

**Title of meeting:** Culture, Leisure and Sport Decision Meeting

**Subject:** Interaction Project

**Date of meeting:** 18 March 2016

**Report by:** Director of Culture and City Development

**Wards affected:** All

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**1. Requested by:**

1.1 Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport

**2. Purpose**

2.1 To update the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport on the transfer of the Interaction Service to the voluntary sector.

**3. Information Requested**

3.1 The funding for Interaction has been reduced year on year since 2012 when Adult Social Care changed its priorities from supported activities in the community to one to one interventions. The budget was reduced from £74,200 in 2012/13 to £39,300 in 2013/14, £33,230 in 2014/15 and £25,110 in 2015/16. Interaction was subsidised from other community budgets until 2015/16 but this is no longer sustainable.

3.2 In December 2012 officers had been charged with exploring alternative delivery models and these were presented to the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport in March 2014. Officers were then tasked to commission a review of the project and to explore further alternatives.

3.3 The review was carried out by Public Health and completed and reported in February 2015. It recommended the integration of Interaction into the Wellbeing lifestyle programme but this was rejected by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport who wished to further pursue additional funding to sustain the project in its current form. However, no additional funding being forthcoming, permission was given in November 2015 to put Interaction out to tender

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- 3.4 A market testing exercise was carried out with nine appropriate local organisations being invited to make an expression of interest. Three responded and the project was put out to tender in Intend.
- 3.5 Only one organisation bid for the contract and their submission was scored by a panel of three, including an Interaction service user representative. Following an interview, the contract was offered to John Pounds Community Trust.
- 3.6 The target transfer date is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 and all is on target to meet this date. The existing member of staff will be subject to TUPE.
- 3.7 Following transfer, officers will support the new provider in the identification of and application to external grant funding sources to sustain the service.
- 3.8 PCC will provide revenue support to the John Pounds Community Trust over a five year period as below:

Year 1	£50,000
Year 2	£40,000
Year 3	£30,000
Year 4	£20,000
Year 5	£10,000

The additional budget required to fund this transfer will be provided for from the Culture, Leisure and Sport portfolio reserve.

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Signed by

**Stephen Baily**  
**Director of Culture and City Development**

**Appendices:**        None

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

<b>Title of document</b>	<b>Location</b>
CLS Decision meeting minutes 7/12/12	PCC website
CLS Decision meeting minutes 21/3/14	PCC website