

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR BARROW
Meeting date: 16 September 2022
From: Assistant Director - 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, Archives and libraries, 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 Local Committee, as part of its cost of living funding as outlined in paragraphs 4.5-4.12 agrees:*

- i. £10,000 for Barrow Foodbank to purchase additional Food*
- ii. £10,100 for Springmount to act as a central point to provide energy cost support and any other essential items.*

3.3 *That Local Committee vire £10,000 from General Provisions to the Community Grants budget as outlined in paragraph 4.73*

3.4 *That Local Committee agrees to use the £16,000 balance of the 2022/23 Environment fund on tree works as outlined in paragraphs 4.74-76*

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 11 May 2022 and outlines provisional and actual expenditure against Local Committee's budget as of 31 July 2022.

4.2 The team continue to work to support and progress a range of work as outlined in this report. Members also continue to meet informally through virtual meetings to share information, discuss issues and recommend courses of action. Both as part of Informal Local Committee and as separate workshops a range of discussions have taken place since June including:

- 21st June - Planting for Pollinators Update
- 5th July - Environment / Tree Working Group
- 11th July - Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Meeting
- 2nd August - Planting for Pollinators Update
- 2nd August - Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
- 8th August – Poverty Support Funding Meeting
- 23rd August - Family Action Update
- 5th September - Coastal Working Group.

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

Area Working and Community Services Update

- 4.4 As Local Committee are aware, the team locally continue to work to support area planning activity and priority areas of work including Barrow Town Deal and Borderlands. Key areas are highlighted below for Members' information.

- 4.5 **Cost of Living** – As Members are aware the rising cost of living poses significant challenges and hardship for many families and individuals. The County Council has been working to provide support individuals and families experiencing financial difficulty, with Cabinet approving £2m to support four different initiatives:

- £0.5m to boost the council's Ways to Welfare budget which is used to issue grants and other support to people in need.
- £0.5m to increase school clothing grants from £25 to £50 for primary school children, and from £35 to £100 for secondary school children this year.
- £0.5m to extend free school meal provision to eligible children during the summer holidays.
- £0.5m will be used for Direct Community Support - to further support people in urgent need.

- 4.6 As part of the Direct Community Support each Local Committee received an amount of funding to support food purchasing and also providing material support for people e.g., food, utilities, and household essentials. The allocation for Barrow Local Committee was £44,900 made up of £26,800 for food purchasing and £18,100 for community / material support.

- 4.7 In addition to this County Council work, at the July meeting of the Resilience Group, and at subsequent other partnership meetings, discussions have been held about the cost of living crisis and what collectively can be done to support people.

- 4.8 A workshop was also held on 22nd July with a range of organisations and services such as Barrow Foodbank, The Well, Women's Community Matters, Salvation Army, Springmount and County Council Health and Wellbeing Coaches. The purpose of this session was to build on the discussions taking place through the Barrow Resilience Group, Poverty Working Group, and other partnerships to understand how we can continue to strengthen the support provided for individuals and families struggling with financial hardship.

- 4.9 Several key points arising from this meeting included:

- Each organisation is providing food / support to specific communities, and this varies depending on need. Support is needed to help this continue.
- There is a need to support energy costs.
- There is a need to provide two types of information:

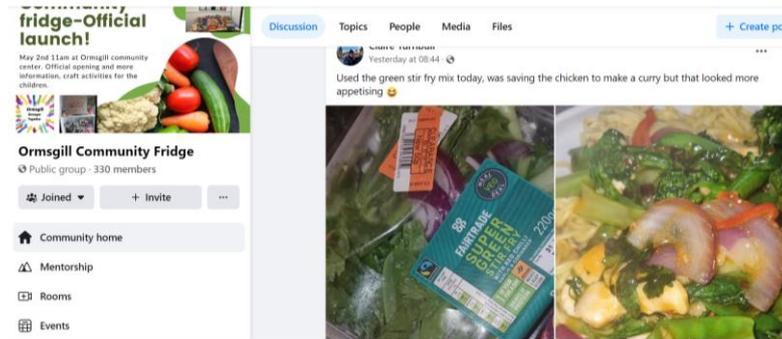
- A “directory” for organisations to use outlining the different types of support available to help people from food to mental health.
 - A public facing “directory” for the community indicating the key places support can be sought and who in turn can provide / signpost to additional help.
 - There are a range of other items needed to support individuals and communities such as clothing, blankets, microwaves, slow cookers etc. this varies from organisation to organisation depending on the need they are encountering.
 - Running costs for organisations providing this support is a real challenge as their own costs are also increasing at the same time as more people are needing support, however many grants do not cover these costs.
- 4.10 At this meeting a suggestion was also made to establish a network of “warm places” across the borough that people could access over winter, come in, keep warm, have access to a hot drink and information / signposting if needed. The offer may vary from location to location, but this would be the minimum offer. These warm places would build on what is already being provided. It was agreed to work together to look at developing this model and a potential collaborative bid to draw down additional funding to support this work.
- 4.11 Based on the feedback from this meeting, and discussions with individual organisations, at their meeting of 8th August Members agreed to allocate the £44.900 in the following way:

Purpose of Funding	Organisation	Amount
Food Purchasing	Barrow Foodbank	£10,000
	Women’s Community Matters	£3,999
	Springmount and Salthouse Road	£1,000
	Ormsgill Stronger Together	£1,000
	Salvation Army	£1,000
	Love Barrow Families	£1,000
	BDDA – funding for food provision	£1,000
	Bram Longstaffe	£1,000
	Sacred Heart Community Hub	£1,000
	Inspira	£3,850
	Barrow Community Kitchen	£,1000
	Abbotsvale	£951
	TOTAL	£26,800
Community Support	Springmount – funding for energy vouchers (central point for the borough)	£10,100
	Women’s Community Matters	£1,000
	Springmount and Salthouse	£1,000
	Ormsgill Stronger Together	£1,000
	Salvation Army	£1,000
	Love Barrow Families	£1,000
	BDDA	£1,000
	Bram Longstaffe	£1,000
	Sacred Heart Community Hub	£1,000
		£18,100

- 4.12 In order to progress the larger amounts of funding for both Springmount and Barrow Foodbank, Local Committee is formally requested to approve this funding for food purchasing and wider community support.
- 4.13 **Dalton Borderlands Place Programme** - The Economic Programmes team have sent out a commission (in August) to appoint an external consultant who will help to shape the identified projects in the programme into Green Book compliant business cases. The consultant will look to be appointed in the first week of October.
- 4.14 In preparation, work to start to scope the schemes within the Place Plan is commencing, with the initial working groups which have been established starting to meet from the beginning of September. There are four working groups which focus on the different themes within the Place Plan and include:
- Highstreet Enhancements
 - Gateway to Dalton
 - Celebrating our Character
 - Active Lifestyles
- 4.15 The initial meetings will look to introduce the programme to the identified stakeholders and allow the groups to start thinking about ideas of what could be included in the scheme design. Not all of the suggestions put forward will be able to be included, but as part of good practice established in the Green Book business case development process, it is important to gather all of the different ideas and then work through the process to identify possible delivery options.
- 4.16 Each of the project proposals that have been put forward will be assessed against defined selection criteria and prioritised for inclusion in the Borderlands Town Investment Plan. Other funding opportunities will be considered for those projects which are not deemed eligible for inclusion in the Borderlands programme.
- 4.17 The Community Partnership continues to meet regularly and is supporting a range of work including on-going progress of developing the community plan for Dalton
- 4.18 **Barrow Town Deal Community Hubs and Earnse Bay** – This continues to be a major area of focus for the team and Members, and work is underway to develop the monitoring and evaluation plan for this project. This document will outline the key milestones, expenditure, outputs, and outcomes which the project will be held accountable for, and will provide a baseline to which will help us measure the impact of the project over time.
- 4.19 A paper has also been developed to outline the proposed revenue funding agreements between Cumbria County Council and the 'project delivery partners'. This will be presented to Barrow Borough Council's Chief Finance Officer and if approved legal agreements will be drawn up between Cumbria County Council and project delivery partners, who will be responsible for managing the revenue costs (over the first 3-4 years of operation) and reporting on the project's benefits realisation plan.

- 4.20 Bram Longstaffe Hub - The Capital Programmes Team will be tendering for a contractor to carry out the capital works at Bram as part of the Barrow Town Deal. Construction works are due to start from April 2023 with all works aiming to be completed by July 2023.
- 4.21 Friends of Bram and the Economic Programmes Team are working to develop a new governance and operating model for the Community Hub and the nursery (Bram's Little Sailor's). A timeline for the development of the new governance model is due to be presented at the Bram Steering Group in October.
- 4.22 A communications plan has also been drafted to outline plans to further promote the community hub's activities and service delivery to generate additional interest from the local community on Barrow Island.
- 4.23 Ormsgill - A range of service delivery continues at Ormsgill Community Centre including: Adult Community Skills & Learning, Family Action, Health Drop Zone, the library service, and the post office service.
- 4.24 Ormsgill Stronger Together (OST) continue to be delivering a lot of activity in the community and are well respected. In conjunction with a local business, they hosted fundraising for a family on the estate whose father had died abroad. Over a thousand pounds was raised.
- 4.25 They also arranged a Fun Day 13th August with a variety of stalls and partners. The group organised everything including the necessary risk assessment, event notifications and insurances.
- 4.26 OST are also developing comprehensive timetables of events for the year ahead and are planning autumn activities
- 4.27 The Community Development Team with support from CVS continue to work with OST which is considering further development options including potentially becoming a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) or a social enterprise.
- 4.28 The Ormsgill Community Fridge continues to be well used and run extremely effectively. It is open to anyone regardless of income, and each week is seeing increasing numbers of people accessing the service. The team are actively preventing people from getting into crisis as they are locally engaged, know the families and individuals most in need. They will discreetly ensure they receive additional goods when required. They are also picking up on conversations and signposting to partners such as Family Action, Citizens Advice etc. where appropriate.
- 4.29 The number of volunteers are also increasing, and CVS are supporting OST with the recruitment and training of volunteers.
- 4.30 The Community Fridge users regularly share images of meals created from the surplus food, and OST also post helpful hints and tips:





- 4.31 Part of the Community Fridge funding received is also going to be used for a ten hour per week coordinator post. The workload is every increasing, including the management and organising volunteers and food pickups. The current funding will cover about 9 weeks so alternative funding applications are being explored to extend this.
- 4.32 OST continue to develop comprehensive timetables of events for the year ahead and are planning autumn activities.
- 4.33 Work is also continuing with property colleagues and Family Action to work on a license agreements and to establish roles and responsibilities in the management of the building and taking bookings outside of 9-5 Monday to Friday.
- 4.34 Town Centre Hub – As was reported previously, following the success of Barrow Borough Council’s Levelling Up Fund application, consideration has been given as to how works the work to develop the Town Centre Community Hub could be incorporated into this, to bring together the two schemes into a joined-up piece of work.
- 4.35 At the meeting of 25th August, the Town Centre Hub Project Group agreed to close down their separate meetings and join with the Levelling Up Fund work led by the Borough Council. It is important to note that these will still be two discrete projects with separate funding streams, however they will be managed in a single joined up manner with appropriate governance and agreements between the relevant organisations. An appropriate change control process will be followed via the Barrow Town Deal Board.
- 4.36 Earnse Bay - Conversations and engagement continue around Earnse Bay Outdoor Centre. At the end of August, a landscaping workshop is scheduled take place at the site. This is an opportunity for interested parties to have some input around the planting and soft landscaping elements of the design.
- 4.37 Further engagement will take place at the BeWell and Running Festival which is taking place at Walney School on Sunday 25th September.
- 4.38 Planning permission for the site is due to be submitted in October 2022 and as part of the development work in advance of this a number of survey works have been carried out at the site including:
- Utilities survey
 - Biodiversity surveys
 - Ground investigation
 - Tree & Hedgerow surveys
 - Topographical surveys
 - Environmental Impact Assessment

- 4.39 Work is also ongoing to progress discussions about incorporating social value practices into the next design and build contract. The Capital Programmes and Transformation Team members met with contractors from the Capital Programmes Framework (in June) to set out the project aspirations for including social value into the contract alongside noting the fixed outputs that the appointed contractor will be responsible for delivering.
- 4.40 Tender preparation for appointing the stage 2 design and build contractor will take place from September 2022, with the tender period running during January 2023 and the contract award being scheduled for April 2023.

4.41 **Heritage Audio Trails - Biggar Bank Path** - Installation of the Audio posts alongside the footpath is now completed, and all hold content provided from both the Sankey Project & Barrow Archives Centre. The audio provides heritage facts and local stories from Walney residents. The project group are also in the process of working with a local musician to create a song for the trail.



4.42 **Westfield Trail** - Site visits have taken place and discussion for audio and visual art for the route and the installation of new benches to compliment this.

4.43 **Barrow Wheels 4 All Project** - In August a Volunteer Training and Recruitment Day was held at The Boat House in Barrow Park, which is the venue for the 'Barrow Wheels-4-All Project'. The day was well attended with volunteers coming from Youth-ability, Art-gene, Barrow Leisure Centre, and members of the public. This was then followed by a successful 'Wheels 4 All Taster Day which took place on the following Friday.

Inclusive Cycling is coming to Barrow-in-Furness!



4.44 The aim of the project is to give everyone regardless of ability the chance to cycle, and then to build onto the programme by offering regular sessions across the town and then progress and development pathways for those who want to go further and weave cycling into lifestyle. **Video Footage of the Day:** <https://shows.candofm.co.uk/2022news-images/Aug22/wheels-for-all.mp4>



4.45 The boat house is now alarmed, paid for from the Wheels 4 All project budget and bikes are stored there.

- 4.46 Recruitment is also now in process for two 'Wheels 4 All' Co-Ordinator's for the project, their roles will involve delivery of the inclusive cycling sessions, managing a growing network of partners and recruiting and retaining volunteers to support the programme.
- 4.47 Interviews will be held early September in the Nan Tait Centre, and Barrow Community Development Team will be part of the Interview Panel.
- 4.48 **Pollination Sites – Cumbria Wildlife Trust project** – Following the decision at Local Committee regarding the allocation of the 2022-23 Environment Fund. The team have been working with Members to identify potential sites for the planting for pollinator's scheme.
- 4.49 Based on Members' feedback, Cumbria Wildlife Trust visited Barrow and carried out soil testing and assessed various sites across the borough for suitability for pollination. This was arranged and supported by the Barrow Community Development Team.



- 4.50 A vital part of the scheme is community engagement, where they will work with local communities to educate and enable them to maintain the sites in the long term. As part of this work suggestions for potential community activity include:
- Pollinator and wildflower workshops in schools, including growing wildflowers and building planters.
 - Providing advice on how school grounds can be improved for wildlife
 - Pollinator and wildflower art sessions.
 - Community seed spreading and plug planting days.
 - Pollinator and wildflower sessions and recording.
 - Gardening for pollinators sessions – Improving skills and knowledge on how to garden for wildlife, building bug boxes, planting up a pollinator friendly planters etc

- 4.51 Cumbria Wildlife Trust will be returning in September to visit the Sacred Heart site and attend a coffee mornings at the Hub, to meet residents and understand the school's priorities around this project.
- 4.52 The Trust will also visit Rampside Road Grass verges and Cambridge Street School, who have expressed a desire to be involved in a project like this and have land to plant on.
- 4.53 To date following discussions at Informal Local Committee Members have agreed the following locations to be take forward with the additional ones that the Wildlife Trust are going to be visiting to be considered for inclusion as well.

Lesh Lane, Barrow
Barrow Island - Railway Embankment (Site 1)
Barrow Island - Railway Embankment (Site 2)
Blake Street, Barrow
Wordsworth Street, Barrow
Holker Street, Barrow
Dalton – In front of the stone wall at Dalton Leisure Centre
Dalton – Brown Cow Car Park, Flynn Memorial Bench

- 4.54 **Sacred Heart Community Hub** – The community hub continues to develop with increasing amounts of activity taking place and support from organisations such as Family Action to attend the hub. In addition, the Community Development Team continues to work with Sacred Heart Hub to assist them in exploring funding streams for Winter Essentials for residents and Emergency Food. They have also connected the group with local contacts and assisted them in receiving donations for their Summer Fun Day at the centre.
- 4.55 **Harri Bus Ward Tour and BeWell Fest** – As has previously been reported, The Harri (Health Advice Recovery Resilience Information) has almost completed the ward tour and has received excellent feedback.
- 4.56 On 9th July the summer BeWell Festival was also held with over 823 attendees and 53 different organisations involved. This event has received wide acclaim, and feedback on the day itself was very positive with comments from attendees including “I now know things I didn't know I needed to know” and “Talk, people ae kind & willing to listen.” Members will receive a full update and report shortly.

Children and Families

- 4.57 The next meeting of the Barrow Children and Families Partnership is scheduled for 7th September. A verbal update on the contents of this meeting will be provided to Local Committee, as this report has been produced prior to the meeting being held.

Health and Wellbeing

- 4.58 The Barrow Health and Wellbeing Partnership met on 30th May 2022 and had an in-depth discussion on a number of issues including:
- Population Health Investment Fund
 - Public Health including:
 - Physical Activity on Referral
 - Weight Management – Slimming World
 - In-Reach Alcohol Support at Furness General Hospital
 - Vaccination Uptake and Targeting
 - Wider Determinants of Health
 - Winter Pressures, Priorities, Warm Places and Funding
 - Poverty Truth Commission
- 4.59 Building on the discussions from the previous meeting, meetings have now been increased to monthly and membership is being reviewed to ensure that key partners are either core members of the group or are invited as appropriate ensure that work is as joined up as possible and issues are being progressed.

Barrow Libraries and Archive Service

- 4.60 The library and archive centre continue to be busy working on a range of activities and projects taking place, details of a number of these are outlined below.
- 4.61 The library continues provide support with the English café and promotion of online resources for ESOL. They are now also providing keyboards for our public computers to assist users whose first language is not English. Due to its success, the English Café is now moving to weekly sessions every Friday Morning from Friday 9th Sept and the library will also be providing SIM Cards with free data, via the Good Foundation databank project.
- 4.62 Barrow Library's partnership with the DWP also continues to develop. Having previously worked in partnership to provide Jobs Fairs we are now offering a space within the library for work coaches to meet with clients on a weekly basis.
- 4.63 The Summer Reading Challenge is coming to a close early September. We have had a huge number of young people join this year, and a more detailed overview of numbers will be provided to the next Local Committee Meeting. The Challenge was launched in Barrow and all our branch libraries, and we have held activities and games and delivered the Feed and Read programme to ensure children receive a meal to cook at home with parents. As part of the programme of events we welcomed author Simon Lamb to Barrow Library for a fun afternoon of stories and activities.
- 4.64 Plans are also underway to support the Barrow Music Weekend in October. A Harp workshop for young people and a gig showcasing new local talent is planned and a full update will be provided in the next report to Local Committee.

- 4.65 More widely Cumbria Libraries has launched a new 'contact us' form to improve the customer experience. Customers can now contact us via the County Council's website and a full FAQ list will be available to support enquiries prior to them being directed to a local library.
- 4.66 As Members will be aware, the library has had some capacity challenges these last few months which has impacted on opening times in Barrow Library and the branches. This is due to a combination of annual leave and some members of the team having left. Recruitment has been taking place however, to bring new staff into posts and inducting those who have recently started with the team, and the service is hopeful that normal service will resume in the coming weeks.
- 4.67 The service has also recently appointed a Library and Outreach Project Officer - Lorraine Bilton. Lorraine joins the service from Adult Learning where she worked as Community Development Worker. Lorraine has a strong understanding of the local community having worked with many partners in the 3rd sector and also having been based within Barrow Library has a good understanding of the library service.
- 4.68 Similarly, the Archive has been very busy with this period, and outlined below are some of the activities that have taken place.
- 4.69 **Broughton Market Proclamation and exhibition** - As usual staff attended the proclamation of the market in Broughton-in-Furness on 1 August. This event has taken place every year since the market charter was granted by Elizabeth 1 in 1593. Cumbria County Council have been Lords of the Manor since 1988 when Lancashire County Council passed the lordship and the archives over. The dignitaries processed from the Black Cock Inn, led by Joss Curwen, bailiff, to The Square when Councillor Bill McEwan, Vice chair of the County Council and John Jardine, Chair of Duddon Parish Council, read out the rules of the market. After singing the National Anthem, pennies were thrown out to the children. The parchment proclamation was signed by Councillor Bill McEwan in the Manor Arms, he then proposed a toast to The Queen, the Duke of Lancaster and everyone was given a fair cake. As this was the last time that Cumbria County Council will run this event, the Archive Service produced an exhibition on the history of the Broughton-in-Furness. This is now on display in the library and will be handed to Duddon Parish Council for display, possibly in the Victory Hall.



- 4.70 **Guides Walks run for Furness Carers** – The Archivist, Susan, trained as walk leader in October 2019 but this is the first time she has been able to lead an historical walk. Susan has given talks to this group of adults who care for someone and for the summer it was decided to get out and about. The first walk was around Dalton-in-Furness and the second along the promenade from The Dock Museum to the slag back and back.
- 4.71 **Work with CANDO FM and Community Development for audio trails** – As was outlined earlier in this report, Cando FM has been working with Members and the Community Development Team to produce three audio trails in the borough. The first, along Biggar bank on Walney, is now up and running. Walkers can listen to audio content and scan the QR code on the poles to access images. The second, from Dalton-in-Furness to Furness abbey is about to be installed and the final one from Rampside to Barrow-in-Furness along the old railway line and around Cavendish Dock is being designed. Images and information from the Barrow Archive Centre are included and Jonny and Andrea from CANDFO FM recorded The Archivist talking about the history of the area.

Local Committee Budget

- 4.72 Members have continued to monitor and review their budgets in line with the significantly changed situation, including the additional funding that was received to support communities and activity during the pandemic. The full 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 31 July 2022.
- 4.73 The Local Committee Neighbourhood Grants fund has been very well used to date this financial year and all funding has now been spent. This was discussed in detail at the Informal Local Committee Meeting of 23 July 2022, where Members asked for an additional £10,000 to be transferred from General Provisions to the Community Grants Budget to enable additional applications to be considered. Local Committee are therefore asked to agree to transfer this funding.
- 4.74 At the 11 May 2022 Local Committee Meeting Members allocated the funding from the 2022/23 Environment Fund as per the table below. This left a balance of £16,000. At the meeting Members also agreed to earmark the balance of the funding to a potential scheme in the Member for Dalton North's Division, if the Parish Council were able to provide Match Funding. Unfortunately, at this time this was unable to be progressed meaning that there is currently a balance of £16,000 in the Environment Fund.

Proposal	Type of activity	Proposed Allocation
Benches in various locations including Roose to Rampside, Ormsgill Reservoir, Channelside, Monks Trail, Hawcoat	Benches	£10,000
Paths around Cowstarn Lane	footpath	£20,000
How Tun Woods footpaths	footpath	£10,000
Westfield Trail - Complete works to resurface	footpath	£40,000
Cliffe Lane	footpath	£10,000
Grant to community group to purchase land at Mikasa Street looking for £10k	grant	£10,000
Multiple sites around the borough for Planting for Pollinators	pollinator	£75,000
pocket of land at Sacred Heart	pollinator	£5,000
Grant for polytunnels / growing	Community Growing	£2,000
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4.75 Recently Members have been flagging concerns with some trees in the centre of Barrow that are in need of pruning / pollarding both for their own health and for the benefit of residents living near by. Two streets in particular which have been identified are Risedale Road and Hartington Street, with a total of 96 trees identified as needing work in this area.

4.76 Members are asked to consider allocating the balance of the Environment Fund (£16,000) to meeting some of the costs to undertake this work.

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 Should members agree the recommendations at paragraph 3.2, the additional Cost of Living budgets of £44,900 will be fully committed when the smaller grants detailed in paragraph 4.11 are also taken into account.

6.2 Should members agree the recommendation at paragraph 3.3 to vire £10,000 from the General Purposes Fund to the Community Grants Fund, £29,170 will be left in the General Purposes Fund, and £10,457 will be available in the Community Grants Fund.

6.3 Should members agree the recommendation at paragraph 3.4, the Environment Fund will be fully committed.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Local Committee is authorised to accept 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. There are no direct legal implications at this stage. The report refers to the governance and legal issues in respect of the various projects, and specific legal advice will be required at a later stage.

8.0 CONCLUSION

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

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29 August 2022

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 -- Local Committee Budget

Electoral Divisions: All Barrow

Executive Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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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