



FULFILLING LIVES: AGEING BETTER

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 84/13

14 OCTOBER 2013

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with up to date information on the Island's progress with an application to the Big Lottery funding stream Fulfilling Lives: Ageing Better.

No. DETAIL

1) INTRODUCTION

- a) The main purpose of Fulfilling Lives: Ageing Better is to support older people who are marginalised or most at risk of social isolation and loneliness so that they can lead more fulfilling lives. The definition of 'older' in this context is 50+.
 - b) The Big Lottery Fund has made up to £70 million available for the Fulfilling Lives: Ageing Better initiative. It expects to make awards of between £2 million and £6 million to between 15 and 20 areas, over a three to six year period.
 - c) It invited 100 Local Authorities – including the Isle of Wight Council – to submit Expressions of Interest from which 32 – also including the Isle of Wight – have been selected to proceed to the next stage.
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2) PROGRESS TO DATE

- a) The Big Lottery hosted a meeting from 11am – 3.30pm at Riverside on Friday 13 September of those who had been involved and others who had subsequently been invited after expressing an interest in being involved: I attended on behalf of Ventnor Town Council.
 - b) The meeting agreed a process for selecting a Lead Agency for the next stages that consisted of a meeting on 27 September where Age UK Isle of Wight were formally appointed to that role.
 - c) As the lead agency, Age UK Isle of Wight is able to submit by 8 November a Partnership Development Funding Form to apply for up to £20,000 to fund the development of the partnership and the work involved in preparing the vision and strategy for the actual project.
 - d) The Partnership has to be third sector led, but is intended to include both public and private sector members.
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3) NEXT STAGES

- a) The Partnership has to submit its vision and strategy based on locally identified needs and experiences of older people and service providers by noon on 30 April 2014.
 - b) By July 2014 decisions will be made about those who are to be invited to proceed to the project planning stage: expected to be between 15-20 of the 32.
 - c) The project plan and partnership agreement for those involved in this final stage have to be submitted by noon on 22 December 2014.
 - d) Decisions on those will be made by April 2015 and the successful partnerships will be able to start the agreed project within three months.
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4) RECOMMENDATION

- a) Ventnor Town Council clearly has an interest in supporting this developing project and in presenting the case for the town to figure significantly in its delivery as it has one of the highest proportions of the target group on the Island.
 - b) The Town Council is recommended to consider how it can best be involved in and contributing to the project's development.
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