

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

meeting date: TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2024
title: TaAF ACCELERATOR AGREEMENT
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval for the TaAF Agreement with Blackburn with Darwen who are the accountable body with Sport England for the funding, which the Pennine Lancs area receives.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities
 - Community Objectives – To help make peoples' lives healthier and safer.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 An update on our work and proposed future work with TaAF was provided to committee in October 2023.
- 2.2 The Council has been involved with TaAF from inception, together with the other districts in Pennine Lancashire BwD, Burnley, Pendle, Rossendale, and Hyndburn. The funding comes from Sport England via BwD and covers the period up to 2025. The original funding was for Local Delivery Pilots and 12 were allocated Nationally, in 2019. The first period of investment was called the Pathfinder phase.
- 2.3 Sport England has taken the learning from the 12 national pilots so far and used that as the basis recently for allocating further funding across England to help other areas which were unsuccessful in the original funding of the pilots. They now refer to those original areas and the new ones yet to be created as Place Partners, in line with their new strategy which is focused on place-based working.
- 2.4 The next phase of the Place Pilot is called Accelerator and will build upon the work already explored; in Ribble Valley this will see the development of the Active Village theme for example, which has proved very successful in Dunsop Bridge and Slaidburn.

3. ISSUES

- 3.1 A standard agreement for TaAF funding is in place with Blackburn Council for all East Pennine districts including ourselves. It is proposed that the second phase of TaAF (Accelerator Phase) is covered through a variation to this agreement. The work is fully funded through Sport England and a summary of the expected spend agreed with Sport England is shown in Appendix 2
- 3.2 The deed of variation is attached at Appendix 3 for agreement by Committee.
- 3.3 The programme agreed with Sport England includes the appointment of an additional member of staff to co-ordinate the community and partner engagement to address long term health issues and oversee other aspects of the accelerator programme. This member of staff will be recruited to a fully funded fixed term post, until the end of 2025 and will co-ordinate delivery of the new work. This post has been evaluated and will be advertised according to our standard recruitment process.
- 3.4 There will also be a series of partner agreements with local deliverers in the Borough, in large part these will be people who are able to co-ordinate activities in Villages for

example, as part of the roll out of the Active Village theme. These will be secured using the Councils' established procurement process.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications.

- Resources – The project plan is included in the agreement, and shows the work being undertaken is fully funded from the funding received.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – Incorporated into the agreement appended.
- Political – No implications identified.
- Reputation – The work which has been carried out by and on behalf of the Council has all been funded and this has led to several successful initiatives which residents are benefiting from.
- Equality & Diversity – The ethos of the funding is to enable activity being available to all.

6 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

6.1 Approve the Council entering into the deed of variation for phase 2 accelerator as outlined in this report.

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Appendices

Appendix 1- TaAF Agreement
Appendix 2 TaAF Deed of variation
Appendix 3 – TaAF Budget Outline
Appendix 4 – TaAF Project Accelerator Goals

BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

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