

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR CARLISLE

Meeting date: 3 September 2019

**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 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 Carlisle Local Committees area priorities are

- **Improving Health and Wellbeing**
- **Children and Young People**
- **Developing Infrastructure and the Local Economy**
- **Enabling Thriving Communities**

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 that the Area Planning report considered at the Local Committee meeting on 9 July referred to a grant of £2,500 being made to AWAZ towards the Unity Festival from the General Provision funding and that this should have read that £1,500 had been awarded.*

3.3 *That the Committee notes the grants made from General Provision funding detailed in appendix 2 and summarised below:*

- *Carlisle Collective Fringe Festival. £1,500 awarded towards marketing and creating publications including snapchats, Instagram filters, GIFs etc and short animated films.*
- *The Patchwork Opera. £2,720 awarded towards filming and recording of sessions to take the production forward after the Fringe event to promote debate around mental health issues.*
- *North Cumbria Rescue and Response (NCRR). £5,000 awarded towards providing Personal Protective Equipment for 10 volunteers*
- *Dalston Victory Hall. £1,628 awarded towards replacement and/or refurbishment of windows, main entrance doors and emergency exit doors.*
- *Botcherby Family Centre. £527 awarded outside the grants panel process for toys and play equipment.*

3.4 *That the Committee notes grants made from 0-19 grant funding detailed in appendix 3 and summarised below:*

- *Friends of Burgh by Sands School. £692 awarded towards improving seating in a community space*
- *Triple F. £2,000 awarded towards play area improvements at Carliol Drive.*

3.5 *That the committee approves a grant allocation of £10,000 from General Provision to Carlisle Credit Union towards the purchase of new technology and tools to be able to deliver more services digitally on-line.*

3.6 *That the committee: reviews the current arrangements for joint working and collaboration between the three tiers of local government in Carlisle district as set out at appendix 4; decides in what way, if any, to change those arrangements.*

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 grant applications considered by the Strategic Grants Panel at its meeting on 31st July 2019 and its recommendations. Further information can be made available to any councillor on request.
- 4.3 Attached at Appendix 3 is a summary of the 0-19 grant applications considered by the Strategic Grants Panel at its meeting on 31st July 2019 and its recommendations. Further information can be made available to any councillor on request.

Area Planning and Communities

Area Planning Priorities

- 4.4 Following Local Committee on 9th May 2019, members agreed that the Area Plan for Carlisle would be formed around 4 themes

The Community Team have since worked on more specific priorities within each of these themes as follows.

- **Improving Health and Wellbeing**
 - Improving diet and tackling obesity
 - Reducing the prevalence of smoking
 - Promoting physical activity
 - Improving mental wellbeing
 - Promoting breastfeeding

- **Children and Young People**
 - Healthy weight
 - Improving emotional health
 - Tackling drug and alcohol misuse
 - Young carers

- **Developing Infrastructure and the Local Economy**
 - Borderlands (Station Gateway and Place Fund)
 - Carlisle Southern Link Road and St Cuthbert's Garden Village
 - School places planning
 - Carlisle City Centre

- **Enabling Thriving Communities**
 - Community development and assets
 - Improved 3rd Sector working
 - Promoting independence

The relevant sub groups of Carlisle Local Committee are working on developing priorities within these themes and an Area Planning workshop covering Thriving Communities and Borderlands Place Fund is scheduled for late September.

Arrangements for joint working and collaboration between 3 tiers of local government in Carlisle district

- 4.5 At its meeting on 26th March 2018, Local Committee agreed a mechanism by which more effective engagement could take place between all three tiers of Local Government. Since that agreement there have been changes to the constitution and arrangements in Local Committees.
- 4.6 Following a request from CPCA, the chair and previous vice chair recently met with representatives from CPCA and the Area Manager where the issue of co-opting a member from the Association was discussed in detail. Following that meeting, CPCA has now asked Carlisle Local Committee to consider co-opting one of its members.
- 4.7 The Chair and former vice chair agreed that this matter could be considered by the full local committee in more detail and the document relating to the revised arrangements agreed in March 2018 is attached at appendix 4. Members may wish to continue with this relatively recently implemented arrangement or may wish to pursue changes to this arrangement.

Residential care sites in Carlisle

- 4.8 Carlisle's new care home Burnrigg Court is now fully operational and has had its formal opening. This replaces three former care homes at Elizabeth Welsh House, Petteril House and Langrigg House. Each site is being progressed differently.
- 4.9 The plan for the Petteril House site on Lightfoot Drive is to demolish early 2020 with the site being redeveloped as Extra Care Housing. This is in partnership with Home Group.
- 4.10 Langrigg House, will eventually be sold but is currently being used to house some staff and services from Cumbria Care Day Services as a temporary measure.
- 4.11 Elizabeth Welsh House had initially been earmarked for future sale but will now be repurposed as an Alternative Provision site. Work is due to start early 2020 and be completed by the end of the year.

Borderlands Growth Deal update

- 4.12 The Heads of Terms Agreement was signed for the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal in July 2019. This is an ambitious approach to cross-border working between Governments, local authorities and partners. The Borderlands Partnership is working together to deliver positive change across the region to encourage growth, help existing businesses and to encourage new businesses to set up in the area.

- 4.13 The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal is focusing on ways to make the area more attractive to existing and potential residents, investors and visitors. The long-term benefits of the Deal will reach all parts of the Borderlands area, driving inclusive growth and delivering significant and lasting benefits for individuals, businesses and communities.
- 4.14 Improving the places where people live and work and also the infrastructure to support growth and connectivity is a key part of the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal and as such the Heads of Terms agreement sets out the creation a new high-profile gateway development for Carlisle centred around the Railway Station and the adjacent Citadel buildings that will attract people to the area.
- 4.15 The signing of the agreement is a vital step towards the next stage of the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal, enabling the Partnership to finalise the business cases for the agreed projects and programmes and to access the funding to take this forward. A more detailed briefing on the specific projects affecting Carlisle will take place following formal business at today's Local Committee meeting.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Member may choose to approve vary or reject the recommendations. Members may wish to comment on other aspects contained within the report.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Appendix 1 of this report summarises the Local Committee budgets following the meeting on 9th July.
- 6.2 The Local Committee has unallocated resources of £38,156 in its General Provision. The grants to note in recommendation 3.1 of this report will allocate £11,375 from this budget, leaving a balance of £26,781. Should recommendation 3.3 be agreed, £10,000 will be committed, leaving £16,781 available for future allocation.
- 6.3 The 0-19 Services budget has unallocated resources of £44,240. The grants to note in recommendation 3.2 will allocate £2,692 from this budget, leaving £41,548 available for future allocation.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Recommendations 3.1–3.3 are items for Local Committee to note. There are, therefore, no direct legal implications.
- 7.2 In relation to recommendation 3.4, under Part 2D paragraph 5.1.2(d) of the Constitution, Local Committee has the function to:
“Approve applications for grants from the Local Committee's budgets for amounts exceeding £5,000 in line with the policy”.
- Under Part 2D paragraph 4.2 of the Constitution:

“Local Committees, in exercising their functions (both executive and non-executive), must comply with the Council’s Budget and Policy Framework and the policies of the Council as adopted and endorsed by the Council or Cabinet”

and, under Part 2D paragraph 4.3 of the Constitution:

“In carrying out their functions, Local Committees must comply with the Council’s budget and policy framework and the policies of the Council as adopted by full Council or the Cabinet”.

7.3 In relation to recommendation 3.5, under Part 2D paragraph 2.2 of the Constitution:

“Local Committee may co-opt an additional member from the relevant District Council, who shall be a non-voting member of the committee”.

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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8 August 2019

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Summary Financial Statement

Appendix 2: Summary of the General Provision Grants

Appendix 3: Summary of the 0-19 Grants

Appendix 4: Arrangements for joint working and collaboration between 3 tiers of local government in Carlisle district

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?

	No
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If so, give details below.

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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