

<p>Agenda Item: Funding of Belper Warm Welcome and Information Hub.</p> <p>Submitted by: Councillor Steve Kennedy</p>										
<p>1. Approval: to approve spending of up to £500 for the setting up and operation of the Belper Warm Welcome and Information Hub.</p>										
<p>2. Purpose of the Report: To detail the spending anticipated in the setting up and operation of the Belper Warm Welcome and Information Hub and to request approval of funding.</p>										
<p>3. Background Information: In the context of the current financial climate there have been a number of initiatives started, amongst mainly volunteer groups, to offer warm spaces around Belper. Currently, none of those spaces are available to most working families because they operate during normal working hours. This initiative will be open in the late afternoon and early evening on every weekday and will be staffed by volunteers. Initially, the volunteers will be members of this Council. The Warm Welcome and Information Hub will operate from the Belper Leisure Centre Café and will be open from 4pm to 7pm. Provision of the Hub will start on the 9th Jan 23 and end on 31st Mar 23 (11 weeks).</p> <p>Funding will be required to set up and operate the Hub and the anticipated amounts are detailed below:</p> <table><tr><td>Provision of refreshments and snacks:</td><td>£275 (£5/day for 55 days)</td></tr><tr><td>Facebook advertising:</td><td>£200</td></tr><tr><td>Printed materials:</td><td>£100</td></tr><tr><td>Contingency:</td><td>£125</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>£700</td></tr></table> <p>The funding will be sourced from the amount budgeted against the Belper Town Council Corporate Plan. Spending will be monitored and ratified by the Clerk in accordance with this report and associated approvals granted by Full Council.</p>	Provision of refreshments and snacks:	£275 (£5/day for 55 days)	Facebook advertising:	£200	Printed materials:	£100	Contingency:	£125	Total	£700
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<p>4. Legislation: N/A</p>										
<p>5. Accessibility Implications: The Hub will be accessible to wheelchair users.</p>										
<p>6. Climate Emergency Implications: Use of the Hub will allow people to reduce their use of heating in their homes.</p>										

<p>7. Corporate Plan Implications: Within the Caring Belper chapter of the Corporate Plan, Objective CA4 of the Corporate plan is to “Help provide support for vulnerable people.” This initiative is serving that objective.</p>
<p>8. Financial Implications: The financial implications to the Council are limited by previous allocation of funds to the execution of the Corporate Plan and the monitoring of spending by Responsible Officers.</p>
<p>9. Recommendation: The recommendation is that Council approve funding of £700 for the setting up and operation of the Belper Warm Welcome and Information Hub.</p>
<p>10. Reasons for recommendation: To provide support to vulnerable people in Belper in accordance with the BTC Corporate Plan.</p>