

# COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR CARLISLE

Meeting date: 9 January 2019

From: Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services

## AREA MANAGER'S REPORT

### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *This report provides Local Committee with recommendations for grants and asks Local Committee to consider note and approve recommendations in respect of:*

- *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 *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.*

2.3 *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.*

2.4 *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 members note the commitments made and the remaining balances within delegated budgets detailed in Appendix 1;**

***Local Committee Grants Panel – General Provision Budget;***

**3.2 That the Committee notes a grant of £3000 to Amy's Care towards funding a new minibus to support older people;**

**3.3 That the Committee notes a grant of £2000 to Mencap towards sensory equipment to support people with learning difficulties;**

**3.4 That the Committee receive the minutes and approve the Draft Terms of Reference for the Infrastructure Planning Group (attached at appendix 3) referred to in 4.7 below.**

### **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 grants considered by the Strategic Grants Panel at its meeting in April 2018, including the recommendations of this group in respect of grant applications. Further information can be made available to any councillor on request. Local Committee is invited to approve the recommendations of this group.

#### **Area Planning and Communities**

4.5 An Area Planning Session was held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 during which members were advised on the new Terms of Reference for Local Committees and how that impacts on day to day business. The Terms of Reference are due to be presented to members at 9<sup>th</sup> January Local Committee under a separate item

4.6 Members were also taken through an Area Planning exercise based on Brampton using the Place Standard Methodology, This is a series of questions and prompts to examine the quality of services, infrastructure and environment in an area. The intention is to also run the same exercise with officers and with the community themselves

4.7 The recently established Infrastructure Planning Group, reporting to Local Committee, has met and proposed its Terms of Reference for agreement. The minutes of that meeting along with the Draft of Terms of Reference are attached at appendix 3.

## 5.0 OPTIONS

5.1 Members may choose to approve, vary or reject the recommendations in respect of the grants above. Members may wish to comment on other aspects contained within the report.

## 6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Following its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November, the Local Committee has unallocated resources of £61,330 in its General Provison. Should the recommendations in this report be agreed, £5,000 will be committed from this budget, leaving £56,330 available for future allocation.

## 7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no constitutional or legal prohibitions in relation to the Recommendations to commit to the funding as more particularly outlined in the Report and the Appendices.

7.2 Members are asked to note Recommendations 3.2 and 3.3. The Area Manager of the Local Committee has the delegated authority to approve grants for under £5,000 in accordance with the Local Committee budget.

## 8.0 CONCLUSION

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

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10 December 2018

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## APPENDICES

**Appendix 1: Summary Financial Statement**

**Appendix 2: Summary of the General Provision Grants**

**Appendix 3: Minutes and Draft Terms of Reference of Infrastructure Planning Group**

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. 

	No
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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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