

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR CARLISLE

Meeting date: 15 January 2020

From: Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services

AREA PLANNING REPORT

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *This report provides local committee with recommendations and matters to note relating to:*

- *Budget commitments*
- *Grant allocations from the recommendations of its Strategic Grants Panel*
- *Other relevant matters relating to Area Planning.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 *The items covered by this report support the council to achieve the outcomes stated in the Council Plan 2018-2022:*

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

2.2 *The items covered by this report support Carlisle Local Committee to achieve its agreed priorities of:*

- *Developing our economy and infrastructure*
- *Improving health and wellbeing*
- *Improving outcomes for children and young people*
- *Developing thriving communities*

2.3 *Improved locality working is one of the ways the council is delivering on its priorities. The county council vision, included in the Council Plan 2018-2022, sets out that it will be 'A Council that works with residents, businesses, communities and other organisations to deliver the best services possible within the available resources.' The approach and work of the Local Committee directly contributes to this vision.*

- 2.4** *Locally devolved funding is available for Carlisle Local Committee to allocate within the area to support positive outcomes, targeted and mainstream, designed to improve outcomes for the communities of Carlisle. This funding can be targeted to initiate new activity or to enhance/complement existing provision according to locally determined need.*
- 2.5** *A separate Equality Impact Assessment is not required for this report since equality issues are dealt with at a project level for each of the applications to funding within the course of the year.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1** *That the Committee notes the commitments made and the remaining balances within delegated budgets and notes the grants detailed in Appendix 1*
- 3.2** *That the committee notes grants made from General Provision funding detailed in Appendix 2 and summarised below*
- *£1000 to Brampton and District Tennis Club towards the purchase of equipment*
 - *£1965 to Sustainable Carlisle towards co-ordination time for a worker to support volunteers with a series of local activities in two specific areas over six months from February to July 2020*
- 3.3** *That the Committee notes the grant made from 0-19 Grant Funding detailed in Appendix 3 and summarised below*
- *£1100 to Currock Community Centre towards running a one week Easter Playscheme and a two week summer playscheme in 2020 for children living in the area.*
- 3.4** *That the Committee allocates £15,000 from general provision to Thriving Communities and VE/VJ Day commemorations as described in para 4.10.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

Community Budget

- 4.1** A summary of spending against Local Committee discretionary/ budgets is provided at Appendix 1. Further details can be provided to councillors on request. Monitoring reports will be provided to local committee members at each committee meeting, to summarise the most up to date position with regard to the Communities Budget, taking account of decisions taken by the Local Committee. Further information concerning spending against the spending from the discretionary grants budget lines is available from the Carlisle Community Development Team and reported to the grants panel as required.

Local Committee Strategic Grants Panel

- 4.2 Attached at Appendix 2 is a summary of the general provision grant applications considered by the Strategic Grants Panel at its meeting on 3rd December 2019 and its recommendations. Further information can be made available to any councillor on request.
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Area Planning and Communities

Carlisle Events

- 4.4 At the Local Committee meeting on 12th November Members were asked to allocate underspend from 2018-19 for Carlisle City of Lights. Installations are progressing well and the event will be delivered from 12th to 15th February 2020 at various heritage locations throughout the city. Members will be invited to a launch of the event on Wednesday 12th February. Support for any future years is being sought through Arts Council routes.

Future High Streets Fund

- 4.5 Carlisle was selected as one of 100 towns eligible to bid to a national fund of £1 billion. Funding has been allocated to develop the business case further with a draft to be submitted by 15th March 2020 and final business case later in the year.
- 4.6 Carlisle City Council and Cumbria County Council are working closely on this together due to the potential for any proposals to have an impact on the wider highways and infrastructure in the city. A workshop took place with officers and the appointed consultants in December 2019 and members from each council will be briefed throughout January 2020 as to the potential projects and their views sought on next steps.

Town Deal Funding

- 4.7 Carlisle is one of 100 towns nationally to benefit from up to £25 million of investment through the Town Deal. In accordance with the prospectus, the Town Deal Board will be convened by the lead authority (Carlisle City Council) by the end of January 2020. This will include member and officer involvement from Cumbria County Council who will report to the Local Committee.
- 4.8 The timeline is as follows:

Capacity funding distributed to Lead Councils	November 2019
Readiness checklist returned	19th November 2019
All Town Deal Boards convened (including publication of town boundary)	End of January 2020
Further guidance published	Early 2020
All Town Investment Plans produced	Summer 2020
Town Deals agreed	2020-21
A competition for further Town Deals	2020

Carlisle Area Plan

- 4.9 Carlisle Area Plan is now finalised with the full version being hosted on the council's website. A printed pocket guide to the agreed priorities is now being produced and will be available members and officers shortly.

Unallocated General Provision funds

- 4.10 There are unallocated general provision funds of £26,000 to the end of the financial year. Members are requested that a proportion of this as yet unallocated total can be allocated to 2 specific areas:
1. Thriving Communities priorities identified in the Area Plan
 2. Commemorations of the 75th Anniversary of VE and VJ Day in May and August 2020 respectively

In respect of the first point, the thriving communities pilots which have worked successfully in South Lakeland and Barrow will now be rolled out to Carlisle as soon as possible and this is likely to require some pump priming funding to enable alternative provision where necessary or new areas of community development.

In respect of point 2, the Local Committee Chair and Vice Chair have been in discussions with colleagues in Royal British Legion and Lord Lieutenants Office to celebrate and commemorate VE day and VJ Day. VE Day falls soon after the financial year end and there may not be sufficient time to process requests for any funding or support in the new financial year.

Members are therefore requested to allocate £15,000 from the currently unallocated £26,000 of general provision funding to enable these two areas to progress in the current financial year.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Members may review and evaluate the recommendations 3.1 to 3.3. Members may wish to comment on other aspects contained within the report.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Appendix A to this report provides a summary of the Local Committee's budget position and includes the grants contained in recommendations 3.2 and 3.3 that were agreed at the Strategic Grants Panel on 3rd December. Unallocated resources in the Communities budget currently stand at £137,259.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The recommendations are items for Local Committee to note. There are, therefore, no direct legal implications.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report provides Local Committee with an update on its budget position, its grant allocations and other related Area Planning issues.

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10 December 2019

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Summary and detailed financial statements

Appendix 2: Summary report of General Provision Funding grant recommendations

Appendix 3: Summary of 0-19 Grant Funding grant recommendations

Electoral Divisions: All

Executive Decision

	No
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Key Decision

	No
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If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

		N/A
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Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?

	No
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If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

		N/A
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Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?

	No
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If so, give details below.

Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

		N/A
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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

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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