

Appendix 3 (8) – Additional Information

Accountable Bodies Budget Monitoring Report at 31st March 2020

The Council acts as the Accountable Body for a number of organisations and projects, the largest are Copeland Community Fund and Growing Places Fund. These transactions are not included in either the Council's single entity or the group accounts as the Council acts as an agent for these transactions. For completeness and to support the Council's monitoring responsibilities as Accountable Body they are included in the quarterly budget monitoring report. This appendix excludes the LEP Growth Deal funding which is reported as part of the Capital monitoring in Appendix 5.

The table below details the outturn position of the revenue and capital spend as at 31st March 2020.

	Balance brought Forward	Income for year	Expenditure for Year	Balance to Carry Forward
	£000	£000	£000	£000
REVENUE :-				
Copeland Community Fund	(8.076)	(1.654)	1.465	(8.265)
LEP Core & Strategic Funding	(572)	(558)	1.130	0
LEP Growing Places Fund (CIF)	(332)	(4)	332	(4)
LEP Business Growth Hub	(22)	(246)	268	0
LEP Enterprise Advisory Network (incl Careers Hub)	(94)	(6)	100	0
Total	(9.096)	(2.468)	3.295	(8.269)
CAPITAL :-				
LEP Growing Places Fund (CIF)	(4,331)	(44)	48	(4,327)

Copeland Community Fund

The Nuclear Decommissioning Agency (NDA) established the Copeland Community Fund in January 2008 to recognise the unique role Copeland plays in hosting a low level nuclear waste storage facility on behalf of the nation.

The cash balance of the fund at 31st March 2019 was £8.076m. Income is received from the NDA each year to top up the fund, and from the Council in respect of interest due for funds invested.

For 2019/20 income of £1.654m is made up of contributions from the Nuclear Decommissioning Agency (NDA) of £1.545m and interest on the fund balance of £0.109m. Expenditure of £1.465m is in the form of grants or loans to organisations within the area covered by the fund and fund management costs. This gives a balance to carry forward to 2020/21 of £8.265m.

Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership (CLEP)

With effect from 1 April 2019 CLEP has transferred from being an unincorporated body to an incorporated organisation which has the capacity, capability and commitment to effectively meet the requirements of the Accountable Body. Funds carried forward for Core and Strategic LEP, the Enterprise Advisory Network (including Careers Hub) and revenue Growing Places Fund (CIF) have been paid to CLEP for them to pay for expenditure.

Core and Strategic Funding

The income carried forward from 2018/19 amounting to £0.572m has been paid to CLEP along with part of the 2019/20 funding of £0.500m received from BEIS, £0.040m from Sellafield and £0.018m from the Department for Industry and Trade. £0.150m was deducted from the payment for the CLEP contribution to the Council's costs of being Accountable Body. In addition £0.045m for Research & Intelligence work and £0.015m for IT costs were also deducted.

Growing Places Fund (Cumbria Investment Fund – CIF)

The CIF is used to help create jobs and homes in Cumbria, through support for infrastructure projects that unlock housing and workspace developments and for capital projects within businesses. The CIF is managed as a revolving fund and support to projects is primarily in the form of loans, as a minimum providing a return of the funds invested and in most cases with interest added, however in some cases support has been in the form of non-repayable grants. Returns to the fund are recycled to support further developments.

Cumbria County Council holds the funding as the Accountable Body for the CIF and the Cumbria LEP Board agree the fund priorities and approve projects. As Accountable Body, Cumbria County Council enters into formal agreements with the project applicants before the CIF is invested, to ensure that projects are delivered within the agreed timescales or against agreed milestones and loan funding is repaid.

Currently there are 3 'live' CIF projects in the delivery or repayment phases. In addition, Cumbria LEP have approved an allocation of £0.3m to be managed as a ring-fenced fund to support costs associated with the development of capital projects, such as preparation of business cases. Grants from this fund become repayable to the CIF on the successful outcome of these development activities. To date one such grant has been issued for £0.1m and a second is at the contracting stage for £0.01m.

Income in 2019/20 relates to the interest (revenue) and principal (capital) repayments received during the year from loans.

The revenue carry forward from 2018/19 of £0.332m has been paid to CLEP to hold as a reserve. In 2019/20 income of £0.004m is from interest and will be carried forward to 2020/21.

The capital carry forward from 2018/19 was £4.331m. In 2019/20 expenditure of £0.048m and income of £0.044m has resulted in a carry forward to 2020/21 of £4.327m.

Business Growth Hub

Income is in the form of a grant from BEIS to fund the co-ordination and running of the Cumbria Business Growth Hub on behalf of the LEP. The provider of this service is the Chamber of Commerce who have worked well to deliver contracted outputs in previous years. The grant for 2019/20 amounts to £0.246m and there is also £0.022m carried forward from 2018/19, expenditure in 2019/20 is payment to the Chamber of Commerce along with £0.015m used to conduct an evaluation exercise and £0,007m for additional business support activity.

Cumbria Enterprise Advisory Network & Careers Hub

The EAN is intended to inspire and motivate young people and support them to make informed choices about their future, through interaction with Enterprise Advisers drawn from a range of leading employers. The Careers Hub is a group of between 20 and 40 secondary schools and colleges coordinated by the CLEP, working together with partners in the business, public, education and voluntary sectors to deliver the 'Gatsby' Benchmarks and ensure that careers outcomes are improved for all young people. Secondary schools and colleges within the Hub have a shared vision to improve outcomes for the young people in the CLEP area.

The Careers and Enterprise Company provided funding to the CLEP for the delivery of an Enterprise Adviser Network (EAN) over 2 academic years between September 2015 and August 2018. From September 2018, the Careers and Enterprise Company has provided new funding of £0.3m for delivery of an EAN and a Careers Hub, over 2 academic years to August 2020. A total of £0.094m was carried forward from 2018/19 towards EAN and Careers Hub delivery costs. This has been paid to the CLEP after retaining resources to cover expenditure commissioned from the County Council.