

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR CARLISLE

Meeting date: 25 May 2022

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 *The items covered by this report support Carlisle Local Committee to achieve its agreed priorities of:*

- *Developing our economy and infrastructure*
- *Improving health and wellbeing*
- *Improving outcomes for children and young people*
- *Developing thriving communities*

2.3 *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.*

- 2.4** *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.*
- 2.5** *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 detailed in Appendix 1*
- 3.2** *That the Committee agrees the schedule detailing the £200k Environment Fund for 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 2 and described in paras 4.3 and 4.4*
- 3.3** *That the Committee nominates a member to the following roles*
- *Carlisle Armed Forces Champion*
 - *Carlisle Local Committee Strategic Grants Panel*
 - *Children and Young People's Working Group*
 - *Gillford Centre Pupil Referral Unit*
 - *Carlisle Highways and Transport Working Group*
 - *Longtown Borderland Town Team.*
- 3.4** *That the Committee earmarks £30,000 of its 0-19 Funding towards Carlisle Holiday Activities Partnership as described in para 4.6 and 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** Grants panels have not been held during the pre-election period.

Carlisle Local Committee Environment Fund 2022-23

- 4.3** Local Committees were granted £200k per area to develop schemes to enhance the local environment. Members were encouraged to develop ideas within their own divisions which were discussed at a workshop in March.

- 4.4 These have been assembled with indicative costings alongside additional schemes focused on improving the environment and are presented at Appendix 2

Nominations to Working Groups and Other Bodies

- 4.5 The following roles are vacant and Committee is recommended to make nominations:
- Carlisle Armed Forces Champion
 - Carlisle Local Committee Strategic Grants Panel
 - Children and Young People's Working Group
 - Gillford Centre Pupil Referral Unit
 - Carlisle Highways and Transport Working Group
 - Longtown Borderlands Town Team.

Holiday activities and food

- 4.6 Local Committee last year earmarked an amount towards the Carlisle Holiday Activities Partnership. This fund was well received and evaluated and significantly strengthened holiday provision, providing a universal offer for children and young people in Carlisle, not currently in receipt of school meals.
- 4.7 The programme continues and children and young people can join their peers in a wide range of activities across the district. To ensure continuity Local Committee is asked to earmark funds from its 0-19 allocation specifically to holiday activities and food related provision.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Members may review and evaluate the recommendations. Members 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 The Local Committee's financial statement is including as Appendix 1 to this report. At the end of April there are unallocated resources of £343,904 in the Communities budget. There are no additional financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Recommendation 3.1 is an item for members to note. There are, therefore, no direct legal implications.
- 7.2 In respect of recommendation 3.2, provided the recommended grants detailed within Appendix 2 are in line with the Local Committee's grant award policy, it is a proper decision for members to approve the allocation of the Environment Fund under paragraph 5.1.2 Part 2D of the Constitution.
- 7.3 In respect of recommendation 3.3:
- 7.4 the Local Committee may nominate members to the roles of Children and Young People's Working Group, Carlisle Highways and Transport Working

Group and Longtown Borderlands Town Team (working group) to carry out its functions under paragraph 3 Part 2D of the Constitution.

- 7.5 A member may be nominated to the role of Carlisle Armed Forces Champion One as one of the main purposes of the Local Committee is to work with communities and partner organisations to enable public services to be shaped locally under paragraph 4.1 Part 2D of the Constitution. There has also been a Carlisle Armed Forces Champion since 22 July 2014.
- 7.6 The Local Committee has the power to determine Community Investment Grants under paragraph 5.1.2 c) to e) Part 2D of the Constitution, a member may therefore be nominated to the role of Carlisle Local Committee Strategic Grants Panel to perform these functions.
- 7.7 Provided the power to appoint has been delegated to the Local Committee, it is a proper decision for members to be nominated to the role of Gillford Centre Pupil Referral Unit under paragraph 5.1.2(i) Part 2D of the Constitution.

8.0 CONCLUSION

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

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4 May 2022

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Summary Financial Statement

Appendix 2: Environment Fund Schedule 2022-23

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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