

To: The Council Leader and Members of Cabinet

Supplement

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR ALLERDALE

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COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR ALLERDALE

Meeting date: 1 July 2020

From: Executive Director – Corporate Customer and Community Services
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ALLERDALE LOCAL COMMITTEE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS 2020-21 – COMMUNITIES BUDGET

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *The report sets out the Communities Budget for Allerdale as agreed at full Council on 13 February 2020 and its purpose is to advise Members of those budgets and to recommend how these are allocated.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 *The budget allocated to each local committee allows local Members the freedom to fund local priorities as determined through Area Planning.*

2.2 *The work of the local committee contributes to the achievement of the Council Plan 2018 – 2022 outcomes which are that:*

- ❖ People in Cumbria are healthy and safe*
- ❖ Places in Cumbria are well-connected and thriving*
- ❖ The economy in Cumbria is growing and benefits everyone*

2.3 *There are no equality implications associated with this report.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 *Members note the budgets allocated to Allerdale Local Committee for 2020-21 as set out in Appendix 1.*

3.2 *Members note the current position statement against the 2020-21 budget as set out in Appendix 2.*

- 3.3 **Members agree the full School Crossing Patrol Budget of £38,154 is allocated to fund the provision of school crossing patrols in the Allerdale area as per the Service Level Agreement - see Appendix 3.**
- 3.4 **Members agree the full Neighbourhood Support Budget of £116,857 is allocated to contribute to the funding of the Community Services Team for 2020-21.**
- 3.5 **Members note the allocation of the full Money Advice Budget, £66,570 to the Citizens Advice Bureau through a Leaders Decision taken on 15 May 2020.**
- 3.6 **Members agree to the allocation of the 0-19 budget of £79,319 as set out in paragraph 4.16 and spent in line with the local committee priorities.**
- 3.7 **Members agree to the use of the 11-19 Universal Provision budget of £32,908 to be agreed at future meetings of local committee.**
- 3.8 **Members note the agreement to establish a Covid-19 Response Fund of up to £20,000 through a Leaders Decision taken on 2 April 2020.**
- 3.9 **Members agree the allocation of the remainder of the General Provision budget (£57,701) be allocated as set out in paragraph 4.20 and spent in line with the local committee priorities.**
- 3.10 **Members note the continuance of the approval of monies from 0-19, 11-19 Universal Services and General Provision in excess of £5,000 to be made at meetings of local committee as per the Constitution as separate agenda items.**
- 3.11 **Members note the approval of monies from 0-19, 11-19 Universal Services and General Provision less than £5,000 to be made by the Area Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Local Committee as per the Constitution.**
- 3.12 **Members agree to continue with the approval of monies from the Community Projects funds (0-19 and General Provision) to be made by the Area Manager in consultation with the individual Local Members and the Chair / Vice Chair of Local Committee.**
- 3.13 **Members note the allocation of £4,000 from the 0-19 Fund to North Lakes Foodbank to deliver a service to families in need across Allerdale over the six week Summer school holidays. This is a joint project with Allerdale Borough Council and the decision to fund was agreed by the Area Manager, Chair and Vice Chair of Local committee.**
- 3.14 **Members agree that any unallocated money from the Community Projects funds at 31 December 2020 to be added back into the original fund, either General Provision or 0-19 funds.**
- 3.15 **Members agree to the following priorities to steer local committee funds and other resources over the coming 12 months to remain as follows:**

- ***Supporting people to access training, apprenticeships and employment***
- ***Encouraging people to live well***
- ***Supporting our communities to thrive***

with the addition of:

- ***Support the recovery from Covid-19 in line with the above priorities***

3.16 *Members agree to the following priorities in respect of children and young people to steer local committee funds and other resources over the coming 12 months to remain as follows:*

- Youth employment
- Improving accessibility to opportunities
- Mental wellbeing
- Good health for life

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 There are a range of strategies, plans and policies which assist in guiding the allocation of funds available to Local Committees. Under the Constitution, the Local Committee is bound to adhere to the County Council's Policy Framework, composed of policies and plans agreed and adopted by the Council as a whole. The primary document is the Council Plan 2018-2022.

4.2 Locally, the priorities agreed by Allerdale Local Committee should be the most significant driver of resource allocation. There is data in relation to wealth, health and demographics from reliable sources alongside information about previous grant allocations, key projects and knowledge of available assets alongside specific local needs. The priorities of Allerdale Local Committee were reviewed at an informal session in June 2020 and the proposal that received consensus is set out in the recommendations for formal approval.

4.3 Other areas of consideration are the requirements outlined in the Constitution and through the budget setting process, the limitations of certain budgets and the need for Local Committee to identify the levels of funding available to support community grants and community capacity building.

4.4 Total Local Committee allocations were approved at County Council on 13 February 2020 and are shown for the Allerdale area at Appendix 1.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS

- 4.5 A Service Level Agreement (SLA) has been prepared and is included at Appendix 3. The SLA estimates that the service could cost £82,016 if a full service is given at all sites. The current allocated budget of £38,154, although the same as the previous year, is significantly less than the SLA although the level of vacancies currently will mitigate this. At the end of the year, there was an underspending from 2019-20 of £27,800. This has been carried forward into 2020-21. There are 17 school crossing patrol posts and 7 of these are currently vacant. If these posts remain unfilled or are disestablished, the true cost of the SLA will be less than the amount quoted above.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

- 4.6 The Community Development Team incorporates the functions of the former Area Support Team to which this budget of £116,857 relates. This budget has remained the same since 2018-19.
- 4.7 The costs of the Community Development Team are partly borne by this budget line. Local Committee are asked to confirm the entire budget continues to be used as a contribution to the staffing of the Community Development Team as part of the wider Community Services Team.

MONEY ADVICE

- 4.8 Members will be aware that this budget line covers the costs of an existing contract with the Citizens Advice Bureau. The funding of £66,570 is ring fenced for this purpose and remains the same as the previous year.
- 4.9 Due to Covid-19, local committee formal meetings were suspended. Local committee members would ordinarily agree this funding for Allerdale CAB between March and May each year to ensure this organisation did not suffer cashflow problems that may result if the grant is not paid promptly. Due to the cancellation of the May meeting of Allerdale local committee, a request was made for a Leaders Decision in order that this grant could be paid. The decision was taken by the Leader of the Council on 15 May and has subsequently been paid.
- 4.10 During Covid-19, the CAB main office remained open to deal with emergencies. Its' outreach offices were closed to the public on 23 March 2020 but the service continued to provide advice over the phone, by email and webchat. The Covid-19 crisis has impacted on the whole of society both in terms of physical health, mental wellbeing and created financial hardship. Recovery may take up to 10 years and services like those provided by the Citizens Advice Bureau will be key to that recovery.
- 4.11 Since the 1 April 2013, Allerdale Citizens Advice service has delivered a range of support to local people experiencing financial hardship. To enable

this, the service has received an annual grant from Cumbria County Council's Allerdale Local Committee.

- 4.12 In 2019-20, Allerdale Citizens Advice supported 626 clients with 2,822 debts which amounted to a total of £5,237,250.
- 4.13 Clients are supported with income maximisation and budgeting, options for managing debt are discussed and clients are assisted with implementing their chosen options. It is projected that the number of people seeking assistance in 2020-21 will significantly increase in the second half of the year.

0-19 SERVICES

- 4.14 This budget of £79,319, an increase of £780 on the previous year (adjusted for population changes) is designed to enhance the provision that the commissioned and statutory work streams deliver. Allerdale Local Committee has a Children and Young People's Partnership and with input from that partnership, agreed four key themes, pertaining to children and young people. These are:
- Youth employment
 - Improving accessibility to opportunities
 - Mental wellbeing
 - Good health for life
- 4.15 These haven't been reviewed recently but were part of the discussions at the informal meeting. The consensus at that meeting was that the priorities were still fit for purpose and this is reflected in the recommendation.
- 4.16 Since, 2017-18, Members have agreed annually to the allocation of £16,000 from the 0-19 fund to support smaller community projects on a divisional basis. It is proposed that this same approach is adopted in 2020-21. Potential projects / schemes will be identified by local members but will be supported by the Community Development Officers.
- 4.17 The remainder will be used to tackle specific issues affecting children and young people across the wider Allerdale area. Applications in excess of £5,000 will require approval by local committee which will be informed by the Children and Young People's Partnership.

11-19 UNIVERSAL PROVISION

- 4.18 This is a ring-fenced fund of £32,908, the same as last year which is to be utilised to provide / support the development of universal youth provision across Allerdale.

- 4.19 Members are asked to agree to the awarding of individual grants from this fund in excess of £5,000 to remain with the local committee; all decisions to be informed by the Children and Young People's Partnership.

GENERAL PROVISION

- 4.20 An amount of £77,701 has been allocated to the Local Committee as a General Provision. This is an increase of £170 on the previous year (adjusted for population changes). Since 2017-18, Members agreed to an allocation of £16,000 from General Provision to fund local community projects in divisions. It is proposed that this same approach is adopted in 2020-21. Potential projects / schemes will be identified by local members but will be supported by the Community Development Officers.
- 4.21 In 2018-19, with some pace introduced to area planning, Local Committee allocated an amount of £18,500 to be spent on area planning where funding was a barrier to progress. With the uncertainty created by Covid-19, it is proposed that further ring-fencing is postponed.
- 4.22 Expenditure against the General Provision outside the divisional grants will be agreed by the Area Manager and the Chair and Vice Chair of Local Committee where this is less than £5,000. This expenditure will be used to support area planning and area working and to fund activities that are consistent with the priorities of Allerdale Local Committee but which would not attract traditional grant funding.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 A number of recommendations have been made within this report both about specific allocations and how funds could be distributed going forward. Members have the option to:
- agree to all or some of the recommendations made
 - not agree to all or some of the recommendations made
 - defer decision on all or some of the recommendations made.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Discretionary budgets are forecasting £296,926 actual and committed expenditure against a budget of £339,201 leaving unallocated resource of £42,275.
- 6.2 Non-discretionary budgets are forecasting £183,427 actual and committed expenditure against a budget of £183,427 leaving no unallocated resource.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 As per Part 2D, section 5.1.1(e) of the Constitution, Local Committees can agree, monitor and review the Local Committee's budget, subject to any ring-fencing directions issued by Cabinet.
- 7.2 When allocating and moving money between budgets, Local Committees must follow the rules set by Council following its consideration of the Draft Revenue Budget 2020/21 and Medium Term Financial Plan (2020-2025) and Draft Capital Programme (2020-2025) report on 13 February 2020. That report states at paragraph 6.51-

“ In terms of the Local Committees budget, there is flexibility on the use of the General Provision, 0-19 Services, Universal Youth Services, School Crossing Patrols and Local Member Schemes. Highways revenue allocations must be spent on highways activities and the Neighbourhood Teams... Money Advice allocations are ring fenced to those areas. They can be supplemented by other budgets.”

- 7.3 Local Committee should also adhere to any additional restrictions set by Cabinet or Council regulating the use of such funds.

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8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 With a static budget and limited staff resources, this report sets out a number of recommendations relating to the allocation of funds which is consistent with the approach agreed last year.
- 8.2 At the time of writing this report, the Council, together with its partners and communities were still responding to the fallout from Covid-19 and are starting to plan for recovery. Funding may prove critical to recovery pieces of work which may impact on the traditional use of grant funding.

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June 2020

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Budget Allocation to Allerdale Local Committee

Appendix 2 – 2020-21 Budget Position Statement

Appendix 3 – Service Level Agreement for School Crossing Patrol

Electoral Division(s): All

Executive Decision	Yes*	
Key Decision		No*
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?		N/A*
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?		No*
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?		N/A*
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.		No*
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?		N/A*
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?		N/A*

N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
[including Local Committees]

Leader Decision - Establishment of a Local Committee COVID 19 Response Fund (2 April 2020)

Leader Decision - Money Advice Services (15 May 2020)

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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PROPOSED LOCAL COMMITTEES BUDGETS 2020-21

	Allerdale
	£
2020-21 notional Base Budget	
2019-20 notional base budget - General Provision	77,531
Population change - General Provision	170
2020-21 General Provision allocation	77,701
2019-20 notional base budget - 0-19 Services	78,539
Population change - 0-19 Services	780
2020-21 0-19 Allocation	79,319
2019-20 notional base budget - School Crossing Patrols	38,154
Budget allocation reduced where posts have been vacant for 3 years or more (as per policy)	0
2020-21 notional base budget - School Crossing Patrols	38,154
	195,174
Additional 11-19 Universal Services Allocation	32,908
Total for Discretionary Budget, incorporating General Provision, School Crossing Patrols and 0-19 Services	228,082
Neighbourhood Development-Area Support Teams	116,857
Money Advice	66,570
Sandgate Hydrotherapy Pool	0
Non Highways Revenue Total	411,509
Highways Revenue	
2019-20 base budget - Highways Revenue	1,177,262
Inflationary increase	44,311
Highways Revenue Total	1,221,573
Total proposed Revenue Budget allocations 2020/21	1,633,082
Indicative Capital allocations 2020/21	Allerdale
Non Principal Road Network	3,816,032
Pot Hole Fund	254,881
Highways Capital Total	4,070,913
Total for Local Committees 2020/21	5,703,995
For Information	
Total Revenue Budget allocations 2019/20	1,587,933
Total Capital allocations 2019/20	3,581,894

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Financial statement as of 31st May 2020

Appendix	Budget Sector	2019/20 Original Budget	Balance B/Fwd	Virement In	Virement Out	Revised Budget	Other Contribs	2019/20 Spending Limit	Committed Expenditure	Actual Expenditure to Date	Expenditure and Commitments	Unallocated Resources or Variance
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Revenue Budgets:											
	Discretionary Budgets:											
	General Provision	77,531	46,465	13,668	0	137,664	0	137,664	75,651	53,576	129,227	8,437
	Divisional Community Projects	0	3,889	0	0	3,889	0	3,889	1,889	2,000	3,889	0
	Youth Projects	78,539	16,481	620	1,500	94,140	0	94,140	33,563	60,393	93,956	184
	Divisional Youth Projects	0	2,000	0	0	2,000	0	2,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	0
	Universal Youth (11-19)	32,908	0	0	0	32,908	0	32,908	8,400	24,500	32,900	8
	School Crossing Patrol	38,154	30,446	0	0	68,600	0	68,600	0	34,954	34,954	33,646
		227,132	99,281	14,288	1,500	339,201	0	339,201	120,503	176,423	296,926	42,275
	Other Revenue Budgets:											
	Neighbourhood Development Team	116,857	0	0	0	116,857	0	116,857	116,857	0	116,857	0
	Money Advice Contract - CAB	66,570	0	0	0	66,570	0	66,570	66,570	0	66,570	0
		183,427	0	0	0	183,427	0	183,427	183,427	0	183,427	0
	REVENUE TOTAL	410,559	99,281	14,288	1,500	522,628	0	522,628	303,930	176,423	480,353	42,275
	LOCAL COMMITTEE TOTAL	410,559	99,281	14,288	1,500	522,628	0	522,628	303,930	176,423	480,353	42,275

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SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FOR 2020/21 WITH ALLERDALE LOCAL COMMITTEE

The 2020/21 agreement will continue to embrace the following service aspects:

- **Training** – all school crossing patrols will continue to receive refresher road safety training, including an update on current road traffic legislation as it relates to their role.
- **Customer Care** – all school crossing patrols will continue to receive guidance on the importance and benefits of customer care with particular reference to the needs of children and accompanying adults.
- **Uniforms and equipment** – the requirements of all school crossing patrols are continually assessed to ensure that they comply fully with current legislation. Statutory items of uniform (hat and coat) and equipment will be issued accordingly.
- **Management activities** – Orian Solutions Ltd will pay all salaries and standard employment costs for each individual crossing patrol and recruit any replacements as directed. We will continue to liaise with associated schools to ensure effective communication and information to parents. We will also work closely with schools to make the crossing patrol service sufficiently flexible to accommodate any changes to departure or arrival times for breakfast clubs, after school clubs and special events.

However, site reviews, public consultation exercises and traffic surveys will remain the responsibility of the Local Committee and as such, Orian Solutions Ltd will not be involved. Similarly, Orian Solutions Ltd will not be responsible for enforcement of any local parking restrictions or alterations that may be required to the highway, including road markings, hazard warning lights or flashing beacons.

Legal information

The school crossing patrol service complies with the legislative requirements of the School Crossing Patrol Act 1953, School Crossing Patrol Order 1954 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which was subsequently amended by the Transport Act 2000 (section 270).

The law gives a school crossing patrol appointed by an appropriate authority the power to stop traffic on condition that they are wearing a uniform approved by the Secretary of State and are using the prescribed sign.

The law states that even where a crossing patrol is provided, parents remain responsible for ensuring their children's safety on their journey to and from school.

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School crossing patrols in Allerdale

	School	Additional crossing facility	Filled (F) or vacant (V) post	Weekly hours/ mins
1	Ashfield Infant School (Newlands Lane)	Puffin	F	6.15
2	Ashfield Junior School (High Street)	Puffin	V	6.15
3	Broughton Moor School (Moor Road)	None	F	3.20
4	Fairfield Infant School (Gallowbarrow)	Zebra	F	10.00
5	Grasslot Infant School (Main Road)	Puffin	V	5.00
6	Beckstone Primary School (Church Road)	None	F	12.05
7	Beckstone Primary School (Walker Brow)	Puffin	V	7.05
8	Maryport CE Infant School (Wood Street)	None	V	8.45
9	Maryport CE Junior School (Curzon Street)	Puffin	V	8.45
10	Richmond Hill School (Queen Street)	None	F	7.30
11	Seaton Infant School (Main Road)	Zebra	V	5.00
12	Seaton Junior School (Main Road)	None	F	8.45
14	St Cuthbert's School (East End, Wigton)	None	F	7.30
15	St Michael's Infants (Station Rd) Workington	Zebra	F	5.00
16	Thomlinson Junior School (High Street Wigton)	None	F	5.00
17	Thomlinson Junior School (High Street Wigton)	None	V	8.20
18	Thomlinson Junior School (West Street Wigton)	None	F	8.45
		8 sites	7 vacant	123.20

Vacant Posts – February 2020

- 2 Ashfield Junior (High Street)
- 5 Grasslot Infants (Main Rd)
- 7 Beckstone Primary (Walker Brow)
- 8 Maryport CE Infants (Wood St)
- 9 Maryport C of E Junior School (Curzon Street)
- 11 Seaton Infants School (Main Rd)
- 17 Thomlinson Jnr School (High St)

All 17 sites for 38 academic weeks during 2020/21 @ £17.50 per hour = £82,016.45 per annum + VAT

(Based on current filled posts the cost 2020/21 @ £17.50 per hour = £49,986.06 per annum plus VAT)

Within this service level agreement, the Local Committee will continue to be invoiced for delivered kerbside hours only.

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR ALLERDALE

Meeting date: 1 July 2020

From: Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services
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AREA PLANNING

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *The purpose of this report is to keep Members up to date with the activity across Allerdale that forms part of area planning. This is the process of working with stakeholders from the private, statutory, third and community sectors to redevelop services and deliver projects with the aim of nurturing thriving communities, achieving local priorities and making the best use of local assets and shared resources. The process is holistic and inclusive with complete consideration of all process outcomes, both intended and not.*
- 1.2 *However, this report also takes account of significant changes as a result of Covid-19 since the last report to a formal meeting of Allerdale Local Committee and as such provides an overview of the response to the crisis throughout Allerdale.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 *The Allerdale Local Committee has both executive and non-executive duties as set out in the County Council's constitution.*
- 2.2 *Allerdale local committee is committed to the following priorities:*
- *Supporting people to access training, apprenticeships and employment*
 - *Encouraging people to live well*
 - *Supporting our communities to thrive*
- 2.3 *The work of the local committee contributes to the achievement of the Council Plan 2018-2022 vision which is to be*
- *A Council that works with residents, businesses and communities and other organisations to deliver the best services possible within the available resources.*

- 2.4 ***The outcomes of this vision are:***
- ***People in Cumbria are healthy and safe***
 - ***Places in Cumbria are well-connected and thriving***
 - ***The economy in Cumbria is growing and benefits everyone***
- 2.5 ***Area planning locally will work within the local committee priorities and the Council outcomes through use of resources and influence.***
- 2.6 ***There are no negative equality implications arising out of the recommendations of this report.***

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 ***Members agree that the local committee priorities are still fit for purpose***
- 3.2 ***Members agree to an additional priority:***
- ***Support and influence the recovery from Covid-19 both as individuals in the role of community leaders and as a committee***
- 3.3 ***Members agree to give their support to the proposals in the submission to be made by Allerdale Borough Council for Future High Street Funding.***
- 3.4 ***Members note the contents of the report.***

BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Working with partner organisations and communities to achieve shared aspirations is one of the council's key commitments. The Area Planning approach provides an effective mechanism to identify needs, local priorities and the actions required to deliver on that need across a defined geographic area. Essential to this is bringing together the full range of partners, of which the community is central.
- 4.2 Working with our communities has paid dividends in our response to the Covid-19 crisis. Although not classed as area planning activity, the partnership working as part of response was consistent with the approach described as area planning. This report
- 4.3 Due to restrictions brought about by Covid-19 and the reduced capacity due to response, the discussions to progress area planning have been reduced. However, in the past few weeks, these are starting to commence again remotely, including a Joint Liaison Group meeting with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Chief Executive of Allerdale Borough Council.
- 4.4 The Allerdale Community Services Team continues to work across the district although since March this has been focussed on the response to Covid-19 activity. This report sets out the activity across the district.
- 4.5 At an informal virtual meeting on 16 June 2020, Members reviewed the local committee priorities to establish if they remain fit for purpose. Although this was an informal meeting and therefore not a decision making forum, there was consensus that the current priorities (set out at paragraph 2.2) remain fit

for purpose. At the same meeting, Members were informed of the issues that are emerging from the Covid-19 crisis and the priorities were cross referenced to come to that conclusion.

- 4.6 The Local Committee budget 2020-2021 is attached at Appendix 1 for information. The allocations within the budget areas have been dealt with in a separate report on this agenda.

WORKINGTON

- 4.7 **Towns Funding** – The Workington Towns Fund Board is established and is meeting regularly. The minutes are available online and they are issued to Members of local committee when they are agreed. Allerdale Local Committee / Cumbria County Council are represented on the Board by Councillor Alan Barry, supported by officers. Members have received updates in informal sessions.

- 4.8 The Board have engaged consultants and have now grouped potential projects under the key themes of:

- Urban Regeneration, Planning and Land Use
- Skills and Enterprise Infrastructure
- Connectivity

Work is underway to continue to develop projects for submission for funding.

- 4.9 **Response to Covid-19** – Prior to Covid-19, there were active community groups covering parts of Workington. The most formalised of these was Workington Community Emergency Response Group (WCERG), established as a result of the flooding in 2009 and 2015. This group had an Emergency Plan and a constituted group with volunteers. In response to the emergency, they took the innovative approach of purchasing a debit/credit card reader which meant that they were able to provide a shopping service that was unique in Allerdale.

- 4.10 In addition to this formal group, there were other organisations that rose to the challenges being presented including informal 'pop up' Covid-19 groups. In Workington, these groups have all come together to share learning and experiences and resources, retaining their individual identities but providing a consistent response.

- 4.11 In addition to the work of the Community Development Officer, a volunteer from Sellafield Ltd assisted in the early stages of the emergency to help bring the groups together.

MARYPORT

- 4.12 **Future High Street Fund (FHSF)** - Allerdale BC is finalising the business cases for the FHSF submissions to meet the extended deadline for final businesses cases moved to the 31st July 2020.

- 4.13 MHCLG have provided a set of questions which will enable Local Authorities to articulate any change in context surrounding their bid since the draft business cases were submitted following the Covid 19 outbreak.

- 4.14 The County Council officers have remained involved with the local Allerdale BC team including the Area Manager, the Area Highway Manager, and the Capital Programmes and Infrastructure Planning team.
- 4.15 As highway authority and asset manager, where schemes include works to the highway and public realm which falls within the highway, it was agreed that Cumbria County Council would provide Allerdale Borough Council with project management support, but would not be liable for cost over runs. This has been relayed to Allerdale Borough Council and will need to be set out in their management case. For all other projects forming part of the FHSF bids, the borough council is most likely to be the delivery lead.
- 4.16 Each of the schemes outlined in the business case have received significant support from the local community through the consultation process. The proposal comprises six key elements: Public Realm, Empire Yard, The Former Carlton Cinema, The Wave Leisure Centre, Christchurch and Residential Conversions. Each scheme is linked by 'a golden thread', which is around investing in the increasing footfall investing in community facilities and enhancing the unique selling points of Maryport.
- 4.17 Enhancement of the public realm areas has remained a key priority since the Maryport Delivery Plan was initiated. Cumbria County Council have been involved in developing initial plans and more recently adapting these to comply with the requirements of the Connect Highways Contract. The plans for FHSF focus on pedestrian improvements and surface enhancements on Curzon & Senhouse Street, some landscaping work and rationalising street furniture. A further aim is to enhance connections between different zones of the town and encourage pedestrian flow through the town towards the harbour.
- 4.18 Going forward, support for the proposals will be sought from the County Council insofar as they impact on County Council assets. In terms of the proposals for Maryport, these will require Local Committee Chair/Vice Chair support of the scheme on behalf of local committee. If the recommendation is agreed, a letter of support will be prepared and signed by the Leader of the Council.
- 4.19 **Response to Covid-19** – Prior to Covid-19, there was no formalised Emergency Response Group in Maryport although there was a group that had previously planned for and responded to flooding in Flimby and a number of community groups in existence. In addition, Covid-19 specific groups were set up. The Community Development Team, as part of the Welfare Hub response, worked with existing groups to provide a co-ordinated response across Maryport.
- 4.20 In addition to the work of the Community Development Officer, a volunteer from Sellafeld Ltd assisted in the early stages of the emergency to help develop and bring groups together. Future work in Maryport will look at the development of a formal Emergency Response Plan.

ASPATRIA

- 4.21 Since reporting to the last local committee, a project team has been developed to discuss phase one of the proposed changes within Aspatria. Stakeholders, including the Children's Centre are key to these discussions.
- 4.22 **Response to Covid-19** – Prior to Covid-19, there was no formalised Emergency Response Group in Aspatria although there were a number of community groups in existence. The Community Development Team, as part of the Welfare Hub response, worked with existing groups to provide a co-ordinated response across Aspatria.
- 4.23 In addition to the work of the Community Development Officer, a volunteer from Sellafield Ltd assisted in the early stages of the emergency to help develop and bring groups together. Future work in Aspatria will look at the development of a more permanent food provision to ease poverty if the evidence suggests that this is a need in the area.

WIGTON

- 4.24 Due to Covid-19, there has been no progress at a local level on Borderlands. Unlike Towns Fund and Future High Street Fund, deadlines are not imminent.
- 4.25 **Response to Covid-19** – Prior to Covid-19, there was no formalised Emergency Response Group in Wigton although there were some community groups in existence. The Community Development Team, as part of the Welfare Hub response, worked with existing groups to provide a co-ordinated response across Wigton, working with the town council, North Allerdale Development Trust and Northern Fells.
- 4.26 In addition to the work of the Community Development Officer, a volunteer from Sellafield Ltd assisted in the early stages of the emergency to help develop and bring groups together. Future work in Wigton will look at the development of an Emergency Response Plan for the town.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 In relation to the recommendations, Members have the following options:
- Members can agree the recommendations as presented
 - Members can reject the recommendations as presented
 - Members can request further information in relation to any recommendation and if necessary, defer the decision to a future meeting. *In respect of recommendation 3.3, any decision needs to be made and be subject to call-in prior to the submission to the MHCLG (end July 2020).*

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Council approved Discretionary budget allocation for 2020/21 is £228,082.

- 6.2 Council approved Non-Discretionary budget allocation for 2020/21 is £183,427.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 In respect of setting its priorities Local Committees should consider whether its priorities contribute to the achievement of the Council Plan 2018-2022 and are in line with the purpose of Local Committees, specifically, “to optimise the use of Council assets and resources in their area; to influence Council policies and strategies affecting their area; and through the “whole area approach”, to work with communities and partner organisations to enable public services to be shaped locally, to achieve the best possible outcomes within available resources” (Part 2D section 4.1. of the Constitution).
- 7.2 In relation to the recommendation at paragraph 3.3 of this report, the Local Committee is able to give its support (if agreed) as per Part 2D section 5.1.1(b) of the Constitution which states that Local Committees can –

‘Liaise with other bodies delivering services in the area, to seek to co-ordinate planned activities, and to improve services for the residents of the area by working together as effectively as possible.’

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8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The report provides examples where officers and Members from the County Council and Allerdale BC are working together to ensure excellent outcomes for local residents and businesses through a more joined up approach. Joint working to ensure external funding is received is a large part of area planning currently and will continue to be the case in the short to medium term.
- 8.2 The report also recognises that the Community Support Groups, the support they receive from our community development team and the use of the private sector have been beneficial to the people of Allerdale.

Dawn Roberts
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June 2020

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Budget allocated to Allerdale Local Committee 2020-21

Electoral Division(s): All

Executive Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes*	
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No*	
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A*	
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No*	
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A*	
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No*	
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A*	
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A*	

N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS ***[including Local Committees]***

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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PROPOSED LOCAL COMMITTEES BUDGETS 2020-21

	Allerdale
	£
2020-21 notional Base Budget	
2019-20 notional base budget - General Provision	77,531
Population change - General Provision	170
2020-21 General Provision allocation	77,701
2019-20 notional base budget - 0-19 Services	78,539
Population change - 0-19 Services	780
2020-21 0-19 Allocation	79,319
2019-20 notional base budget - School Crossing Patrols	38,154
Budget allocation reduced where posts have been vacant for 3 years or more (as per policy)	0
2020-21 notional base budget - School Crossing Patrols	38,154
	195,174
Additional 11-19 Universal Services Allocation	32,908
Total for Discretionary Budget, incorporating General Provision, School Crossing Patrols and 0-19 Services	228,082
Neighbourhood Development-Area Support Teams	116,857
Money Advice	66,570
Sandgate Hydrotherapy Pool	0
Non Highways Revenue Total	411,509
Highways Revenue	
2019-20 base budget - Highways Revenue	1,177,262
Inflationary increase	44,311
Highways Revenue Total	1,221,573
Total proposed Revenue Budget allocations 2020/21	1,633,082
Indicative Capital allocations 2020/21	Allerdale
Non Principal Road Network	3,816,032
Pot Hole Fund	254,881
Highways Capital Total	4,070,913
Total for Local Committees 2020/21	5,703,995
For Information	
Total Revenue Budget allocations 2019/20	1,587,933
Total Capital allocations 2019/20	3,581,894

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