

## Wellbeing Investment Funding proposal 2021/22

### Background:

The South Ayrshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) launched a new 10 year Strategic Plan in June 2021.

In the Plan there is a significant emphasis on fostering a new relationship between the communities of South Ayrshire and the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), which is summed up in the 'Wellbeing Pledge'.

In June 2021 the IJB also agreed to invest £100k into community capacity activity linked to the Wellbeing Pledge. In addition to this, there is also £10k dedicated to local work in the Wallacetown area.

### Proposed use of investment:

The proposal is to use the funding for two processes:

- Participatory Budgeting within Localities
- Third sector funding for key priority areas

### Participatory Budgeting/Decision Days

The 6 Locality Planning Partnerships (LPPs) are already planning for Decision Days for the period January - March 2022 utilising the existing 'small grants' allocation (£5k per Locality) and an additional £2k per Locality of COVID-19 Recovery monies.

The intention is to provide an additional £6k per Locality for the Decision Days from the Wellbeing monies, a total of £36k altogether.

Effectively this means that £13k is available for Decision Days in each Locality.

The LPPs have local identified priority areas which will inform the 'bidding' process. In the 2020 Small Grants process (that replaced Participatory Budgeting because of COVID-19 constraints) the local priorities were also supplemented by COVID-19 impact related priorities.

The intention is for the LPPs to lead on the local organisation of the Decision Days and subsequent awarding of finance to organisations. Previous PB/Decision Day events have shown how small grants can make a significant difference to small third/community sector organisations.

### Third Sector Funding

It is intended to seek submissions from third/community sector organisations for the use of the remaining monies (£64k).

There are a range of priority issues that the HSCP seeks to address through the funding, all related to 'wellbeing' issues with many related to the aftermath and impact of COVID-19.

These include:

- Impact of Shielding
- Social isolation and loneliness
- Physical activity
- Mental health
- Bereavement
- Suicide prevention

The Wellbeing Board will seek bids of between £5k and £10k that address these issues.

The bids will be assessed against criteria including:

- Contribution to Wellbeing
- Ability to address priority issue
- Supporting volunteers as part of the activity
- Support wide self-management
- Numbers impacted upon
- Reach across area
- Value for money
- Potential for sustainability

There will also be a recognition to ensure the spread of investment in terms of impact on localities and age groups.

A suggested timetable is as follows:

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| Wellbeing Pledge Board       | 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2021                    |
| Advertising for submissions  | 12 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2021 |
| Deadline for submissions     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021                  |
| Scrutiny and scoring         | W/c 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021              |
| Recommendations to the Board | 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2021                 |
| Board awards monies          | TBD   |

A sub-group of the Wellbeing Board will scrutinise the submissions, score them against set criteria and make recommendations to the Board for investment.