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## Notes of the remote Meeting held on Tuesday 1 December 2020 at 4.30pm

### Present:

ESC Councillors: Cllr T Cooper (Chairman), Cllr J Bond, Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf

SCC Councillor: Cllr R Rainger

Town and Parish Councils: Cllr J Cusack (Middleton PC), Cllr M Fellowes (Aldeburgh TC), , Cllr L Hill (Leiston TC)

Partnership Organisations: D Eastman (IP17 GNS), S Watson (CYDs)

Others present: L Bennett (ESC, Community Partnerships Manager), Z Botten (ESC, Communities Officer), N Rickard (Head of Communities), J Thain (Leiston Change Manager), K Abbott (ESC, Clerk to the Community Partnership)

Item	
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>
	Apologies for absence were received from Becki Gaunt (Flagship Housing Association), Cllr Roz Barnett (Saxmundham TC), Cllr John Fisher (ESC), Caroline Rinder, Deputy Clerk (Leiston TC)
<b>3</b>	<b>Community Partnership Grant Application – Dementia Project – Covid-19 Response and Recovery</b>
	Joanne Thain, supported by Zoe Botten, summarised the published application which sought £5400 grant funding to commence implementation of a Covid-19 response and recovery plan based on the priorities identified by the Community Partnership in relation to social isolation and the Suffolk Dementia Forum’s Covid 19 sub-group; these were summarised within the application at section 2. Joanne Thain added that it was proposed that the plan would be implemented in March 2021 and, in simple terms, would provide social connection for those with dementia and their carers and act as a single point of contact in the Partnership’s area. Zoe Botten stated that the impact of dementia linked to two of the Partnership’s identified priorities. Nicole Rickard also stated that those with dementia were a priority group,



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	<p>but particularly during the pandemic when they were unable to understand the drastic change to their normal daily routine, and that the current crisis offered no respite for the carers of those with dementia.</p> <p>Cllr Haworth-Culf emphasised the importance of support and help those with dementia but equally those who care for them. She noted that, presently, the current project covered the Leiston area but would spread to Aldeburgh, Saxmundham and the surrounding villages as part of the application. Cllr Cusack said he supported the application but asked for an indication of what the grant, if agreed, would be spent upon and was it sufficient. Joanne Thain replied that it was sufficient until April 2021 as other sources of funding had been identified, including Leiston Town Council. She added that the sustainability of the proposed plan was being looked at to make it more permanent. It was noted that KPIs and deliverables for the project would be monitored.</p> <p>Cllr Bond asked if funding, similar to that provided by Leiston TC, would also be sought from Aldeburgh and Saxmundham TCs. Joanne Thain said this would be discussed with Sharon Cuthbert as would other additional sources of grant funding. In response to a query by Cllr Fellowes, Joanne Thain stated that Sharon Cuthbert would look for all opportunities to work with other organisations and providers to achieve synergy.</p> <p>The approval of the application was proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Haworth-Culf and agreed by unanimous consensus. The application would be submitted to the ESC Funding Team prior to submission for final endorsement by the Cabinet member.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Date of the next meeting</b>
	The next scheduled meeting would be held on Monday 11 January 2021 at 3.30pm

The meeting concluded at 4.50pm