COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR COPELAND

Meeting date: 22 March 2013

From: Chief Executive

LOCAL COMMITTEE GRANTS

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report sets out the deliberations of the combined grants panel which met on 27 February 2013 for endorsement by local committee, giving an opportunity for Members to approve a range of grants that benefit wide areas of Copeland.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 Applications coming forward to the grants panel should support a local project, which meets community needs, underpinning elements of the Council Plan. In the case of an application coming from an individual, it is normal for applications to only merit support if they relate to activity at a national level or of equivalent importance.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION.

3.1 Members agree to allocate £2,500 from General Provision to Copeland Aftercare Support Champions towards start up costs.

3.2 Members agree to allocate £600 from General Provision to Derwent Railway Society towards the cost of a new scale model of a local railway station.

3.3 Members agree to allocate £320 from General Provision to Seaton Athletic Club towards the cost of team t-shirts and polo shirts.

3.4 Members agree to allocate £1,500 from General Provision to West Cumbria Trades Hall towards a help and support service for people in unemployment.

3.5 Members agree to allocate £500 from General Provision to West Cumbria Masters Rugby League towards start up equipment.
3.6 Members agree to allocate £1,363 from General Provision to “The Vulture Club” for arts and literature equipment for offering therapeutic opportunities.

3.7 Members agree to allocate £907 from General Provision to Haven Saints towards kit and first aid training for new volunteers.

3.8 Members agree to allocate £2,000 from General Provision to Egremont & District Pool Trust towards improvements to changing facilities.

3.9 Members agree to allocate £1,426 from General Provision to Making Space Copeland Support Group to cover the cost of two additional pamper days for carers.

3.10 Members agree to allocate £2,413 from General Provision to ICAAN (Independent Community Autism Activity Network) towards the 2013 programme of activities.

3.11 Members agree to allocate £2,200 from the 0-19 fund to Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project towards running introductory climbing wall sessions for year 5 and 6 pupils.

3.12 Members agree to allocate £1,308 from the 0-19 fund to Cleator Moor Army Cadet Force towards the purchase of laptops to allow cadets to complete Duke of Edinburgh awards online.

3.13 Members agree to allocate £946 from the 0-19 fund to Copeland Amateur Swimming Club for equipment to be used in training young people in swimming technique and at galas.

3.14 Members agree to allocate £900 from the 0-19 fund to Mayfield School Development Fund towards a residential trip to Bendrigg Lodge.

3.15 Members agree to allocate £1,000 from the 0-19 fund to Rosehill Theatre towards the ‘Taking Part’ initiative.

3.16 Members agree to allocate £872 from the 0-19 fund and £2,128 from General Provision to Inspira towards additional activities for targeted groups which are teenage mums, young people who are NEET, young people with learning difficulties and disabilities, and young people who are lacking in confidence or are isolated.

3.17 Members agree to allocate £263 from the Howgate and Distington Neighbourhood Forum general budget to Moresby School PTA towards re-carpeting two classrooms.
3.18 Members agree to allocate £1,500 from the Howgate and Distington Neighbourhood Forum general budget to Distington Community School PTA towards purchasing and installing an outdoor classroom.

3.19 Members agree to allocate £275 from the Whitehaven Neighbourhood Forum general budget to Whitehaven and District Lions Club towards hiring Whitehaven Town Band for the 2013 Carnival.

3.20 Members agree to allocate £600 from the North East Copeland Neighbourhood Forum 0-19 budget to Cleator Moor Amateur Boxing Club towards new training equipment for youth members aged 0-19.

3.21 Members agree to allocate £2,500 from the North East Copeland Neighbourhood Forum 0-19 budget to Wath Brow Hornets ARLFC towards training equipment for youth teams and for use in sessions with local schools.

3.22 Members agree to allocate £2,000 from the Whitehaven Neighbourhood Forum 0-19 budget to Whitehaven Miners Social Football Club towards training sessions for the under 8’s through to under 18’s teams during the winter season.

3.23 Members agree to allocate £2,500 from the Whitehaven Neighbourhood Forum 0-19 budget to Greenbank Community Association towards the 2013 summer play scheme.

BACKGROUND

4.1 Members of the grants panel met on 27 February 2013 to consider the applications listed in the appendix to this report. They recommended giving the sums shown in the final column on Appendix 1 and local committee’s approval is sought so that the grants can be made.

4.2 In order to meet the criteria set out by cabinet, in each application care has been taken to ensure that the county council’s funding from the 0-19 year budget will only be applied to the provision of services for young people. Where the application is for a proportion of the total project costs, the Area Support Manager has satisfied himself that the proportion of young people benefitting from the project is significantly greater than the proportion of funds applied for.

5.0 OPTIONS

5.1 Members can approve, vary or reject the recommendations.
6.0 Resource and Value for Money Implications

6.1 The General Provisions budget currently has an unspent balance of £16,634. Should the recommendation at 3.1 to 3.10 and part of 3.16 be approved then the remaining balance at the end of 2012-13 financial year will be £977.

6.2 The 0-19 Service Budget currently has an unspent balance of £7,226. Should the recommendation at 3.11-315 and part of 3.16 be approved then the remaining balance at the end of 2012-13 financial year will be £0.

6.3 The recommendations in 3.17-3.24 are already included in the earmarked amount in forum grants and 0-19 forum grants. The remaining balance will not alter.

7.0 Legal Implications

7.1 Under the Council Constitution at paragraph 17 and page 68 County Local Committees are empowered to “determine applications for grants, loans and contributions to outside bodies, voluntary organizations or third sector organizations (which are not specifically delegated to an officer) within a policy approved by the Executive”.

7.2 To allocate, in accordance with the guidance agreed by Cabinet on 3 March 2011, funds from the 0-19 services budget in order to support positive activities, both targeted and mainstream, designed to improve outcomes for children and young people and reduce inequalities and, in doing so, ensure that projects should address at least one of the following criteria:

7.2.1 Providing access to play, recreational, leisure or outdoor activities;
7.2.2 Providing access to care or educational activities;
7.2.3 Providing access to safe and enjoyable places for children and young people to go;
7.2.4 Providing access to holiday, weekend or out of school activities;
7.2.5 Enabling children and young people’s involvement and participation e.g. forum, youth council, engagement, empowerment, decision-making; and or
7.2.6 Supporting children and young people to take part in volunteering or community action.

7.3 Local Committee is therefore properly authorised to consider spending decisions within unallocated budgets as proposed in this paper.
8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 Disbursement of grant funding supports council priorities and sustains local communities.

Jill Stannard
Chief Executive
March 2013
APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Schedule of applications – Grants Panel

Executive Decision

Key Decision

If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

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

If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?

If so, give details below.

Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Various Copeland Local Committee meetings in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINITY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers

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#### Appendix 1

Grants Panel 27.02.13 held at Cleator Moor Council Centre, 4.30pm

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<th>Forum/Budget</th>
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<td>General Provision</td>
<td>Copeland Aftercare Support Champions</td>
<td>Application is towards start up costs of Copeland Aftercare Support Champions. This service started in October 2012. The service offers aftercare support for substance mis-users and their families who are coming to the end of their treatment and also those who feel they cannot enter into statutory services. The Aftercare Café provides support for families and a range of leisure and social activities. The local Cumbria Drug and Alcohol Action Team office has been contacted for advice on their application.</td>
<td>£2,500.00</td>
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<td>General Provision</td>
<td>Derwent Railway Society</td>
<td>To construct a model railway of a particular scale. The model will be a local station shown in its environment. The Society aim to engage the community in the history and preservation of West Cumbria’s railways. New applicant – full costs £1,000. Project commences in March 2013.</td>
<td>£600.00</td>
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<td>General Provision</td>
<td>Seaton Athletic Club</td>
<td>To purchase team t-shirts and polo shirts to make members feel like part of a team without any financial cost. The total membership of the Club is 80, with 33 coming from Copeland. This indicates that proportionately they could receive £320 from Copeland. An application to Wilkinson's Community Fund has been submitted to make up the total. Last funding was £350 from the Panel in July 2011 for training equipment.</td>
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<td>General Provision</td>
<td>West Cumbria Trades Hall</td>
<td>The application is towards help and support for unemployed people who have barriers to entering employment. The Hall has seen an increase in the number of people accessing their service and has therefore needed to seek out funding for enhancing their provision. This includes one-to-one information and advice, literacy and numeracy skills, compiling a CV and writing letters. Project costs include project worker time, admin time, office rent, telephone, publicity etc. The original request was for £5,000 however the CCC Workington Central Grants Panel awarded £2,800. During 2012 a total of 318 people from Copeland received support from the Hall. New applicant.</td>
<td>£1,500.00</td>
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<td>General Provision</td>
<td>West Cumbria Masters Rugby League</td>
<td>Towards purchasing start up equipment for the team. This newly formed organisation need playing kit, rugby balls, post protectors, corner flags, subs jackets and first aid kit. The team is open to players from North and West Cumbria; therefore a proportionate amount may be advisable. New applicant. Commences March 2013.</td>
<td>£500.00</td>
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<td>General Provision</td>
<td>The Vulture Club</td>
<td>The Vulture Club offers therapeutic opportunities for those who require support recovering from drug and alcohol dependence. This is done primarily through creative arts and literature. The Club has attracted around 30 members who attend on a regular basis, some travelling from Carlisle and Barrow. The Club is run by volunteers, some of whom are ex professionals from the drug and alcohol field. Equipment required includes a water boiler, storage cupboard, printer, netbooks and a digital camera. New applicant.</td>
<td>£1,363.00</td>
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<td>General Provision</td>
<td>Hensingham Rugby League Club</td>
<td>Project is to refurbish the clubhouse, including reupholstering the main room and bar area, and purchasing new stacking chairs. Full project costs £7,000. Area of benefit has been described as the West due to hosting visiting teams, there is also a domino team, pool team, pensioners group and a netball club that use their facility. The next phase will be to carry out work in their ceiling and lighting.</td>
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<td>General Provision</td>
<td>Haven Saints</td>
<td>Haven Saints are a group of volunteers who work with the Police and other organisations at the weekend to help vulnerable people in Whitehaven Town Centre. They are part of the Street Angels Initiative. Application is for volunteer equipment including uniform/kit and first aid training for new volunteers. The local Policing team were contacted about this application who confirmed that Haven Saints are out most weekends, particularly at peak times in the year; their work does help and is effective. They talk to vulnerable people, give them soft drinks and help them into taxis. Workington and Carlisle are looking to set up similar initiatives. Full cost £2,022 – new applicant.</td>
<td>£907.00</td>
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<td>General Provision</td>
<td>Egremont &amp; District Pool Trust</td>
<td>Application is to improve changing facilities at the pool by purchasing new lockers that meet modern standards. Maintaining attractive facilities encourages use of the pool and therefore aids its sustainability. The pool is used by all age groups from West, Mid and North East Copeland. Full project costs £6,650, work to commence in April 2013.</td>
<td>£2,000.00</td>
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<td>General Provision</td>
<td>Making Space</td>
<td>To cover the cost of a Pamper Day for the Copeland support group. This group is facilitated by Making Space and is run by and for carers who have a family member with a severe mental illness. The Pamper Day gives carers a break from the stress of their day to day lives and is part of a programme of such days/trips. There are 15 people in the group.</td>
<td>£1,426.00</td>
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<td>General Provision</td>
<td>ICAAN (Independent Community Autism Activity Network)</td>
<td>Application is towards the cost of activities for the ICAAN 2013 programme. These include trampoline &amp; soft play sessions; swimming sessions; Calvert Trust activity day; horse riding; day trips; sports sessions; roller-skating, karate and urban rebound taster session. ICAAN has a membership of 56 people from Copeland out of 144.</td>
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<td>0-19</td>
<td>Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project</td>
<td>Towards the cost of running introductory climbing sessions for year 5 and 6 primary school pupils in Copeland (down to Gosforth/Seascale). The project was piloted and found to be beneficial for young people as an opportunity to experience activities outside of their home/school environment. This also acts as a link to getting young people engaged with the Harbour Youth Project and what they offer at this transitional stage. The remainder of the funding for this work will come from Inspira’s Friday Night Project budget which I believe the County Council contributed to last year. The Harbour Youth Project received £1,000 from General Provision in June 2012. Councillors may use their discretion when deciding whether to fund the group again in this financial year. Project commences in April 2013.</td>
<td>£2,200.00</td>
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<td>0-19</td>
<td>Cleator Moor Army Cadet Force</td>
<td>To purchase six laptops with associated extras to allow Cadets to complete their Duke of Edinburgh award. This is now done online. The laptops will be based at Cleator Moor but will be used by seven detachments from Copeland, Allerdale and Carlisle. The total number of Copeland cadets is 83 out of 203; therefore a proportionate amount of funding is £1,308.</td>
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<td>0-19</td>
<td>Copeland Amateur Swimming Club</td>
<td>Application is to purchase an underwater camera, tablet, printer and tripod. The camera and tablet will be used to record swimming and play back to show where technique needs to be improved. The tripod and printer will link to the timer system and will be used in galas. Whilst the club does have adult members, 143 out of 175 are aged 0-19. The Club was funded by the Grants Panel in 2011/12 for £1,000 towards training courses. Project commences April 2013.</td>
<td>£946.00</td>
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<td>0-19</td>
<td>Mayfield School Development Fund</td>
<td>Application is towards a residential trip to Bendrigg Lodge near Kendal in April 2014. The trip is subsidised by the school and parents are also asked to make a contribution, however no child has ever been refused a place due to financial difficulty. As well as providing an educational and social experience for the students, the trip gives respite to families. Of the 13 children going on the trip, 11 are from Copeland. Full cost is £6,000. Last funding was £500 from the Hillcrest &amp; Hensingham Forum in 2010. Mayfield School has received Members Scheme funding for specific projects.</td>
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<td>0-19</td>
<td>Rosehill Theatre</td>
<td>Application is towards the ‘Taking Part’ initiative. The project aims to build relationships between Rosehill and Schools in Copeland. This will be done through providing students with creative opportunities including work with the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain; creative learning workshops in primary schools; performance workshops with a string quartet; Opera Studio; and Rosehill on the Road. Rosehill received £1,500 from the Whitehaven Forum in November 2012 and are due to receive Members Scheme funding; Councillors may use their discretion when deciding whether to fund the group again in this financial year. Project commences March 2013.</td>
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<td>0-19 and General Provision</td>
<td>Inspira</td>
<td>Application is towards additional activities for four targeted disadvantaged groups. Whilst funding covers staff time, there is not always enough in the budget to do the additional things that young people enjoy – envisaged activities include theatre trips, trips to local attractions such as bowling and sports, Keswick Spa, skills demonstrations, craft workshops and associated transport. The groups that will be targeted are teenage mums; young people who are NEET; young people with learning difficulties and disabilities; young people who are isolated and/or lacking in confidence. Project commences March 2013.</td>
<td>£3,000.00</td>
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<td>Howgate &amp; Distington General</td>
<td>Moresby School PTA</td>
<td>Application is towards the cost of re-carpeting two school classrooms. This is part of a bigger project to decorate and improve the fabric of the school after many years of neglect due to financial deficits. The school acknowledges teaching and learning as its first priority which is where its budget is spent, now with a new Headteacher another priority is to improve the look of the school for all, by painting (which governors, teachers are doing to keep costs down) and replacing the threadbare carpets. The PTA has been tasked with fundraising for the carpets; two classrooms have been completed with positive results. Total cost for two classrooms which includes floor preparation is £2,700.00.</td>
<td>£263.00</td>
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<td>Howgate &amp; Distington General</td>
<td>Distington Community School PTA</td>
<td>Application is towards the cost of purchasing and installing a wooden gazebo/outside classroom within a woodland area beside a wildlife pond in the school grounds. This would be used for outdoor school projects and community activities. At the moment the local Evergreen Pensioner Group meet weekly at the school and the idea is that they, along with the children, will be involved in planning for this project and then be able to use the facility once it’s in place. Total project costs are £7,650, the PTA has already raised £757.10 plus £550 promised from 2 local businesses.</td>
<td>£1,500.00</td>
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<td>Whitehaven General</td>
<td>Kells &amp; District Royal British Legion</td>
<td>Towards the cost of refurbishment and repairs at the Legion including: reupholstering bench seating and bar stools; recarpeting the bar and corridor area; roof repairs; repairs to tile flooring; glass units and door. The Legion hosts charity bingo every Monday evening donating money to local causes, and is used by Sea Cadets, Labour Party, Kells Rugby League Club, Hospice at Home and Macmillan, as well as by local residents for private functions. New applicant – full project costs approx £5,000.</td>
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<td>Whitehaven General</td>
<td>Whitehaven &amp; District Lions Club</td>
<td>Application is to hire Whitehaven Town Band for the 2013 Carnival. Full cost of the Carnival is approx £2,000 which is raised through approaching local businesses; Edgars Garage and Dobies Charitable Trust have donated so far.</td>
<td>£275.00</td>
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<td>North East Copeland 0-19</td>
<td>Cleator Moor Amateur Boxing Club</td>
<td>To purchase new equipment including vests, gloves, body protectors, shorts and training bags. The Club received £1,000 in total from the North East Copeland Forum in September, so Councillors may use their discretion when deciding whether to fund the group again in this financial year. Their membership suggests that only £600 would be eligible from the NEC 0-19 budget. Application is for full cost.</td>
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<td>North East Copeland 0-19</td>
<td>Wath Brow Hornets ARLFC</td>
<td>Application is towards the cost of purchasing training equipment for their seven youth teams, also to be used in sessions in local junior schools. Children currently pay £25 per season for coaching and registration which does not cover annual expenses such as equipment and venue hire. Full costs £3,000.</td>
<td>£2,500.00</td>
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<td>Whitehaven 0-19</td>
<td>Whitehaven Miners Social Football Club</td>
<td>To support training sessions during the winter season whilst flooding is addressed at the club's pitch. Whitehaven Miners FC hoped to get a new pitch as part of the Pow Beck development. Now that is no longer going ahead the club are looking into Coalfields funding for drainage; however as the rugby pitch is two meters higher, it drains onto the football pitch. Major works at a cost of £50-60,000 are needed. Whilst training sessions would usually be classed as running costs, an exception has been made here on a second occasion as an interim measure until their funding situation progresses. The Club received £2,191 for winter training from the Whitehaven Forum in February 2012.</td>
<td>£2,000.00</td>
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<td>Whitehaven 0-19</td>
<td>Greenbank Community Association</td>
<td>Towards the cost of the 2013 Summer Play Scheme. The scheme operates every year and attracts around 100 children. The Community Association arrange a programme of events including bowling, arts &amp; crafts, magician show, aquarium trip and pantomime shows. The end of the scheme usually culminates in a trip to Lightwater Valley. They do approach other funders and are mindful not to rely on CCC funding, however on this occasion they were encouraged to apply by Area Support staff and their local member. The Community Association received £2,000 in August 2012 towards their 2012 play scheme, before which a visit took place with Children’s Services to ensure they were happy with arrangements. Councillors may use their discretion when deciding whether to fund the group again in this financial year.</td>
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