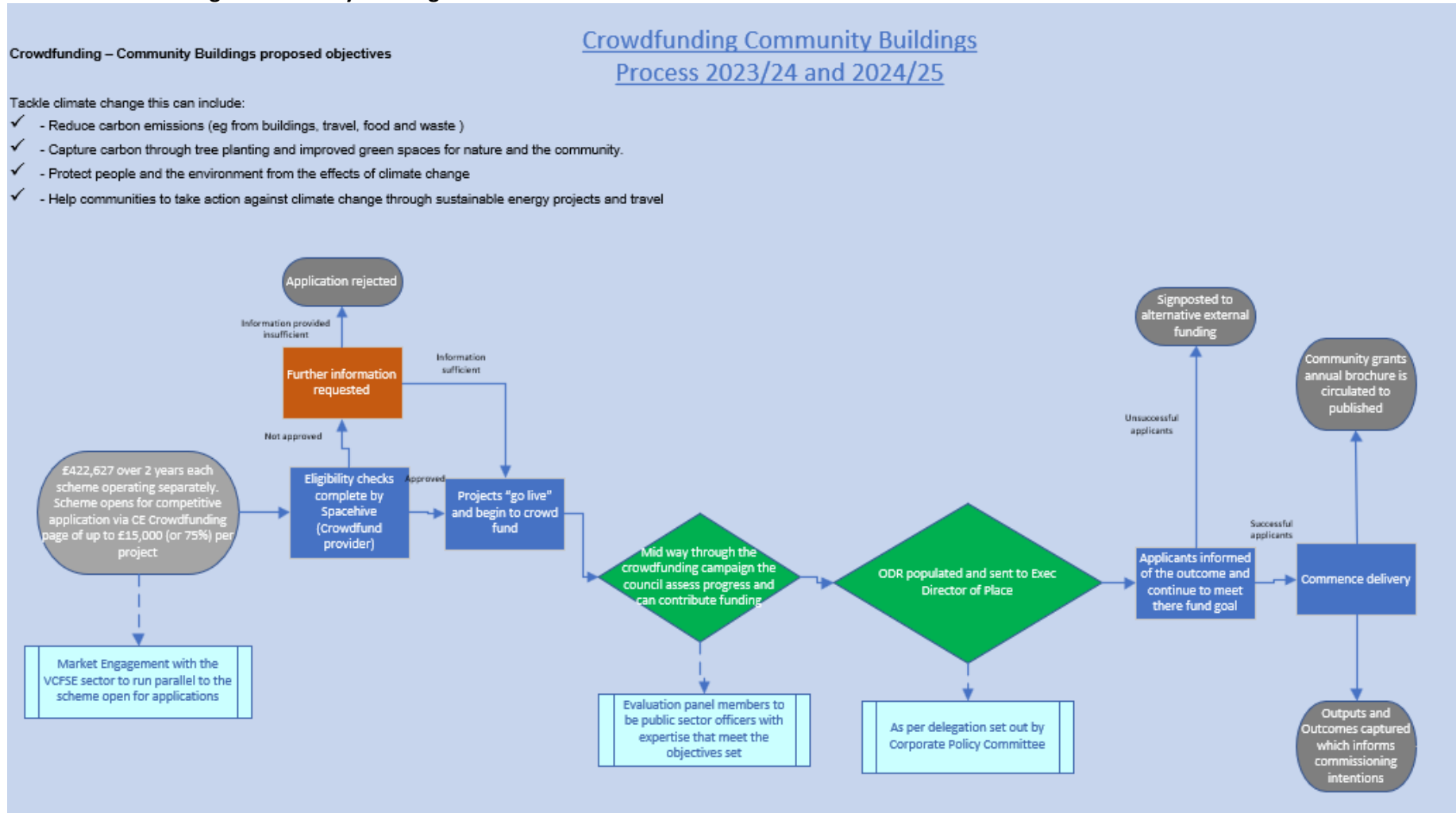


Appendix 1 Community Grant processes for each of the proposed community grant schemes

1. Crowdfunding – Community Buildings



2. Cost-of-Living Community Response Grants

Cost of Living proposed objectives

Support the VCFSE sector in Cheshire East by helping them to recover from the Cost of Living impact by thinking how they may make efficiencies whilst also responding to the needs of their beneficiaries. The Cost-of-Living Community Response Grants focus on the following intervention of the UKSPF:

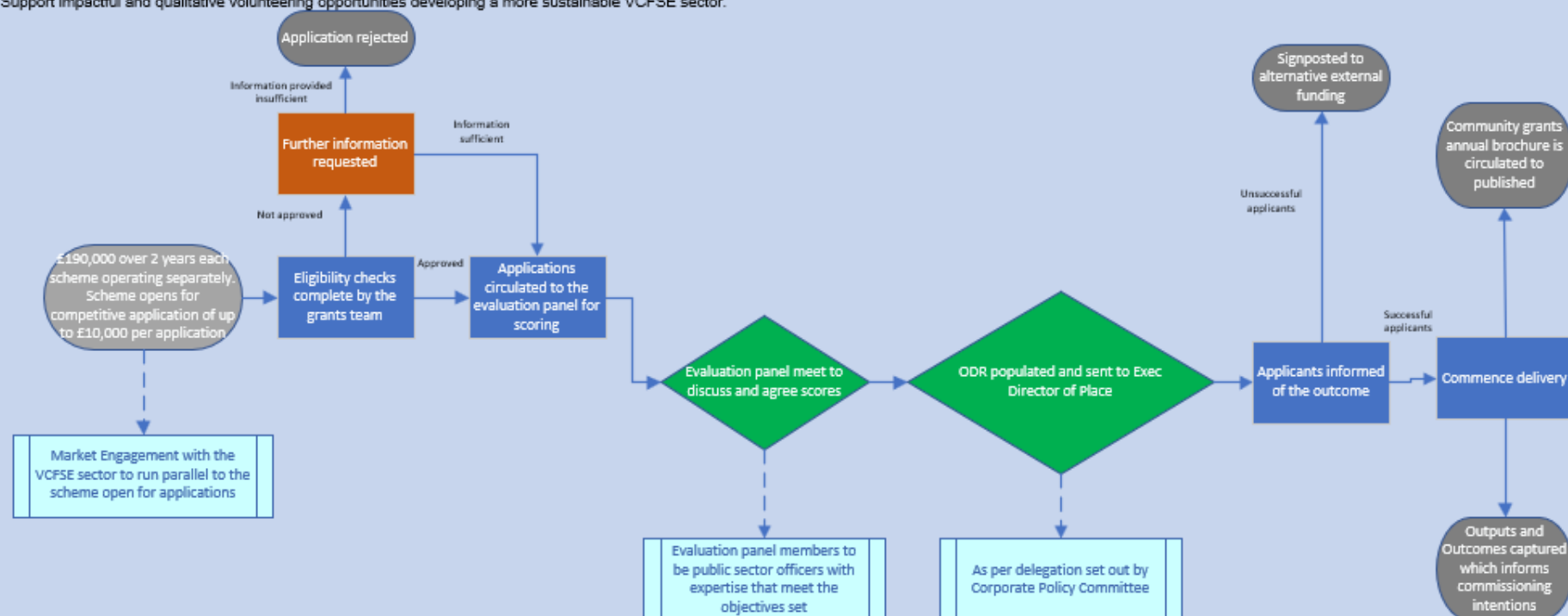
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- ✓ Support the VCFSE sector in Cheshire East by helping them to recover from the cost-of-living impact by thinking how they may make efficiencies whilst also responding to the needs of their beneficiaries.
- ✓ Support the VCFSE sector to develop sustainable food solutions and long-term support to reduce the dependence on food banks (SR).
- ✓ Enable those adversely impacted by the Cost of Living to access the right help and support at the right time.
- ✓ Reduce inequalities through sustainable solutions.
- ✓ Improve Health and Wellbeing that has been affected by the current Cost of Living.
- ✓ Support impactful and qualitative volunteering opportunities developing a more sustainable VCFSE sector.

Cost of Living Response Grant Scheme Process 2023/24 and 2024/25

Needs Assessment

- ✓ Poverty Spotlight Review 5 strategic areas of focus.
- ✓ Cost of living Peoples panels 12 recommendations
- ✓ Poverty Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 8 recommendations



3. Increasing Volunteering and Community Action Fund

Increasing Volunteering and Community Action Fund Process 2023/24 and 2024/25

Increasing Volunteering and Community Action Fund Proposed Objectives

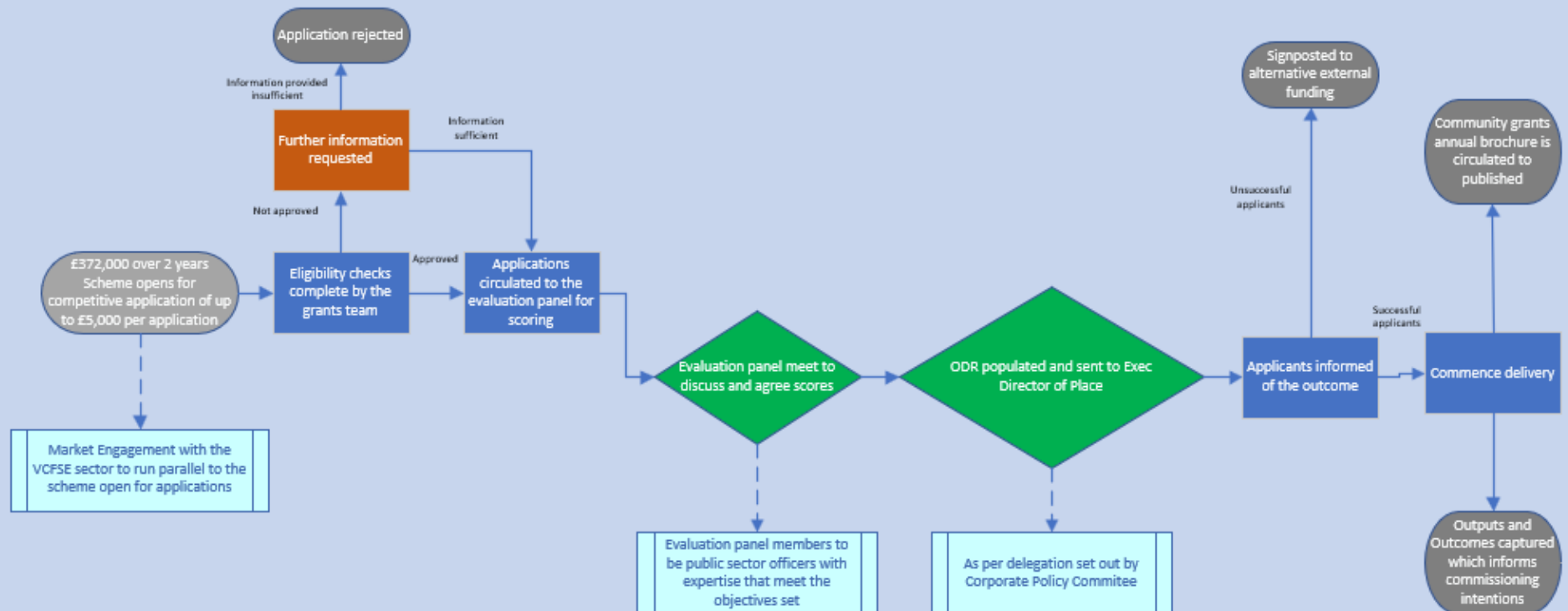
The Increasing Volunteering and Community Action Fund will be a new fund, established to focus on outcomes and priorities within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The anticipated outcomes will be:

- ✓ increased volunteering
- ✓ increased local initiatives,
- ✓ increased Health and Wellbeing awareness.

The Increasing Volunteering and Community Action Fund is part of Cheshire East's delivery plan for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

The fund will focus on the following intervention of the UKSPF:

- ✓ E9 - Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.



4. Rural Community Transport Fund Process

Rural Community Transport Programme Proposed Objectives

- to provide accessible and affordable transport for all areas of Cheshire East
- provide a diverse transport offer that gives options for individuals with different circumstances
- support Ukrainian nationals and refugees who may struggle to access services in nearby towns and villages without relying on sponsors for transport.

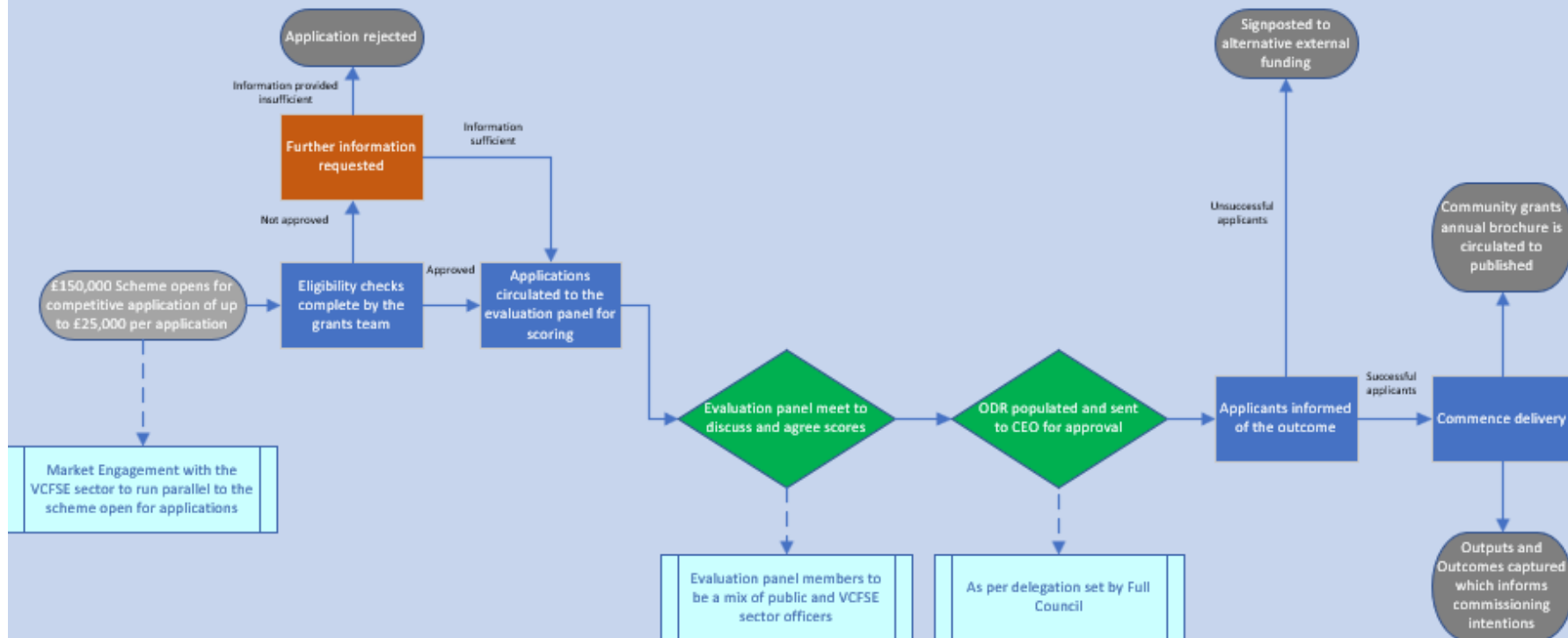
Example projects to be considered:

- Projects which alleviate a lack of transport services to rural communities
- Projects which alleviate poor transport links leading to isolated individuals and communities
- Projects which alleviate transport being a barrier for residents to attend doctors/hospital appointments
- Projects which alleviate a gap in transport available for those with disabilities

Rural Transport Scheme Process 2024/25

Needs Assessment

As part of the Council's responsibilities to deliver the Homes for Ukraine scheme an emerging need has arisen due to the significant pressures Sponsors are under caused by the cost-of-living crisis and increased fuel costs. The reliance on sponsors to transport guests to/from services and appointments is causing tensions and relationship breakdowns between sponsors and guests. The rural community transport scheme will aim to reduce these tensions. On the 18th May 2023 CVSCE hosted a Community Transport Network meetings with 18 public and VCFSE sector representatives where the following concerns were raised concerns in gaps of transport services across Cheshire East for hospital/primary care appointments and VCFSE provision. Alongside that an expectation the VCFSE sector can fill this gap with no available funding. The rural community transport scheme will aim to reduce these concerns.



5. Health and Wellbeing Grants

Health and Wellbeing Grant Process

2023/24

Health and Wellbeing Fund Proposed Objectives

- ✓ Reduce health inequalities by addressing a specific gap in provision or where there is an identified need (evidence)
- ✓ Describe how they will improve access to local health and care services including clear linkages with their respective care community/ communities
- ✓ to develop VCSE led community mental health services specifically for people who have serious long term mental health issues in the community.

Applications to the fund are expected to contribute towards:

- Cardiovascular Health
- Respiratory Health
- Children's Health (Prevention and Early Intervention)
- Older Peoples Health including dementia
- Mental Wellbeing and Social Prescribing

