

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR CARLISLE

Meeting date: 5 January 2021

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 Area Planning funding detailed in Appendix 2 and summarised below*
- *£5000 to Restore, towards refurbishing a community space in Carlisle offering recycled goods and workshop space.*
 - *£2,300 to Stanwix Bowling Club, towards repairing the club house roof*
- 3.3** *That the Committee notes grants from its 0-19 grants fund detailed in appendix 3 and summarised below.*
- *£400 to Orton Parish Council towards tress removal in children's play area*
 - *£1500 to Harraby Sports Board towards a programme of activities*
- 3.4** *That the Committee agrees to transfer £17,962 from historic Local Member Schemes funding and place this funding in the Area Planning Budget as described in para 4.3*
- 3.5** *That the Committee agrees to commit £10,000 from its Area Planning budget to establish a Sports Clubs Recovery Fund jointly with Carlisle City Council as described in para 4.4 to 4.6.*

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 and 3 are summaries of the Area Planning and 0-19 grant applications considered by the Strategic Grants Panel at its meeting on 17th December 2020 and its recommendations. Further information can be made available to any councillor on request.

Area Planning and Communities

Transfer of historic Local Member Schemes budget

- 4.3 Members are recommended to agree to transfer an amount of £17,962 from historically allocated funds which have either been picked up from alternative funding sources or are no longer required. This amount would be placed back within the general area planning budget.

Carlisle Sports Clubs Hardship Fund

- 4.4 Cumbria County Council is working with Carlisle City Council and Active Cumbria to support Carlisle community based sports clubs and groups through a proposed hardship fund through this difficult period. Many groups have had extreme challenges in running regular activities as a result of restriction measures to manage the virus and this hardship fund is aimed at supporting these groups to survive through this challenging period.
- 4.5 The hardship fund will be aimed at not for profit sporting organisations that have reducing financial resources resulting in hardship and possible closure. This will be a very limited small grant pot designed to prioritise groups that have demonstrated that this funding would be used to maximise the continuation of the sports club. This might include supporting matched funding or bridging a small gap in finances through temporarily reduced income. Priority will be given to organisations that are at risk of closure as a result of the pandemic, and who have not been able to receive Government grants.
- 4.6 Work is underway to establish a quick and effective process to agree grant funding which would involve officers of both authorities and lead members from both Carlisle Local Committee and Carlisle City Council. Should recommendation 3.5 be agreed, the total fund for the Carlisle area would be £20,000 through matching contribution from Carlisle City Council.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Members may review and evaluate the recommendations 3.1 to 3.3. Members may choose to approve vary or reject the recommendations at 3.4 and 3.5. Members may wish to comment on other aspects contained within the report.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Local Committee's Communities budget is summarised in Appendix 1 to this report. Following decisions at the November meeting of the Local Committee and the Grants Panel meeting on 17th December, there are unallocated resources totalling £178,165 in the budget.

- 6.2 Recommendations from the Grants Panel on 17th December in relation to Stanwix Bowling Club (£2,300), Orton Parish Council (£400) and Harraby Sports Hall (£1,500) are included in the figures in Appendix 1.
- 6.3 Should recommendation 2 of this report be agreed, a further £5,000 will be committed from the Area Planning budget, reducing unallocated resources from £36,680 to £31,680.
- 6.4 Should recommendation 3.4. be agreed, £17,962 will be vired from the Local Revenue Schemes budget to the Area Planning budget, which will increase the unallocated resources in the Area Planning budget from £31,680 to £49,642.
- 6.5 Should recommendation 3.5. be agreed, £10,000 will be committed from the Area Planning budget, reducing unallocated resources in this budget to £39,642.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Recommendations 3.1 to 3.3 are to note only and have no legal implications.
- 7.2 Both the Local Members Scheme and the Area Planning Budget form part of the discretionary budget allocations to the Local Committee so, subject to the general requirement to comply with the Budget and Policy Framework policies as adopted by full Council or Cabinet, the local committees have flexibility on the use of the general provisions and the local member scheme and the can both be vired to other parts of the Local Committees budget.
- 7.3 5.1.1. of Part 2B of the Constitution provides that it is a function of the Local Committee to agree, monitor and review the Local Committee's budget, subject to any ring-fencing directions issued by Cabinet. Accordingly the Local Committee can agree to the transfer of allocations made previously to the Local Members Scheme to the Area Planning Budget and the allocation of the funds from the Area Planning Budget for the purposes of setting up the Sports Club Recovery Fund.

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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11 December 2020

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Summary Financial Statement

Appendix 2: Summary of the Area Planning Grants

Appendix 3: Summary of the 0-19 Grants

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?
If so, give details below.

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Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

		N/A
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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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