

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

To: Council

**Community Support Plan (CSP) – Commissioning of Generalist
Voluntary Advice Services at Local Government Level 2015-16**

28th July 2015

For Information

Report to Council

Linkage to Interim Corporate Plan	
Strategic Themes	Transition and Transformation Health & Wellbeing Cohesive Community
Lead Officer	Richard Baker - Director of Leisure & Development Julie Welsh – Head of People & Culture
Cost: (If applicable)	

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the provision of generalist voluntary advice services for the Causeway Coast & Glens Council area.

The Department for Social Development (DSD) currently carries policy and primary funding responsibility for generalist voluntary advice services in Northern Ireland. Following Shadow Council agreement in December 2014, receipt of a letter of offer from DSD providing funds towards delivery of advice services for the period April 2015 to March 2016 which was formally accepted by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council in April 2015, we now intend to open a single public tender to the value of £101,138.00 inviting submissions to provide service delivery of Voluntary Generalist Advice Services covering the Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council area. This will be for the final 6 months of the period April 2015 to 31st March 2016 with delivery to commence 1st October 2015.