

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR BARROW

Meeting date: 12 July 2021

From: Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services

BARROW AREA PLANNING REPORT

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *This report brings together information from across the Community teams including Community Development, Libraries and Archives, and provides an update on work and agreed activity since the last meeting of the Committee.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 *The County Council's vision set out in the Council Plan 2018-2022 is to 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, and area based working, and shaping services locally is one of the key ways of delivering this vision.*

2.2 *The work of Barrow Local Committee, through its Area Plan and projects helps to achieve the Council Plan 2018-2022 outcomes, which are:*

- *People in Cumbria are healthy and safe*
- *People in Cumbria are well connected and thriving*
- *The economy in Cumbria is thriving and benefits everyone*

2.3 *The development, operation and monitoring of the Council Plan requires a focus on the Council's performance against the identified outcomes, increasingly understood through localities. Barrow Area Plan sets out three targeted priorities for the area, which are:*

- *Improving health and well-being and tackling poverty*
- *To support Cumbria's Early Help strategy which enables support for children, families and young people*
- *Promoting sustainable economic growth and creating jobs.*

2.4 *The locally devolved funding is available for Local Committees to allocate within the area to support positive outcomes, targeted and mainstream, designed to improve outcomes for the communities of Barrow. This funding can be targeted to initiate new activity or to enhance/complement existing provision according to locally determined need.*

2.5 *Local Committee is mindful of equality issues and duly considers that its actions and decisions do not result in inequality of service provision or exclusion from participation. The work of Local Committee directly supports the Council's wider equalities agenda.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 *That Members note the updates in this report*

3.2 *That Members agree the budget allocations as outlined in Appendix 3*

3.3 *That Local Committee agree the 6 schemes as outlined in paragraph 4.42 to be funded and delivered from the Contain Outbreak Mitigation Fund Improving Outdoor Spaces (Area Based Events and Activities) workstream*

3.4 *That Local Committee agrees funding £5,000 to the Borough Council to support a Poverty Truth Commission from General Provisions as outlined in Paragraph 4.41i*

3.5 *That Local Committee agrees a grant of £10,000 from its 0-19 services budget to Active Cumbria to support pilot a project for Active Start as outlined in paragraph 4.47ii*

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 This report provides Members with an update of the work of Barrow Local Committee and the Community Services Teams since its meeting of 10 March 2021 and outlines provisional and actual expenditure against Local Committee's budget as of 31 May 2021

4.2 Members continue to meet informally through virtual informal meetings to share information, discuss issues and recommend courses of action. Since the May a number of topics have been discussed including:

- Dalton Borderlands Place Programme
- The pilot approach in Childrens Services of the Intake Team
- Improvements to Footpaths
- Updates on the work of the Barrow Resilience Groups
- Barrow Town Deal Community Hubs Project updates
- Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan
- COVID-19 and Population Mental Wellbeing

4.3 In addition to these specific meetings, Members also hold ad hoc meetings and workshops as needed, and also continue to be kept informed through regular communications from the Area Manager and Community Development Team.

4.4 The formal Local Committee meeting of 28 May was cancelled. Two decisions that would have been made at that meeting that were time sensitive were:

- Funding for the Money Advice Service
- The Barrow Business Improvement District Election

4.5 Due to the time sensitive nature of these decisions, appropriate governance was followed and the decisions were taken by the Leader of the Council rather than Barrow Local Committee on this occasion.

Covid response

4.6 The Barrow Resilience Group has moved its meetings to three weekly and continues to co-ordinate work and resources as needed.

4.7 In addition to monitoring the current position in relation to Covid in the borough, key areas of focus over recent meetings have included:

- Support to and impacts on children and young people, and the holiday activity and food programme
- Mental health and wellbeing
- The work of the Community Covid Recovery Group
- The Collaborative Bid into the Government's Community Renewal Fund which will help support recovery activity across the borough
- Considering the Safer Streets fund Round 3

4.8 The Food and Support Partnership re-named Community COVID Recovery Group now meets monthly. This includes the Community Resource Distribution Points (CRDP) (3 x food hubs – Barrow Island, Spring Mount and Dalton) and wider partners such as Integrated Care Community (ICC), Age UK, Barrow Foodbank and Health and Wellbeing Coaches (HAWCs). Across all 3 CRDPs there has been a reduction in demand of food over recent weeks.

4.9 The objectives of the CRDPs now are to support people with food in an emergency situation/short-term to enable people to get back on their feet. Medium/longer-term support is also being provided through partners such as Barrow Foodbank, Citizens Advice Bureau, Health & Wellbeing Coaches etc. It is emerging that there is an increased need for support in communities around more complex issues such as debt and mental health.

4.10 A key issue that has and is emerging is the need to support individuals and families with emergency items during various situations (not just solely due to Covid). Examples of these situations include families having to be moved from an existing house due to unsuitability and the new property having no white goods, or an individual and their child moved urgently due to domestic abuse but with key items not available in the new location.

4.11 A framework and referral process has therefore been developed to ensure a single distribution point to pilot supporting families and individuals across Barrow borough. Included in the referral process will be identifying existing agency support being provided alongside any additional support needed to ensure the family or individual is getting the help needed. Key to this is looking at the root cause of the issues and prevention going forward.

- 4.12 Running in parallel will be work to identify how going forward there can be a more joined-up process to support individuals and families when needed. All the data gathered will be used to evaluate the difference this pilot has made and also identify who and how they were being supported and if there were any gaps.
- 4.13 The relationships and trust that the CRDPs have built with their communities needs to be built on and provides an opportunity to take forward more positive community development in COVID recovery.

Area Working and Community Services Update

- 4.14 The team locally have also continued to work to support area planning activity and priority areas of work, and key areas are highlighted below for Members information.
- 4.15 **Barrow Town Deal** – Members continue to receive regular updates about the progress of this work and in particular the Community Hubs and Earnse Bay programme, which was developed from Area Planning work. The four project groups continue to meet with a range of partners and elected members sitting on each. The current position for each of the hubs is outlined below:

- Ormsgill Community Centre – The centre has now re opened in a limited manner compliant with covid regulations. Family Action are undertaking work with children and families from the centre, the library link has now been relocated there and the Post Office now operates from the site on a Friday afternoon.

The working group are looking at organising a leaflet drop promoting the activities that are available from the centre and it is expected that it will be fully open once Covid restrictions are further lifted. A building user group made up of the services and groups using the centre is also being pulled together and will meet monthly.

- Barrow Island Community Hub – the working group continue to meet and costings and designs are being developed for how the existing building at Bram Longstaffe can be further improved to support the community use and activities that are going to take place from the site. Some activities such as Community Skills and Learning and Children's Centre work are already taking place, and in addition the site has been used for supporting the vaccination role out in the community.

The next stage of consultation and engagement for Bram Longstaffe will be undertaken in the next few weeks. Targeted engagement through a survey is being undertaken via social media using specific groups on Barrow Island to gauge their views on the type of activities and services they would like to access. In addition to existing service users in Bram Longstaffe will be asked to complete the survey to understand what additional activities and services they would like to see.

- Town Centre Hub – The Forum has been agreed as the site for the town centre hub, and work is underway looking at the work and improvements that could be made to enable this to be delivered. Consultation and engagement will be commencing, focusing how the space could be used in different ways through innovative activities, workshops etc. A video

had been produced in partnership with The Forum and CandoFM to consult the public and ask them to feed their ideas through onto an ideas board on the #BrilliantBarrow website.

- Earnse Bay – Members have continued to receive regular updates on the progress of this project, most recently with a joint Borough and County Council Member session to look at the developing ideas for the site.

At the time of writing consultation has begun with people being urged to share their views on what they would like to see included in the designs of a new outdoor community space at Earnse Bay. The designers' initial ideas showing how the area might look when it is nestled into the Walney coastline will be shared both online and at a number of drop in sessions.

The concepts which have been developed draw upon ideas put forward by members of the public, stakeholder groups and children at five local schools during a series of engagement events to create the visual representation. The feedback from this consultation will help to shape the final designs which will be costed and put forward as part of the final business case for the project.

- 4.16 **Egerton Court Multi-Agency Partnership** - An Egerton Court Multi-Agency Partnership has been set up to work together with landlords and agents looking at supporting the tenants on Egerton Court. A number of new agents have taken over several blocks of flats and were keen to provide tenant support. During COVID due to partners unable to support tenants as previously undertaken social and environmental issues had arisen. However, this is now being addressed with opportunities for tenants to be supported through the County Council Health and Wellbeing Coaches and linking to the work in Bram Longstaffe with partners.
- 4.17 **ParkPlay** - Over 60 people took part in Barrow's first-ever ParkPlay on Saturday at Barrow Park. The event will now be held every Saturday in Barrow Park from 10am-11am, all year round. It is delivered by ParkPlay working in partnership with Active Cumbria, Barrow Borough Council, Cumbria County Council and supported by local schools.
- 4.18 This is the first ParkPlay in the North and offers FREE fun and games for people of any age and gives people the opportunity to meet, move and play together with others in their local community. People can take part in a range of games and activities including dodgeball, frisbee, scavenger hunts and quick cricket.
- 4.19 **Dalton Borderlands Place Programme** – The Dalton Borderlands Town Team has continued to meet on a monthly basis, as has the Dalton Community Partnership.
- 4.20 The community consultation was very positive with 376 responses being received, and based on this feedback and the feedback from Members, the Town Team and Community Partnership a draft vision has been developed and presented to the Dalton Town Team and the Barrow Local Committee

Vision: *“an economic role that comes from being a quality place people choose to live in, a caring community for people who work in Barrow, Sellafield and elsewhere”*

This is underpinned by three key themes:

- active lifestyles
- celebrating our character
- a community to cherish

- 4.21 The longlist of projects is currently being refined, with Borderlands eligible projects being identified. These projects would be further developed and shortlisted for inclusion within the Dalton Town Investment Plan.

Barrow Libraries and Archives

- 4.22 **Barrow Library building renovations** - The refurb of the library is progressing well and renovation work will commence on the front entrance area on Monday 5th July and is scheduled to finish on 18th August.
- 4.23 **Ormsgill Library Link** - We have a new Library Link in the Community Centre at Ormsgill. Fresh new stock has been added to the library and we will be welcoming new and existing customers along to use the service. People will be able to join the library by completing a simple form at the link or online. We will be planning talks and activities for the community over the coming months.
- 4.24 **Library/Health & Wellbeing Coaches (HAWCs)** - Library & Customer Managers have been working with HAWCs to support library customers with additional needs. Library staff have received training and support from the HAWC Team Leader to help identify customers who may need extra support or would benefit from the service offered by the HAWCs. HAWCs will have a regular presence within the library and will encourage users to take advantage of library events & activities.
- 4.25 **Barrow Action for Trans Awareness** - We are delighted that Barrow has been assessed and passed our Barrow Action For Trans Awareness meeting and we will be added to the list of local organisation who have signed up and made the BAFTA pledge. We have produced training documents for all staff to ensure we are committed to providing a fully inclusive offer for our customers.
- 4.26 **Digital** - We have delivered several outreach projects recently. Following the success of the Good Things Foundation Digital Lifeline project where digital tablets were delivered to local people living with disabilities. We have been given 10 licences to train staff in how to become Aspire trainers to better help people with disabilities. The Barrow team worked particularly hard with local partners to ensure those people in the community with the most need received a tablet. For these efforts Barrow Library was awarded £1400 funding. In addition to this, we have also been given a tech budget we can use to buy equipment to draw people into libraries.
- 4.27 **Empathy Day** - One of our Library Outreach Project Officers (LOPOs) attended Empathy Day training with the Empathy Lab via Zoom. We promoted empathy day events across social media and in our newsletter. This year's theme was Take a Walk in Someone Else's Shoes. We created the Cumbria libraries empathy walk film to be shared across the county.
- 4.28 **Half Term activities for children** - Strange World Travel Agency- We created fun engaging content for our half term activities. We created 20 activity craft bundles for children to collect from the library and then follow

along on facebook during half term. To ensure no one lost out if they couldn't collect a pack, we provided a list of materials online so children could print out their own at home and join in the fun!

- 4.29 We were delighted to work with **Saint Pius and Saint Pauls** for read and review opportunities with The Reading Agency. We also delivered two story time sessions with Saint Pius over zoom
- 4.30 **The Archive Centre** opened to the public on Wednesday 14 April. We are open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 9.30am and 1 pm. We have three spaces so researchers have to book and let us know what they would like to look at so we can get them ready. We can retrieve further items if necessary. - It is great to have researchers back and they are so pleased to be able to access original documents again.
- 4.31 The Archivist ran a session for 2 classes of pupils at Greengate Junior School on Victorian Barrow using Microsoft Teams. The teachers printed off copies of the documents included in the PowerPoint presentation so that they could look at them during the presentation. We are looking forward to welcoming school groups back into the centre when regulations allow.
- 4.32 A session was also run for Year 3 of Dane Ghyll School who were studying the effect of World War 2 on Barrow. We looked at the Barrow Blitz and the evacuation of school children to Westmorland in 1941. The teacher came in beforehand to pick up some labels so the children could make evacuation labels using the details from the scheme set up by Barrow Borough Council in May 1941.
- 4.33 Further activity included speaking to 24 members of Ulverston Rotary Club on the work of the Archive Service one evening via Zoom.
- 4.34 A great deal of work has been done by the Archive team over recent months in answering email enquiries from people who cannot come to the Archive Centre. It was decided that staff could do 30 minutes free research for a customer and provide them with digital images of documents. This has been well received by researchers who appreciate the time spent helping them.

Children's Trust Board - Barrow Children & Families Partnership

- 4.35 The Board continues to meet regularly and as part of further developing its governance elected a second vice chair from the 3rd sector and this will be through Furness Youth Work Partnership rotating the representation for each meeting.
- 4.36 At the June meeting there were a number of updates including the Front Door (Intake Team) 6 month pilot project; Greengate/Ramsden School proposal of Team around the community and case studies that are being discussed at each meeting.
- 4.37 Working groups had been set up to look at specific work streams:
- Vulnerable children, Early Help and Prevention Earlier early help, universal services, neighbourhood approach (two working groups amalgamated)
 - Team around the school/community, keen to work with Greengate/Ramsden Schools.

4.38 The working groups are now developing action plans and carrying out work around the key priorities they have identified, with projects able to be undertaken to actively focus and deliver these priorities.

Local Committee Budget

4.39 Members have continued to monitor and review their budgets in line with the significantly changed situation, including the additional funding that has been received to support communities and activity during the pandemic.

4.40 As part of this three allocations have been received from the Contain Outbreak Mitigation Fund (COMF):

- £50,000 from the Harnessing Capacity workstream
- £200,000 from the Improving Outdoor Spaces (Area Based Events and Activities) workstream
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4.41 To date members have considered three applications against the Harnessing Capacity funding outlined below.

Organisation	Project	Cost
Furness Education and Skills Partnership	Summer Holiday Activity and Food support extension	£15,000
Walney Community Trust	Emergency Items	£10,000
Safa Cumbria	Online mental health and wellbeing support	£10,000
Balance		£15,000

4.42 In relation to the £200,000 funding stream relating to outdoor spaces Members have held two separate workshops to consider the potential schemes that would benefit from this funding. A number of proposals were put forward and considered by Members. At the Informal Local Committee meeting of 18 June Members proposed a shortlist of schemes that they wish to see progressed using this funding. These are:

Scheme	Description of Activity	Indicative costing
Westfield Trail	Repair and improve surface where necessary and cut back vegetation. Improve signage where appropriate	£60,000
Biggar Bank	Repair and improve sections of the footpath to improve accessibility	£60,000
Old Monks Trail	Improve the surfacing as appropriate, cut back vegetation, Look at improving the issue with flooding.	£30,000
Mill Brow – Abbey Road to Park Road Roundabout	Clear vegetation from the footpath	£10,000

Install / replace benches	Look to repair / replace / install benches working with the Borough Council	Overall allocation £40,000
Heritage and Cultural Information eg audio trails, heritage signage etc on walks	Engage with communities and partners to develop information to encourage more people to access walks and learn about the history and heritage of the borough	

- 4.43 Members are asked to formally agree these schemes outlined above.
- 4.44 In addition to these Covid specific funds, following the decision at Full Council in February it was agreed that in the financial year 2021/22 each Local Committee will receive a one-off amount of money to support environmental enhancements. An extract from the Council papers below outlines this in more detail.
- Environment Fund – one-off increase to invest in environmental activities to enhance the lived environment in localities. This includes £1.2m to the Local Committees. The COVID-19 lockdown restrictions have brought into sharp focus the benefits to individuals and community wellbeing from the local environment. Local Committee revenue budgets are finite – this additional resource for 2020/21 only will provide much needed investment for specific environmental enhancements*
- 4.45 Members have since agreed at Informal Local Committee on 11 May that they would like to see the full amount of the Barrow Local Committee allocation (£200,000) spent on tree planting. Members agreed that they wish to see this begin on Abbey Road as the gateway to the town, and then subject to available funding move to Hartington Street and other appropriate roads.
- 4.46 A Tree working group has also been established in the Borough in partnership with Local Committee, Barrow Borough Council, the Rotary, Woodland Trust, Wildlife Trust and other partners invited as appropriate. This group met on 13 May and supported the proposed approach to planning as outlined above. Based on this work Barrow is also being put forward in a bid to the Local Authority Treescapes Fund to supplement this tree planting and work.
- 4.47 Further to the above spend Local Committee have received a number of additional funding requests as outlined below for consideration:
- i. Barrow Borough Council confirmed that they wish to “establish a process, such as a Poverty Truth Commission, to identify and remediate financial inequalities with particular reference to the existing vulnerable residents and the potential for a large cohort of newly vulnerable residents, due to secondary impacts of the outbreak.
- The Borough Council have already identified much of the funding for this work, and at the Local Committee meeting of 10 March 2021 asked if Local Committee would consider funding £10,000 towards this work over two years. As this aligns directly with Local Committees priorities, in particular the priority of “improving health and wellbeing and tackling

poverty,” Members supported £5,000 towards this from the 2020/21 Local Committee Budget and agreed to look to fund the additional £5,000 from the 2021/22 budget if possible.

Local Committee are therefore asked to consider funding a further £5,000 to the Borough Council to support a Poverty Truth Commission from General Provisions.

- ii. Local Committee have been approached by Active Cumbria seeking funding for the Active Start Programme. Details of the proposal are outlined below for Members consideration, and Local Committee are asked to consider a grant of £10,000 from its 0-19 services budget to Active Cumbria to support pilot a project for Active Start.

Active Start Programme Proposal

Summary

Active Start is an early year’s programme for children between the ages of 2 and 7 with the prime focus of using Physical Activity and Active Play to support a child to be healthy, to learn and be active for life. The programme was originally developed to support settings across West Cumbria through funding secured via the Sellafield Social Impact Fund.

Active Cumbria are keen to deliver the programme at scale and provide opportunities to support children across all areas of the County. The original programme provides opportunities from the early years through to Key Stage 1 transition and this proposal presents two options for consideration.

To ensure that the programme reaches and supports children and families most in need, the focus will be on working with our early years colleagues to identify targeted settings across Barrow, seeking to narrow the gap in achievement and health inequalities whilst supporting a child’s overall school readiness.

In addition, the programme will increase the engagement of parents and carers with their children through increased physical activity contributing to the child’s physical, social, and emotional development

Aims and Objectives

- To increase the confidence and competence of practitioners in the early years to deliver and embed the Early Years Foundation Stage through the vehicle of physical activity.
- To increase physical literacy and participation in physical activity amongst early years children (aged 2-5) and positively impact on their school readiness. Improving children’s physical and mental wellbeing, social and emotional development, with a particular focus on resilience, management of difficult feelings, kindness, and self-belief.
- To connect parents and carers with their children and with each other through increased physical activity.

Evidence of Need

Physical activity, active play and movement are perfect ways to develop the whole child. They not only help children become more physically literate but provide great opportunities to support a range of key abilities including health and happiness, social, physical, creativity and problem solving.

It is recommended that children under 5 should be taking part in 180 minutes of physical activity per day however evidence sadly outlines that for many this is not attained.

“Nationally, 90% of Girls and 91% of Boys aged 2-4 years **are not** achieving the daily minimum recommended CMO physical activity guideline for health and wellbeing.” (*The British Heart Foundation National Centre for Physical Activity and Health 2014*)

Of equal concern is the rise in sedentary behaviours in young children and the subsequent impact this has upon their longer-term health outcomes. “*With increasing changes to lifestyles and new social norms around being sedentary becoming widespread, we now have children dying five years earlier than the previous generation due to inactivity.*” (*NIKE Designed to Move 2013*)

Furthermore, the Covid19 pandemic has exacerbated these issues further which predicts the disadvantaged gap widening between our poorest and most affluent communities.

Children gain many benefits from an early age and it is important that we encourage and provide as many opportunities as possible for them to form their movement vocabulary. The Active Start programme has been developed to assist practitioners, parents, carers, and wider family members to do just that.

The Proposal

The Active Start programme will primarily focus upon identifying and supporting settings within the most disadvantaged communities across Barrow using local data and insight linked to free school meals and childhood obesity. The evidence suggests that there is a clear correlation between inactive behaviours, poorer health outcomes and lower attainment levels in schools especially for those children accessing free school meals.

The programme itself will provide free training sessions and accompanying resources for those participating. In addition, parents and carers will be supported through Family Learning courses aimed at increasing parent and child engagement through the means of physical activity and active play.

Training

Training sessions aim to equip practitioners/teachers to support a child's physical development and help them to develop a wide movement vocabulary. Providing them with the confidence, competence, and inspiration to deliver all aspects of the early years' foundation stage through movement and play. Sessions will develop the following:

- an understanding of physical literacy and its importance
- increased knowledge in relation to movement activities
- skills and confidence to use physical activity and active play to support delivery of the wider early years' foundation stage curriculum

Resources

All those attending will be provided with a resource pack providing practical ideas and guidance to support increased physical activity opportunities within their settings.

The resources provide many movement opportunities for children to become physically literate and develop their physical abilities whilst also outlining how the skills developed through these activities impacts on other crucial life skills.

Furthermore, resources outline how each activity may be used to address both the prime and specific areas of learning within the early years' foundation stage curriculum.

Family Learning

A bespoke programme has been developed in partnership with the County Council's Family Learning team. Each participating family attending the programme receives a take home pack (activity cards and an equipment bag) to support further engagement in physical activity and their child's development.

Evaluation and Monitoring

A series of outputs and outcomes have been identified to monitor the overall success and impact of the programme. Several processes and tools have already been developed to monitor the wider Sellafield funded project and it is proposed to adopt these. An interim report will be producing highlighting outputs achieved and initial feedback with an end of programme report produced 12 months later providing reference to the outcomes achieved and the overall impact of the programme.

Outputs

This project will enable the following Schools and settings to be the focus for delivery. Utilising the Schools for recruitment and training and then using the appropriate community settings for family learning courses to be hosted.

Outcomes

- Increased confidence and competence of practitioners in the early years to deliver the early years foundation stage through physical activity and active play.
- Increased confidence and competence of Key Stage 1 teachers to deliver the National Primary curriculum through physical activity and movement.
- Increased knowledge and awareness of the CMO Physical Activity Guidelines relating to Physical Activity for Practitioners in early years.
- Increased awareness of the Healthy Families Cumbria Pledge.
- Targeted children aged 2-5 years demonstrate improved skills, knowledge, and attitudes to physical activity.
- Targeted children aged 2-5 years increase their participation in physical activity and play.
- Parents and carers feel more connected to their children and each other and are confident in being active together.
- Parents and carers feel better equipped to facilitate play and physical activity with their children.
- Parents and Carers benefit from adult learning with a particular focus on:
 - understanding of the milestones in child development
 - importance of movement to health and wellbeing, sleep patterns and social skills
 - movement vocabulary development

- basic maths
 - basic literacy
- 4.48 The Service Level Agreement for 2021/22 for school crossing patrol delivery is attached at Appendix 2 for information. It is not proposed at this time for additional funding to be vired to the school crossing patrol budget, but that Members keep this budget under review and re-considered at future next Local Committee meetings
- 4.49 The discretionary budget delegated to Local Committee is detailed in Appendix 1, providing the latest financial position including the committee expenditure and the remaining unallocated resources up to May 2021. The budget allocations that Members reviewed in their workshop in April 2021 are also outlined in Appendix 3 for Members consideration.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Local Committee can choose to support the recommendations outlined in this report, amend them and choose to commit different levels of funding within their delegated budget, or not to accept the recommendations

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from recommendation 3.1 to note the updates in this report.
- 6.2 The financial position for the revenue budget devolved to Local Committee for items other than Highways at the end of May is as set out in Appendix 1 (Paragraph 4.49). The budget allocation shown is as agreed by Council in February before the proposed changes in recommendation 3.2.
- 6.3 Local Committee may allocate the discretionary element of the revenue budget during the course of the financial year to meet its priorities and objectives, subject to corporate policy and service standards (Recommendation 3.2 and Appendix 3)
- 6.4 If Local Committee decide to agree the allocations in recommendation 3.3 the Contain Outbreak Mitigation Fund Improving Outdoor Spaces budget would be fully committed.
- 6.5 If Local Committee decide to agree the grants in recommendations 3.4 and 3.5 they could be met from the uncommitted funds within the discretionary budget.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report provides the Local Committee with a comprehensive update on its Communities budgets and related matters delegated to the Committee.

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25 June 2021

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Local Committee Budget

Appendix 2 – School Crossing Patrol Service Level Agreement

Appendix 3 – Local Committee Budget Allocations

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Electoral Divisions: All Barrow

Executive Decision

Yes	
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Key Decision

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

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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?

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If so, give details below.

Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

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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

[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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