

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH LAKELAND
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Meeting date: 20 th January 2012

From: Chief Executive's Office

LOCAL REVENUE SCHEMES

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *This report, seeking to commit elements of the Local Revenue Scheme budget, includes Members' proposals that have been sufficiently investigated and developed, to enable Local Committee to consider spending decisions.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 *Proposals coming forward under the Local Revenue Scheme should be projects which offer benefits to communities in the Electoral Division concerned and help resolve local issues already identified through local community engagement and which are in line with the priorities within the Council Plan and specific local priorities within the Area Plan for the Local Committee Area.*
- 2.2 *If these proposals are developed as a result of effective community engagement they will also contribute to increasing community perceptions of their ability to influence the delivery of public services.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 *Members approve the following:*
- 3.2 **A Revenue Grant of £3,000 from the Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale Electoral Division to support the set up cost for a Next Generation Broadband network and parallel 4G mobile network in the parishes of Garsdale and Dentdale.**

- 3.3 **A Revenue Grant of £3,600 from Ulverston East Electoral Division to support the continuation of Service 60 for 3 months.**
- 3.4 **A Revenue Grant of £11,870 from Kendal Castle Electoral Division to support the implementation of a new garden design at the Beck Millennium Green on Herring Hill in Kendal.**
- 3.5 ***A Revenue Grant of £1,500 from Lower Kendale Electoral Division to support kitchen improvements to Heversham Athenaeum Village Hall.***
- 3.6 ***A Revenue Grant of £2,000 from Lower Kentdale for the Lyth and Winster Drainage Board, agreed at the September meeting is now to be de-committed.***

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The 2011/12 budget includes a Local Member Schemes budget. County Councillors can, through the Area Support Team, propose one or more local schemes for each division. These schemes are intended to help resolve local issues already identified through community engagement which are in line with the priorities within the Council Plan and specific local priorities within the Area Plan for South Lakeland. These proposals should be submitted to the Local Committee for approval. This budget is for one year only, but the resource may be spent over the two years – 2011/12 to 2012/13.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Members may reject any or all of the recommendations, however this could potentially impede community projects which have been identified as local priorities.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 South Lakes Local Committee had devolved Local Revenue Schemes budget allocation of £216,000. After decisions at local committee of 18th November 2011 there was £146,902 available to allocate. The Local Revenue Scheme budget can be spent over the financial years 2011/12 and 2012/13.
- 6.2 The recommendations within this report propose allocating a total of £19,970 against the Local Revenue budget and de-committing £2,000.
- 6.3 If members agree the recommendations within the report, it will reduce the unallocated balance on the Local Revenue Schemes budget to £128,932.
(MR 3/1/12)

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the report.
- 7.2 The Constitution permits Local Committees to approve Local Member scheme proposals, i.e. projects which offer benefits to communities in the Electoral Division concerned and help resolve local issues already identified through local community engagement and in line with the priorities within the Council Plan and specific local priorities within the Area Plan for the relevant Local Committee.
- 7.3 The delegated scheme sets out the necessary constraints within which proposals can be determined as eligible. (HM)

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The use of this unconstrained revenue budget, when linked to the Council's well being powers does enable a flexible response to perceived local needs and is capable of resolving some long standing blockages and frustrations for local people, having regard to wider community benefit as a key outcome.

Jill Stannard
Chief Executive

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APPENDICES

- 1. Summary Table for all Divisions**
- 2. Scheme Proposals for Approval.**

Electoral Division(s): All in South Lakeland

** Please remove whichever option is not applicable*

Executive Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>

Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?
If so, give details below.

	No*
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Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

	No*	
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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

	No*	
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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
[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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Appendix 1

Summary Table for all Divisions 2011/12

Electoral Division	Summary of proposal(s)	Progress	Category	Funds allocated to Proposal	Date to Local Committee	Decision
CARTMEL	Cartmel primary school safety	Proforma Completed	Highways	£12,000	18 November 2011	Agreed
GRANGE	Fell Foot Works	Proforma Completed	Highways	£2,000	18 November 2011	Agreed
HIGH FURNESS	Contribution towards the cost of creating a new bus service between Broughton and Ulverston	Pro forma completed	Community Infrastructure	£1,618	16 May 2011	Agreed
KENDAL CASTLE	Planting of bulbs on grass verges – Castle Green Lane and top of Parkside Rd	Awaiting Information	Community Infrastructure	£600.00	20 th January 2012	
	Beck Millennium Green – removal of wooden sculptures to create a garden area	Pro forma completed	Community Infrastructure	£11,870		
	Heron Hill invasive species on school woodland – removal of Japanese knotweed and Himalayan Balsam	Awaiting Information	Community Infrastructure			

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KENDAL HIGHGATE						
KENDAL NETHER						
KENDAL SOUTH	Stainton Institute Renovations – Building Regulations	Proforma Completed	Community Infrastructure	£2,500	Sept 2011	Agreed
	Contribution to Natland Road & Lound Street Highways Scheme	Proforma Completed	Highways	£3,550	Sept 2011	Agreed
KENDAL STRICKLAND						
KENT ESTUARY	Traffic Mirror – Arnside	Proforma Completed		£280	Sept 2011	Agreed
	Contribution towards the 541 Bowness/ Winster Bus Service	Proforma Completed		£650	Sept 2011	Agreed
	Beetham Traffic Calming Scheme					

Electoral Division	Summary of proposal(s)	Progress	Category	Funds allocated to Proposal	Date to Local Committee	Decision
LAKES						
LOW FURNESS	Contribution towards the cost of creating a new 510 bus service to serve Low Furness	Pro forma completed	Community Infrastructure	£5,000	16 May 2011	agreed
LOWER KENTDALE	Contribution towards the Lyth & Winster Drainage Board	Proforma Completed	Community Infrastructure	£2,000	September 2011	Agreed
	Contribution towards Endmoor Village Hall	Proforma Completed	Community Infrastructure	£1,500	September 2011	Agreed
	Contribution towards Heversham Athenaum	Awaiting estimates	Community Infrastructure	£1,500	January 2012	
	Contribution towards Hutton Roof Village Hall new roof	Pro forma completed	Community Infrastructure	£2,000	September 2011	Agreed
	Contribution towards outdoor recreational ground at Burton	Proforma completed	Community Infrastructure	£1,500	September 2011	Agreed

LOWER KENTDALE (cont'd)	Contribution towards Holme Parish Hall	Pro forma completed	Community Infrastructure	£2,000	September 2011	Agreed
	Contribution towards Holme Community Field	Proforma Completed	Community Infrastructure	£1,500		
LYTH VALLEY	Contribution to establish an internal drainage board	Proforma completed	Community Infrastructure	£12,000	11 July 2011	Agreed
SEDBERGH & KIRKBY LONSDALE	Contribution towards the cost of creating a new community led bus service from Dent Railway Station to Sedbergh	Pro forma completed	Community infrastructure	£2,000	16 May 2011	Agreed
	Contribution towards the cost of a Next Generation Broadband network and parallel 4G mobile network in the parishes of Garsdale and Dentdale.	Pro forma completed	Community infrastructure	£3,000	20 th January 2012	
ULVERSTON EAST	Watery Lane Footpath Improvements	Proforma completed	Highways	£2,000	18 November 2011	Agreed
	Contribution towards the cost of subsidising Service 60 for an interim period of 3 months	Proforma completed	Community infrastructure	£3,600	20 th January 2012	

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ULVERSTON WEST	Contribution towards the cost of creating a new 510 bus service to serve Low Furness	Pro completed Forma	Community Infrastructure	£5,000	16 May 2011	Agreed
UPPER KENT						
WINDERMERE	contribution to local flood relief scheme	Pro – forma completed	Community Infrastructure	£10,000	23 rd September 2011	Agreed

Appendix 2

LOCAL REVENUE SCHEME PRO FORMA

CCC Division	Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale		
Supporting Officer	Alison Love		
Date Approved by Local Committee			
Project Description	Total Cost	£5,100	
	CCC Contribution	£3,000	
<p>Fibre GarDen CIC – Set up Costs</p> <p>Fibre GarDen CIC is a constituted social enterprise aiming to establish a Next Generation Broadband network and parallel 4G mobile network in the parishes of Garsdale and Dentdale.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Future-proof • Be available, if required, to 100% of properties in the two parishes. • Provide infrastructure which supports a range of uses determined buy the user. • Be under community control/ <p>Firbe GarDen CIC have applied for Rural Development Programme for England funding for rural broadband. Statuary and pre start costs are not an eligible cost under the programme but will be vital if the project is to start and engage fully with the local community. The costs include cover legal, professional advice and community engagement (including promotions and events).</p>			
Number of people benefiting	1 - 10 <input type="radio"/>	10 - 50 <input type="radio"/>	50 + <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Breakdown of costs supported by estimates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Costs – wayleaves and/or easements, share and bond issues for raising capital finance. Estimates will need finalising once scope of work is established - £1,975 • Community Engagement (including web based activity, promotions and events) - £1,125 • Professional advice for financial arrangements - £2,000 			
<p>Match Funding (where necessary)</p>			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garsdale Parish Council provide support funding of £800 to cover some of the start-up costs. • Yorkshire Dales National Park Dent Initiative fund agrees to make a £1,000 donation towards start-up costs. • Dent Parish Council have matched £300 	
Estimated date of completion	1 st June 2012
Evidence of Community Support (including link to Community Plans)	
<p>In 2008 the Dentdale Parish Development Plan identified the provision of broadband as a key initiative to secure the long-term economic and social well-being of Dentdale. In 2010, Garsdale and Dentdale agreed to work together on this initiative, recognising that the skillsets found in the two dales were complimentary in the delivery of broadband to the combined communities.</p>	
Strategic Fit (Council Plan, LAA outcomes, Community Strategy, etc)	
<p>Council Plan 2011-2014 Thriving Economy – Key activity to achieve a thriving economy is to support the delivery of superfast broadband across the county.</p>	
Supporting Information from partners in delivery of the project:	
Third Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitution/ rules N/A Membership fees N/A Last annual report N/A Last set of accounts Latest bank statement Equal opportunities policy N/A Child protection policy ○ Letter of agreement signed by at least two committee members

LOCAL REVENUE SCHEME PRO FORMA

CCC Division	Low Furness & Ulverston		
Supporting Officer	Carol Last		
Date Approved by Local Committee			
Project Description	Total Cost	£6,100	
	CCC Contribution	£3,600	
<p>The Service 60 services Ulverston, Booths, Ulverston Health Centre and South Ulverston. Stagecoach is looking at withdrawing this service on 31st December 2011 due to low level of custom. The service is accessed by up to 70 users daily this includes school pupils from Sandside Lodge and Victoria High School who are regular users of this service as well as elderly users. The main concern of the withdrawal of this service is it will leave members of the public who live on Lonsdale Road with no public transport service the majority of the users from this area are elderly. They use service 60 to access Ulverston Market, Booths and the Health Centre.</p> <p>Stagecoach have agreed to run Service 60 for 3 months, Cumbria County Council Passenger Transport Team has gained a costing to run Service 60 for an interim period of 3 months up until 31st March 2012, to be able to provide time to investigate alternative routes. In the meantime the Local Members, Area Engagement Officer and the County Council Transport Team will be looking at raising the awareness and usage numbers of this service in the New Year.</p> <p>The shortfall of £2,500 is now being sought from Low Furness/Ulverston Local Area Partnership.</p>			
Number of people benefiting	1 - 10 <input type="radio"/>	10 - 50 <input type="radio"/>	50 + <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Breakdown of costs supported by estimates			
<p>Service 60: Ulverston Town Service</p> <p>January 25 days @ £80 = £2,000 February 25 days @ £80 = £2,000 March 27days @ £80 = £2,160</p> <p>Total 77 days @ £80 = £6,160</p>			
Match Funding (where necessary)			
Low Furness/Ulverston Local Area Partnership £2,500			
Evidence of Community Support (including link to Community Plans)			
Public transport has been a long standing issue for the residents of Low Furness/Ulverston and this has been raised by the elected member for the area.			

The continuation of the Service 60 for 3 months will assist with the investigation of alternative routes and engagement work that will be delivered in terms of getting the community ready for change.

Strategic Fit (Council Plan, LAA outcomes, Community Strategy, etc)

The project fits with the county council's "aspirations for Cumbria" as identified through the Council Plan under the following headings:

"A high quality and sustainable environment" where people can move safely and easily around the County

Community Strategy – Outcomes Framework

People are involved in decisions to deliver their communities priorities

Supporting Information from partners in delivery of the project:

Third Sector

- Constitution/ rules
- Membership fees
- Last annual report
- Last set of accounts
- Latest bank statement
- Equal opportunities policy
- Child protection policy

Letter of agreement signed by at least two committee members

LOCAL REVENUE SCHEME PRO FORMA

CCC Division	Kendal Castle		
Supporting Officer	Carol Last		
Date Approved by Local Committee			
Project Description	Total Cost	£11,870	
	CCC Contribution	£11,870	
<p>Landscaping Scheme for the Millennium Green Heron Hill in Kendal</p> <p>This project will produce a landscape scheme on Heron Hill so that sustainable tree and shrub population can be maintained and that significant amenity can accrue the site.</p> <p>The works to implement the above include ground preparation, soil specification, ground conditioning, planting of shrubs and plant stock, plant handling, standard tree planting and maintenance. Included in the above cost is a maintenance and management plan which includes monthly routine maintenance visits to include the following: hand weed planting beds, removal of litter, sweep mulch spillage, re-firm plant stock, prune plant stock as required, check of all plants, watering, plant and tree replacement and safety inspections.</p> <p>There are 2 landscape designs for this project it is envisage to hold a community event for local residents and groups on Herron Hill to view the proposed landscape schemes. This event will be taking place in January.</p>			
Number of people benefiting	1 - 10 <input type="radio"/>	10 - 50 <input type="radio"/>	50 + <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Breakdown of costs supported by estimates</p> <p>Estimated by Arb Consultants Ltd £11,870 Landscape design, planting of the scheme and site clearance, tree removal and planting</p>			
<p>Match Funding (where necessary)</p> <p>N/A</p>			
Estimated date of completion	As soon as funding permits.		
<p>Evidence of Community Support (including link to Community Plans)</p> <p>The proposed scheme of works has been identified by the elected member.</p> <p>A community meeting will be taking place at the beginning of the year with the local community in Herron Hill regarding the landscape schemes. The Beck Community Centre has received copies of the proposed</p>			

scheme for information.

Strategic Fit (Council Plan, LAA outcomes, Community Strategy, etc)

The project fits with the county council's "aspirations for Cumbria" as identified through the Council Plan under the following headings:

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Supporting Information from partners in delivery of the project:

Third Sector

- Constitution/ rules
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- Last annual report
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- Equal opportunities policy
- Child protection policy

Statutory Agencies

- Letter of Agreement

LOCAL REVENUE SCHEME PRO FORMA

CCC Division	Lower Kentdale		
Supporting Officer	Kelly Alty		
Date Approved by Local Committee			
Project Description	Total Cost	£3,995.80	
	CCC Contribution	£1,500	
<p>Heversham Athenaeum – Community Infrastructure</p> <p>The Athenaeum Management Committee are seeking to make improvements at the village hall. The committee have identified the replacement of the current kitchen units as a priority for the hall committee.</p> <p>The project will entail the installation of new units and worktops ensuring that the kitchen is fit for purpose.</p>			
Number of people benefiting	1 - 10 <input type="radio"/>	10 - 50 <input type="radio"/>	50 + <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Breakdown of costs supported by estimates			
<p>Estimates provided by Panararmer Ltd, Leasgill</p> <p>To supply and fit new units & worktops plus the removal of existing units and worktops - £3995.80</p>			
Match Funding (where necessary)			
Additional project costs of £2495.80 will be met by the Athenaeum Management Committee			
Estimated date of completion	March 2012		
Evidence of Community Support (including link to Community Plans)			
Improvements to Heversham Athenaeum have been identified as a priority for the management Committee. The installation of new kitchen units will improve the current facilities enhancing provision for the hall users.			

The proposed scheme of works is well supported by the local community as the hall is an important community asset and well used by local community groups on a regular basis. These improvements will ensure maintained and continued use of the hall through the provision of greater facilities.

Strategic Fit (Council Plan, LAA outcomes, Community Strategy, etc)

The project fits with the county council's "aspirations for Cumbria" as identified through the Council Plan under the following headings:

"An Independent and Healthy Life" - We want Cumbria to be a place where everyone to be able to enjoy an active, healthy and fulfilling life in a safe environment.

Community Strategy – Outcomes Framework

People are involved in decisions to deliver their communities priorities

Supporting Information from partners in delivery of the project:

<p>Third Sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Constitution/ rules ○ Membership fees ○ Last annual report ○ Last set of accounts ○ Latest bank statement ○ Equal opportunities policy ○ Child protection policy ○ Letter of agreement signed by at least two committee members
<p>Statutory Agencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Letter of Agreement

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