

# COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR CARLISLE

Meeting date: 12 September 2022

From: Assistant Director – 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 and notes the grants detailed in Appendix 1 .*

**3.2** *That the Committee notes grants made from the Area Wide Grants Fund as listed below and summarised in Appendix 2:-*

- *£4255 to Together We CIC towards Recovery College Services to tackle Mental Health and psychological therapies, fitness interventions and post natal work*
- *£3000 to Carlisle United Community Sports Trust towards a street art project in Georgian Way/Strand Road underpass*
- *£600 to Carlisle Society for the Blind towards 30th anniversary celebration project & event.*

**3.3** *That the Committee notes grants made from its 0-19 Funding as listed below and summarised in appendix 3*

- *£4605 to Spiral towards Drop in sessions to prevent the effects for those who are experiencing poor mental health*
- *£3900 to Yewdale Community Centre towards Vestibular Development Ages 0-4*

**3.4** *That the Committee notes grants made to Community Organisations supporting people dealing with the cost of living crisis its allocation of £43,500 to purchase of food supplies as listed below and summarised in appendix 4*

- *£2,000 to The Lookout*
- *£2,500 to Botcherby Community Centre*
- *£3,000 to Cornerstones*
- *£3,000 to St Barnabas and St Luke's*
- *£5,000 to Elim Community Church – Oasis Pantry*
- *£4,000 to Brampton Area Action Group*

*To note £9,600 to Carlisle Foodbank and £10,000 to Carlisle Community Help were agreed at Local Committee on 14 July 2022.*

**3.5** *That the Committee agrees to changes to the COMF allocations from underspends as detailed in para 4.3 to:*

*£11,800 to footpath improvements in Longtown*

*£6,428 to City of Lights October 2022.*

## **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 Area Planning Fund Grants, at appendix 3 a summary of 0-19 grants following a meeting of the Local Committee Strategic Grants Panel on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022. Grant applications under £5000 are presented for information while applications over £5000 require approval by Local Committee

### **Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF)**

- 4.3 Some schemes which were originally allocated funding in the initial wave of COMF have come in under budget namely:
- £16,000 was allocated for the Hadrians Wall bus service. This came in at just £4,200 and there is therefore an underspend of £11,800. The Area Team would like to recommend this be allocated to improving footpaths in Longtown which has been raised through the Borderlands Town Team early work.
  - £25,000 was allocated to community events, alongside a remaining balance of £2,819 which came in at £21,391 – therefore £6,428 remaining. The Area Team would like to recommend this is allocated to City of Lights for October 2022.

## **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 Communities budgets are summarised in Appendix 1 to this report. The appendix includes the grants identified in recommendations 3.2 to 3.5.

6.2 There are sufficient resources in the COMF funding for the changes in recommendation 3.6.

## 7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Recommendations 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 are all items for members to note. There are, therefore, no direct legal implications.

7.2 In respect of recommendation 3.5, provided the changes to the COMF allocations comply with the limitations imposed by the DHSC in its letter dated 19 October 2022, it is a proper decision for the members to take under paragraph 5.1.2 of Part 2D of the Council's 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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11<sup>th</sup> August 2022

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## APPENDICES

***Appendix 1: Summary Financial Statement***

***Appendix 2: Area Planning Grant Summary***

***Appendix 3: 0-19 Grant Summary***

***Appendix 4: Cost of Living Grants Summary***

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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