feel better connected, and are able to influence the SOLD and Community Planning priorities***

This outcome is measured on 8 indicators, all of which met expectations and were assessed as green.

- ***The third sector interface is effective through good governance and management***

Performance on this outcome is measured on 14 outcomes, 12 of which met expectations and were assessed as green. 2 indicators were progressing towards expectations and were assessed as amber.

**Are there any aspects of performance that are causing concern or need to be improved. If so what are they and what are the plans for improvement.**

CVS is subject to quarterly monitoring when performance is discussed and reviewed. Activities significantly behind target are reviewed to understand the context to this, as well as the recovery plans which are in place to rectify matters.

**When was the last time the service was reviewed and what plans are there to review this?**

The Joint Working Agreement has been reviewed with an amended version anticipated being available for sign off later in 2019.

## **C FINANCIAL / RISK ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW**

**Set out Falkirk Council funding as a % of the organisations budget. Including financial and in kind contributions.**

18.5%

**List other sources of funding the organisation has and how much is provided by source.**

- Aspiring Communities Fund - £144,190
- Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnership - £79,500
- Scottish Government - £185,600
- SCVO - £11,685
- Trading Income - £31,980

**What is the amount of uncommitted reserves held by the organisation?**

£149,777 at 31 March 2018

**What proportion of operation cost do reserves represent?**

This is above the minimum threshold of 20% and represents an improvement on the previous financial year.

### **Last Period of Submitted Audited Accounts**

2018 / 19 (draft accounts)

**What other services does the Council fund that are similar to this organisation including Council provision and to what level are those activities funded?**

None

**Future sustainability- Are there ways in which the organisation can improve resilience and decrease the money required from the Council?**

CVS has embarked on reorganisation and downsizing in response to recent budget reductions. Further measures have been implemented to reduce costs such as re-setting the frequency of major events and service sharing with other Third Sector Interface organisations across Forth Valley.

CVS has started to develop project funding streams as a means of continuing to offer focused support for local volunteering and community capacity building. Suitable funding

sources will be identified and developed which will compliment the core priorities and services which CVS offers.

**How can reductions in funding be achieved?**

In previous years, CVS has been able to absorb reductions in funding but in the past 2 years the organisation has had to implement service reductions and savings to meet its financial targets. Levels of reserves are also just above the minimum level required.

**What is the risk to the Council if these services are not funded?**

The risk to the Council is that CVS will have to reduce its offering in direct proportion to the reductions in funding it experiences. The key risk is that both the Council and the Community Planning Partnership will lose one of its key means of accessing the Third Sector locally and a representative voice on behalf of the sector.

**Overall Risk Rating (Low/Medium/High)**

Low

**D CONCLUSIONS**

**Summary of the future activities of the organisation that will allow services to continue to be delivered.**

CVS has an established track record of supporting the local third sector, for which performance during 2018/19 has upheld this. A revised joint working agreement will be developed later in 2019 to better reflect the revised level of funding CVS receives. Priority has been given to supporting Community Planning, and particular locality planning, with volunteering remaining as a key priority. Support for social enterprise has significantly diminished to reflect CVS's revised priorities, and is increasingly supported on a pan Forth Valley basis.

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