



Policy, Finance and Development Committee	Tuesday, 28 June 2022	Matter for Information and Decision
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Report Title: **Volunteering Policy (June 2022)**

Report Author(s): **Mark Smith (Community Safety & Youth Officer)**

Purpose of Report:	The purpose of this report is to seek this Committee's approval to adopt the revised Volunteering Policy 2022-25.
Report Summary:	This revised Volunteering Policy builds upon the policy developed in 2019 and sets out how the Council's new Volunteering Programme, devised following the recommendations of an Internal Audit, will be administered and managed.
Recommendation(s):	That the Volunteering Policy 2022-25 (as set out at Appendix 1 to this report) is approved.
Senior Leadership, Head of Service, Manager, Officer and Other Contact(s):	<p>David Gill (Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer) (0116) 257 2626 david.gill@oadby-wigston.gov.uk</p> <p>Andrew Dingley (Community & Wellbeing Manager) 07884 475 369 andrew.dingley@oadby-wigston.gov.uk</p> <p>Mark Smith (Community Safety & Youth Officer) (0116) 257 2675 mark.smith@oadby-wigston.gov.uk</p>
Corporate Objectives:	<p>Building, Protecting and Empowering Communities (CO1)</p> <p>Growing the Borough Economically (CO2)</p> <p>Providing Excellent Services (CO3)</p>
Vision and Values:	<p>"A Stronger Borough Together" (Vision)</p> <p>Accountability (V1)</p> <p>Respect (V2)</p> <p>Teamwork (V3)</p> <p>Innovation (V4)</p> <p>Customer Focus (V5)</p>
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	<p>Reputation Damage (CR4)</p> <p>Increased Fraud (CR10)</p> <p>Cyber Threat / Security (CR11)</p> <p>Other Corporate Risk(s)</p>
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications directly arising from this report. EA not applicable.

Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	The implications are as set out in the policy.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None.
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	1. Volunteering Policy (June 2022)

1. Information

- 1.1 The Volunteering Policy 2022-25 is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 1.2 The draft document has been considered by the Senior Leadership Team of the Council and has subsequently been referred to this Committee for formal approval.
- 1.3 The Council already provides varied opportunities for volunteers in the Borough, and works with volunteering groups. The Council recognises the benefits of volunteering for individuals, organisations, and communities.
- 1.4 The Volunteering Policy has been amended from the previously adopted version to incorporate guidance on the development of the Council's Volunteering Programme, highlighting where volunteers can add value to the Council's services and workstreams, and how volunteers can be supported in personal development through training and upskilling.
- 1.5 The Volunteering Policy also seeks to continue the development of enhanced community cohesion and positive public spirit born through the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, as evidenced by the response to a request for volunteers to support the Council's Community Hub, by signposting volunteers to new activities and opportunities.
- 1.6 The Volunteering Policy also makes recommendations for how Council Officers can be afforded volunteering opportunities within the Borough, to the benefit of our communities.