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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update members on the community centre monitoring process for 2015 and inform members of the information received for quarter one (April, May and June) and quarter two (July, August and September).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To continue with current funding and monitoring arrangements.

Reason for recommendation

- 2.2 Community centres are delivering in relation to the Public Health indicators. Public Health team are satisfied and impressed with the work/activities being delivered by community centres.

3. Background

- 3.1 A community centre monitoring process was first implemented in April 2012. This has been reviewed, revised and improved on an annual basis. As of April 2015 Public Health & Well -Being contribute 65% of the funding to grant aided community centres with Neighbourhood and Community Services providing the remaining 35%. Public Health and Well-Being were consulted on the community centre monitoring process and were satisfied this met their requirements pending the addition of public health indicators to the spreadsheet. There was also a request that a case study with a public health outcome be added to the process. The following are thus required on a quarterly basis from each community centre:

- A community monitoring spreadsheet highlighting activities, number of sessions, number of people attending. A distinction between whether the activities were community developed or private hires. A summary of the funding for each quarter is also provided, this will highlight if the centre is reliant on Council funding alone or if external funding is also used to deliver the activities.
- A case study to highlight a public health outcome.
- A good news story for the quarter.

- An up to date timetable of activities

3.2 The monitoring process applies to all grant aided community centres across the borough receiving a grant above £6,000. In Pennines Township this applies to Meadowfields Community Centre. The centre receives £38,300 from April 2015 to 31st March 2016.

4. Alternatives considered

4.1 Community Centres could apply for funding in the form of an application form at the start of the new financial year. The applications would then be considered by a panel who could take a decision on the applications received.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications from this report.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

7. Personnel Implications

7.1 There are no personnel implications from this report.

8. Corporate Priorities

8.1 The Vision and Blueprint for Rochdale Council retains Township Committees and will devolve a range of services to Township direction, managed through annual Township Plans which are reviewed on a quarterly basis.

9. Risk Assessment Implications

9.1 Any withdrawal or suspension of funding could lead to reduced services from a community centre.

10. Equalities Impacts

10.1 Workforce Equality Impacts Assessment

There are no significant workforce equality issues arising from this report.

10.2 Equality/Community Impact Assessments

There are no *significant* equality/community issues arising from this report.

Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection