

## OFFICER DECISION FORM

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:** DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**KEY DECISION :** NO

**DIRECTORATE:** ADULT CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

**WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS**

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**SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD: WIRRAL COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE**

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### **1.0 DECISION:**

- 1.1 The Director of Public Health has decided to make a direct award of a 12 month contract to Wirral Council for Voluntary Service, to deliver the outcomes set out in paragraphs 3.6 and 3.7 of the report, of a value of £140,000 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### **2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

- 2.1 Wirral is currently the only Local Authority area in the region without any contract to support local CVF sector co-ordination. This poses several risks to the sector and also to the local authority and wider partners. This contract will enable effective engagement across the sector, to bring revenue into the borough, and to support the CVF sector to enable the delivery of key strategic plans. This contract will support the delivery of Wirral Plan, Wirral Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the newly emerging place-based priorities including the developing neighbourhood's programme.
- 2.2 A direct award to Wirral CVS is clearly justified by virtue of its unique position being the the only organisation in Wirral which has NAVCA membership and which will be receiving external grant funding for other related activities via the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.

### **3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The decision was made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The decision reflects the core principles of good governance set out in the council's Code of Corporate Governance.

### **4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**Signed: Dave Bradburn**

**Officer: Director of Public Health**

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**A list of background papers on this issue is held with:**

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