

MULTI-FATH CENTRE – GRANT PROPOSAL

Report of the Managing Director

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report requests the support of the Operational Board for to support a 12 month fixed term position to connect with and co-ordinate work between the various faith groups in the city.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To support a grant of maximim £10,000 to the Multi-Faith Centre for the purpose outlined in the report. Grant subject to final approval by Derby City Council.

3. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The work of faith groups in the city is vital to the future sustainability and growth of our communities. Greater understanding and co-ordination of the various groups will increase the effectiveness the play in delivery of our corporate priorities.

4. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 The Multi-Faith Centre was founded in 2001. Situation at the University of Derby on the Kedleston Road campus they have worked closely with communities in Derby to nurture collaboration. Their vision is a society where the diversity, expertise and richness of faith communities actively contributes to the building of safe, healthy and cohesive communities.
- 4.2 As a City we are facing unprecedent challenges and working with our communities, holding conversations and facilitating solutions is essential to supporting our citizens.
- 4.3 This proposal has been worked up jointly with the Multi Faith Centre and Derby City Council and is to jointly fund a 12 month fixed term role that will work with the faith groups, developing knowledge and understanding and seeking to connect everyone in to a collaborative framework of support across the city. The post will be directly employed by the Multi Faith Centre.
- 4.4 Derby City Council have already agreed to fund £30,000 towards the cost of the resource, this report seeks support for the remaining cost which is anticipated to not exceed £10,000.

- 4.5 The Multi Faith Centre is already a partner within the Faith Alliance and also a member of the cross sector Strategic Working Group leading on actions to provide support and information relating to the cost of living crisis.
- 4.6 The intelligence gained from this work will be shared with Derby City Council and Derby Homes to allow future intelligence led decision making and facilitate direct conversations with some of our 'unheard' communities.

5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 If we do not partially fund this project the work will not be undertaken and would leave gaps in provision to some communities.

6. FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PLAN

- 6.1 The grant will be funded from existing Derby Homes 2022/23 budget to support work in our localities and neighbourhoods.

7. COUNCIL

- 7.1 Final approval for this grant payment will need to be sought from Derby City Council.

IMPLICATIONS

The areas listed below have no implications directly arising from this report:

Consultation
 Legal and Confidentiality
 Personnel
 Environmental
 Equalities Impact Assessment
 Health & Safety
 Risk
 Policy Review

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Background information: None

List of appendices: None

This report has been approved by the following

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