

## Committee: Cabinet

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Wards: All

### Subject: **Merton Civic Pride Fund: Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector 2023/26**

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#### Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet note the allocation of 24 projects in the voluntary and community sector to receive Civic Pride Fund funding totalling £4,917,252.67.67 over the 2023 -2026 period.
  2. That Cabinet note the approach to selecting providers.
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## 1 BACKGROUND

1.1 This report sets out the proposed allocation of £4,917,252.67 to the voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations who applied for grant funding from the Merton Civic Pride Fund: Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector 2023/26. A positive and significant increase of 35% more funding than the previous Strategic Partner Programme 2019-22.

1.2 With Nurturing Civic Pride being one of the new administration's key priorities for Merton, the funding programme has involved extensive engagement and collaborative working alongside the voluntary and community sector including benchmarking and researching into the national, regional and local context. Understanding how and where our residents need support reflects our commitment to restoring Civic Pride in our borough. We want people to feel proud to live, work and visit in Merton.

- 1.3 It was agreed by Cabinet in September that all core funding that goes to the voluntary sector and the local area should come under the overarching umbrella of a Merton 'Civic Pride Fund' (CPF). This reflects our commitment to investing in the local VCS infrastructure that supports our local communities.
- 1.4 Key headlines include:
- At almost £5 million, this combined grant programme is the largest contribution to support the voluntary and community sector for many years.
  - With 20 organisations being funded for 3 years, this is the largest amount of organisations funded via grants.
  - Out of the 20 organisations, 3 organisations haven't received this funding previously. This provides both stability within the sector, and opportunities to explore new projects
  - 28% of the total funding available is going to smaller groups/organisations.
  - Over £1 million to organisations that support older people.
  - Over £500,000 to organisations that support people with disabilities and impairments.
  - £203,962.00 to BAME Voice, a significant increase on the previous round of grant funding.
- 1.5 This report provides Members with details of the work to commission the council's Civic Pride Fund: Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector and the process moving forward.
- 1.6 The whole process including the [prospectus](#)<sup>1</sup> was co-designed with the voluntary and community sector through extensive engagement and a collaborative working group, which was led by an independent chair.
- 1.7 The new fund has four pots of funding, which are aligned with the council's 'Working Better With Communities' framework – see separate report on this agenda. A total of forty applications were received. The following applications were received for each element:
- Services that provide help - 5
  - Services that grow strengths and capabilities - 13
  - Active, supportive communities - 20
  - An enabling system and place- 2
- 1.8 The Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector fund brings together multiple funding pots under one single grants process.
- 1.9 The aims of the new 2023-26 Civic Pride Fund: Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector are to:

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<sup>1</sup> [Civic Pride Fund: Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector | Merton Council](#)

- Invest in and support Merton’s local voluntary and community infrastructure.
- Nurture a strong sense of community and reduce inequalities.
- Bring together preventative services that provide information, advice and support in the community to strengthen Merton resident’s physical, social, emotional, and economic resilience.

## **2      DETAIL**

- 2.1      Following approval by Cabinet on 22 September 2022, the grant opened for applications from 3<sup>rd</sup> October and ended on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2022, after a six-week period. A total of 40 applications were received.
- 2.2      To support smaller organisations through the application process online webinars, 1:1 support sessions and virtual workshops were facilitated by both Merton council and Merton connected. FAQs were developed, and organisations could contact the funders at any stage with queries.
- 2.3      A funding panel was convened on 29 and 30 November and 6 December to score applications against the weighted criteria, including the ways of working set out in the funding prospectus. The panel included representatives from the Council (including the Equalities Officer) and Southwest London Integrated Care Board.
- 2.4      Applications for each element were scored and ranked. Any that were found to fall below the minimum threshold of a weighted score of 60 or fell outside the scope set out in the Prospectus were automatically not eligible. Funding allocations were then considered for each theme based on ranking.
- 2.5      A decision report was prepared, and an Equality Analysis completed for the Chief Executive on the 30 December to approve recommendations on organisations to be funded. All applicants will be notified by letter of the decision on the 5 January 2023. Funding agreements and monitoring arrangements will be finalised in March 2023 and funding will commence from April 2023.
- 2.6      Out of 40 applications, 20 organisations were successful with funding, with 24 projects. Detailed below in 2.7 are a list of organisations that were successful and unsuccessful following evaluation and the amount agreed for 3 years following chief officer decision. For further details of the summary (including description and scoring), please refer to Appendix I, page 10.

## 2.7

1. **Services that provide help:** the services that provide emergency assistance to people in crisis and direct help to adults in need.

**Successful Applicants**

Organisation	Amount Requested 2023-2026	Funding Amount 2023-2026
Power Centre Church	£65,200.00	£38,073.00
Commonside Community Development Trust	£36,927.00	£36,927.00
Merton Vision	£30,945.00	£30,945.00

**Unsuccessful Organisations**

Organisation	Amount Requested 2023-2026	Funding Amount 2023-2026
Faith in Action - Merton Homelessness Project	£90,000	No funding
Inner Strength Network	£120,000	Not eligible

2. **Services that grow strengths and capabilities:** the services that provide good quality information, support and non-accredited advice, accredited advice and casework and specialist and/or legal representation where necessary.

**Successful Applicants**

Organisation	Amount Requested 2023-2026	Funding Amount 2023-2026
Age UK Merton	£1,557,087.07	£530,581.20
Association for Polish Family	£163,000.00	£163,000.00
Citizens Advice Merton and Lambeth	£1,616,504.00	£1,293,203.20
Commonside Community Development Trust	£98,439.00	£78,751.20
Merton Centre for Independent Living	£148,248.00	£148,248.00
Merton Mencap (AF1)	£68,466.00	£54,772.80
Merton Vision (AF2)	£73,882.00	£59,105.60
South West London Law Centres	£228,724.00	£228,724.00
Springfield Advice and Law Centre	£190,300.00	£190,300.00
Wimbledon Guild	£148,293.00	£148,293.00

**Unsuccessful Organisations**

Organisation	Amount Requested 2023-2026	Funding Amount 2023-2026
Alzheimer's Society	£153,494.00	No eligible
Home-Start Merton	£58,980.00	Not eligible

South London Refugee Association	£134,259.59	No funding
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- 3. Active, supportive communities:** the services that co-design support and solutions with people and communities to help grow their relationships and connections and increase their level of activity. This will include low level preventative activities and Healthwatch Merton.

### Successful Applicants

Organisation	Amount Requested 2023-2026	Funding Amount 2023-2026
AFC Wimbledon Foundation	£211,150.00	£0* <sup>2</sup>
Age UK Merton (AF1)	£314,029.41	£0*
Attic Theatre Company	£38,514.00	£38,514.00
Commonside Community Development Trust (AF1)	£142,574.00	£142,574.00
Friends In Helier	£178,000.00	£150,410.00
The Merton and Morden Guild of Social Service	£144,500.00	£122,102.50
Merton Community Transport	£52,031.03	£43,966.22
Merton Mencap	£68,520.00	£68,520.00
Merton Mencap (AF2)	£56,706.00	£0*
Merton Mencap (AF3)	£48,300.00	£0*
Merton Mencap (AF4)	£41,865.00	£0*
Merton Vision	£182,664.00	£154,351.08
North East Mitcham Community Association	£16,083.87	£13,590.87
Wimbledon Guild (AF1)	£102,696.00	£0*
Merton Connected (AF1)	£375,000.00	£375,000.00

### Unsuccessful Organisations

Organisation	Amount Requested 2023-2026	Funding Amount 2023-2026
Accoutre Centre for Learning	£30,000	Not eligible
Ethnic Minority Centre Ltd	£49,989.00	No funding
South Mitcham Community Association	£122,938.00	No funding
Unique Talent CIC	£370,740.00	No funding
Jigsaw4u	£132,107.00	Not eligible

<sup>2</sup> \* As preventative activities had a large number of strong applications, far exceeding the funding available, the panel made the decision to discuss alternative funding arrangements with four organisations. These organisations have agreed to withdraw their funding applications and are in ongoing conversations with the Council to confirm future opportunities. This has enabled a wide a reach as possible for preventative activities, making best use of available funding.

4. **An enabling system and place:** the services that help to support an enabling system and place. This will include voluntary and community sector infrastructure support and the provision of small grants.

### Successful Organisations

Organisation	Funding Amount Requested 2023-2026	Funding Amount 2023-2026
BAME VOICE	£203,962.00	£203,962.00
Merton Connected	£807,300.00	£603,338.00

- 2.8 We will ensure that as part of the equality analysis, organisations that were eligible but low scoring will be supported by the council and Merton Connected to identify alternative funding opportunities.

### 3 NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 New funding agreements for the Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector programme will begin on 1 April 2023, for all allocated funding.
- 3.2 Following key decision approval, letters will be sent to all organisations by the 5 January 2023, the Council website will be updated with the outcomes and a communications plan will be developed, which will include an article in My Merton.
- 3.3 There are no current Strategic Partners who applied for funding who were unsuccessful in their applications. However, there are some organisations that have not applied for grant funding (including Imagine Independence, DeafPlus and Asian Elderly Group of Merton). There is no provision in the Civic Pride budget for any transitional arrangements for organisations who will no longer be funded in the next financial year. However, ongoing conversations with four organisations that withdrew their applications (following discussions with the Council) will continue to explore other opportunities in partnership with the Council. The overall budget will be kept under review as part of the approach to balancing the budget over the medium-term.
- 3.4 To further support and develop Merton's small, volunteer and community led organisations, including diversity-led groups, the Civic Pride Fund: Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector, will allocate funding for smaller groups to build in opportunities and address challenges around infrastructure and capacity. This will be administered via Merton Giving to the value of £50,000pa for the next 3 years (starting in April 2023).

### 4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1 A number of engagement activities have informed this fund.
- 4.2 Transforming How We Work with Communities project, and as part of this the listening and engagement work to shape the working better with communities framework.
- 4.3 Your Merton engagement and findings report.

- 4.4 VCS community response monthly steering group.
- 4.5 Covid-19 Impact reports for people with dementia and their carers, people with a learning disability and their carers, people from black and minority ethnic communities and young people.
- 4.6 Merton Connected ‘State of the Sector’ report.
- 4.7 The outcomes of the Big Conversation for people with a learning disability.
- 4.8 A large online engagement event facilitated by Collaborate CIC took place on the 27 April 2022 attended by over 50 people. At the event, initial ideas were sought on the principles underpinning the work, the process, the vision, and the proposed outcomes of the programme. Delegates were invited to continue to co-produce the whole programme through Collaborative Working Group, which met 5 times.
- 4.9 The formal consultation on the prospectus was open from 21 July to 16 August.
- 4.10 Conversations with commissioners within the council and beyond have taken place throughout this process. The early proposals were taken to a commissioner’s workshop on 24 May 2022.

**5 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The following table details the confirmed funding available which can be met within existing core budgets for four key themes in Civic Pride Fund (CPF): Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector:

<b>Civic Pride Fund: Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector</b>	<b>Annual amount</b>	<b>3 years 2023-2026</b>
<b>Services that provide help</b>		
Services that provide emergency assistance to people in crisis	£25,000	£75,000
Services that provide direct help to adults 18+ in need	£55,000 (£10,315 has been allocated)	£165,000 (£30,945 has been allocated) The surplus £134,028.67 funding was transferred to preventative activities
<b>Services that grow strengths and capabilities</b>		
Telephone/digital/face to face information, advice, accredited advice, casework and specialist and legal representation	£964,993	£2,894,979 Of this funding, £1,232,679 is allocated specifically for adults in need and the remaining funding for all ages
<b>Active, supportive communities</b>		
Preventative activities for adults 18+ in need	£200,000	£600,000* In addition to this funding, £134,028.67 was transferred from

		services that provide help
Healthwatch	£125,000	£375,000
<b>An enabling system and place</b>		
Infrastructure support	£269,100	£807,300
<b>Total (New Allocation)</b>	<b>£1,639,093</b>	<b>£4,917,279</b>

## **6 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The council has legal duties to provide information and advice, in particular under the Care Act 2014 (Part 1 Section 4) and the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 (Section 2). Furthermore, the council has the power under the Localism Act 2011 (known as the general power of competence) to do anything an individual may do, unless specifically prohibited. This includes the power to make grants and thus the Localism Act 2011 enables the council to provide the funding to cover the strategic themes that have been identified in the report.
- 6.2 In adopting an outcomes-focused commissioned grants approach, care must be taken to ensure that the outcomes identified are not such that a funding agreement is in reality a contract for the provision of services, which would be subject to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the council's Contract Standing Orders.
- 6.3 Care should also be taken that the giving of a grant does not amount to a subsidy falling under the subsidy control regime. As such the council should ensure that prior to award of grant a declaration is made by the organisation.

## **7 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 When decisions are made as to which voluntary organisations will continue to be funded and which are not to be funded, regard will need to be had to the public sector equality duties and decision-making will be informed by equality analysis.
- 7.2 The range of services recommended for funding will ensure equal access to all members of the community and can be targeted at those people and areas with the highest levels of need.
- 7.3 Any potential negative impact for voluntary and community sector organisations that have not met, or who were not eligible to reach the more detailed criteria we used to decide who our Strategic Partners will be mitigated through the actions outlined in the attached Equality Analysis Improvement Action Plan.



## **8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 None specific to this report. The proposals in this report do not have a direct crime and disorder impact, however, they will contribute to an inclusive and cohesive society and improve the resilience of vulnerable residents. Overall, this should have a positive impact on the factors that contribute to crime and disorder and reduce the likelihood of vulnerable residents becoming victims of criminal behaviour.

## **9 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 Two of the council's key risks relate to equalities and to partnership working. The proposals set out in this report will mitigate risks in relation to both key risks.

## **10 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

- Appendix 1: Successful and unsuccessful applicants for Civic Pride Funding: Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector 2023-2026.

## **11 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 1 Cabinet report – Merton Civic Pride Fund: Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector 2023/26 – commissioning requirements 19/09/2022 - [Final Cabinet report 19 September Civic Pride VCS.pdf \(merton.gov.uk\)](#)
- 2 CMT report - Merton Civic Pride Fund: Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector 2023/26 - commissioning requirements 16/08/22
- 3 CMT report - Strategic Partner Programme 2023-2026 12/05/2022
- 4 Key Decision Report - Strategic Partner Programme 2019/22 25/02/2019 <https://democracy.merton.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=714>
- 5 Key Decision Report - Strategic Partner Programme 2019/22 18/12/2018 <https://democracy.merton.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=687>
- 6 Cabinet report – Strategic Partner Programme 2019/22 commissioning requirements 17/09/2018 - <https://democracy.merton.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=629>
- 7 Cabinet report – Future Funding of the Strategic Partner Programme – 03/07/2017 - <https://democracy.merton.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=47>

## Appendix I Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector fund 2023/26 – Scoring and recommended funding

### Theme 1 Successful Applications

Organisation	Summary of Service	Score	Amount Requested 2023-2026	Funding Amount 2023-2026
Power Centre Church	To build capacity to be better able to assist vulnerable residents living in the deprived area of East Merton through extending foodbank, offering information and advice, refer to other organisations and further train volunteers.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 2 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 60	£65,200.00	£38,073.00
Commonside Community Development Trust	To provide emergency/crisis support to residents of Pollards Hill.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 4 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 4 Weighted Score: 72	£36,927.00	£36,927.00
Merton Vision	Direct outreach support to residents with a visual impairment who are isolated and/or struggling with the cost of living.	Meets Requirements: 4 Value for Money: 4 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 4 Weighted Score: 80	£30,945.00	£30,945.00

### Theme 1 Unsuccessful Organisations

Organisation	Summary of Service	Score	Amount Requested 2023-2026	Funding Amount 2023-2026
Faith in Action - Merton Homelessness Project	To provide support via a drop-in service to people who are homeless or vulnerably housed.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 2 Track Record: 3 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 56	£90,000	No funding

Inner Strength Network	To enhance prevention activity for women and girls by funding administration, budgeting, monitoring, staff support, room space and training programme to professionals.	Meets Requirements: 1 Value for Money: N/A Track Record: N/A Addressing Inequalities: N/A Weighted Score: N/A	£120,000	Not eligible
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## Theme 2 Successful Applications

Organisation	Summary of Service	Score	Amount Requested 2023-2026	Funding Amount 2023-2026
Age UK Merton	Proposal to put in place an integrated Community Support Service (CSS), bringing together established Information and Advice and Living Well services, to further grow strengths and capabilities for older clients in Merton.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 2 Track Record: 3 Addressing Inequalities: 4 Weighted Score: 60	£1,557,087.07	£530,581.20
Association for Polish Family	Provide support for the Polish and EE communities in Merton mainly through the provision of information, support, and non-accredited advice, including outreach sessions.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 4 Weighted Score: 68	£163,000.00	£163,000.00
Citizens Advice Merton and Lambeth	Provide a range of information, advice, casework and specialist support services to people across the borough relating to social welfare law. Service will include further enhanced Merton Adviceline, and face-to-face information support and advice provision.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 64	£1,616,504.00	£1,293,203.20
Commonside Community Development Trust	Provide an enhanced 'Step Forward' programme to provide advice and support to residents in the East Mitcham area.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 64	£98,439.00	£78,751.20

Merton Centre for Independent Living	Increasing the capacity of the Information and Advice service through an accredited caseworker support for Deaf and Disabled residents in Merton relating to welfare benefits, social care, concessionary travel, housing, grant applications and health.	Meets Requirements: 4 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 3 Addressing Inequalities: 4 Weighted Score: 72	£148,248.00	£148,248.00
Merton Mencap (AF1)	Provide a Community Facilitator service which supports adults with learning disabilities and/or autism to live to more independently and achieve positive life-goals.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 64	£68,466.00	£54,772.80
Merton Vision (AF2)	Expansion of current specialist one to one and counselling service and Benefits and Welfare support services to a new client group (Hard of Hearing/Deaf people).	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 3 Addressing Inequalities: 4 Weighted Score: 64	£73,882.00	£59,105.60
South West London Law Centres	Expansion of current legal casework and representation services in Merton, providing a new Merton-based Housing and Welfare Benefits Caseworker and a Crisis Navigator, based in the community, providing early triage and crisis navigation support.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 4 Weighted Score: 68	£228,724.00	£228,724.00
Springfield Advice and Law Centre	Provide a legal advice service for mental health services users, offering advice and casework representation in debt and welfare benefit matters, including expanded advice outreach sessions.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 4 Weighted Score: 68	£190,300.00	£190,300.00
Wimbledon Guild	Provide a preventative, strengths-based Wellbeing Support service, offering a holistic assessment and 1:1 support for vulnerable, isolated older people with limited connections in the community.	Meets Requirements: 4 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 72	£148,293.00	£148,293.00

## Theme 2 Unsuccessful Organisations

Organisation	Summary of Service	Score	Amount Requested 2023-2026	Funding Amount 2023-2026
Alzheimer's Society	To provide a Community Development Worker to lead on work with people from ethnic minority backgrounds who are living with or affected by dementia or experiencing memory difficulties across Merton.	Meets Requirements: 1 Value for Money: N/A Track Record: N/A Addressing Inequalities: N/A Weighted Score: N/A	£153,494.00	No eligible
Home-Start Merton	Provide support to parents to help promote positive parenting through 1:1 home visiting support, extended family support group service and counselling service.	Meets Requirements: 1 Value for Money: N/A Track Record: N/A Addressing Inequalities: N/A Weighted Score: N/A	£58,980.00	Not eligible
South London Refugee Association	Provide an advice and casework service for refugees, asylum seekers and other vulnerable migrants in Merton. Caseworker to provide advice around issues including immigration, welfare benefits, training and health.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 2 Track Record: 3 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 56	£134,259.59	No funding

## Theme 3.1 Successful Organisations

Organisation	Summary of Service	Score	Amount Requested 2023-2026	Funding Amount 2023-2026
AFC Wimbledon Foundation	To employ a health activator and sports coaches to deliver sporting activities across the borough for older and more vulnerable adults and carers.	Meets Requirements: 4 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 4 Weighted Score: 76	£211,150.00	£0  Please refer to 2.11 in Decision Report

Age UK Merton (AF1)	To expand preventative activities for older people targeting older men and residents from ethnic minorities and other marginalised communities to attend.	Meets Requirements: 4 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 72	£314,029.41	£0  Please refer to 2.11 in Decision Report
Attic Theatre Company	To provide two weekly singing groups and in addition a dance and movement workshop for people with Dementia and their carers.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 4 Weighted Score: 68	£38,514.00	£38,514.00
Commonside Community Development Trust (AF1)	To provide a drop-in community café, a range of activities for older and vulnerable residents in Pollards Hill and a hot two-course meal Monday to Friday.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 4 Weighted Score: 68	£142,574.00	£142,574.00
Friends In Helier	To provide a range of activities, outreach support and outings for older people to socialise, join in with activities and eat a hot meal together.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 2 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 60	£178,000.00	£150,410.00
The Merton and Morden Guild of Social Service	To provide 16 (growing to 20) preventative activities per week for older people in Merton.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 3 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 60	£144,500.00	£122,102.50
Merton Community Transport	To provide an excursion club (two trips per month) supporting members of the community struggling with loneliness and isolation to places of interest.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 2 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 60	£52,031.03	£43,966.22

Merton Mencap	My Life My Community Saturday Hub for adults with a learning disability and/or Autism.	Meets Requirements: 4 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 72	£68,520.00	£68,520.00
Merton Mencap (AF2)	My Life My Community Independent Travel Training service to support adults over the age of 25 with a learning disability and/or Autism to become safe, independent travellers.	Meets Requirements: 4 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 72	£56,706.00	£0  Please refer to 2.11 in Decision Report
Merton Mencap (AF3)	My Life My Community Friendship Club for adults with high-functioning Autism called Aces 2.	Meets Requirements: 4 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 72	£48,300.00	£0  Please refer to 2.11 in Decision Report
Merton Mencap (AF4)	My Life My Community Merton Sings inclusive community choir for people with a learning disability and/or Autism living in Merton.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 64	£41,865.00	£0  Please refer to 2.11 in Decision Report
Merton Vision	A range of support and activities based at the Merton Vision community centre, including volunteer support, preventative activities, building travel confidence, communication support, low vision and lighting advice and social interaction.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 3 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 60	£182,664.00	£154,351.08

North East Mitcham Community Association	To provide a range of activities for older people which includes a lunch club, falls prevention group, breakfast club and fish and chips lunch club.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 3 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 60	£16,083.87	£13,590.87
Wimbledon Guild (AF1)	To employ a male outreach worker to develop a range of activity and volunteering options for older male residents 50+ at risk of frailty and isolation.	Meets Requirements: 4 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 4 Addressing Inequalities: 4 Weighted Score: 76	£102,696.00	£0  Please refer to 2.11 in Decision Report

### Theme 3 Unsuccessful Organisations

Organisation	Summary of Service	Score	Amount Requested 2023-2026	Funding Amount 2023-2026
Accoutre Centre for Learning	To provide 'Keeping yourself healthy' lessons, assemblies and round table discussions to children and young people.	Meets Requirements: 1 Value for Money: N/A Track Record: N/A Addressing Inequalities: N/A Weighted Score: N/A	£30,000	Not eligible
Ethnic Minority Centre Ltd	To provide three activities to BAME communities including swimming (and lunch afterwards), massage and knitting	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 2 Track Record: 3 Addressing Inequalities: 2 Weighted Score: 52	£49,989.00	No funding



South Mitcham Community Association	Employ a community engagement officer to develop a range of activities to adults 18-65 who suffer from multiple indices of deprivation that impact on mental health and well-being.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 2 Track Record: 3 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 56	£122,938.00	No funding
Unique Talent CIC	To provide a peer professional out of hours telephone service, 1-1 holistic support and group work programme for predominantly the BAME community in mainly the East of the Borough.	Meets Requirements: 2 Value for Money: 2 Track Record: 3 Addressing Inequalities: 2 Weighted Score: 44	£370,740.00	No funding
Jigsaw4u	To provide a tenancy support service to work with 18-25 year old young people who are in the process of leaving the care system.	Meets Requirements: 1 Value for Money: N/A Track Record: N/A Addressing Inequalities: N/A Weighted Score: N/A	£132,107.00	Not eligible

### Theme 3.2 Successful Organisations

Organisation	Summary of Service	Score	Funding Amount Requested 2023-2026	Funding Amount 2023-2026
Merton Connected (AF1)	To deliver a Healthwatch Merton service, providing an effective voice for local people in Merton, influencing and shaping Health and Social Care services to meet the needs of children, young people and adults.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 3 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 60	£375,000.00	£375,000.00

### Theme 4.1 Successful Organisations

Organisation	Summary of Service	Score	Funding Amount Requested 2023-2026	Funding Amount 2023-2026
BAME VOICE	To build the capacity of BAME organisations in Merton, through the provision of good quality advice, specialist training and on-going support.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 3 Addressing Inequalities: 4 Weighted Score: 64	£203,962.00	£203,962.00
Merton Connected	To support, enable and champion the voluntary, community and faith sectors in Merton, through the provision of good quality advice and guidance to VCS organisations; learning and sharing insight to improve trust, relationships and the quality of VCS services; investing in community support to create an environment for volunteering to thrive, and: inspiring, mobilising, connecting and growing relationships.	Meets Requirements: 3 Value for Money: 3 Track Record: 3 Addressing Inequalities: 3 Weighted Score: 60	£807,300.00	£603,338.00