

SOUTH LAKELAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Delegated Executive Decisions

On **Thursday, 14 March 2019, on the rising of the meeting of the Management Team**, the following report(s) will be considered under powers delegated to Portfolio Holders, the Chief Executive and Directors for the discharge of the Council's Cabinet functions carried out within their area of responsibility.

Copies of these reports have been sent to the relevant Portfolio Holders (and all Members of the Cabinet for information), the Chief Executive, all Directors and the Monitoring Officer.

Cabinet Members, or any of the other consultees, may object to the report within five working days - **by 5.00 p.m. on, Wednesday, 13 March 2019** - by notifying the Officer named on the report of the objection and requesting that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Cabinet for determination.

PART I

1 LOCALLY IMPORTANT PROJECTS 2019

To consider applications for grants as recommended by the Locally Important Projects Panel.

PART II

Private Section (exempt reasons under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, specified by way of paragraph number)

There are no items in this Part of the Agenda.

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South Lakeland District Council

DELEGATED EXECUTIVE DECISION

Date of proposed decision: 14 March 2019

LOCALLY IMPORTANT PROJECTS 2019

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| PORTFOLIO: | Councillor Jonathan Brook – Housing and Innovation Portfolio Holder |
| DECISION MAKER: | David Sykes – Director People and Places |
| REPORT AUTHOR: | Simon Blyth – Principal Partnerships and Community Officer |
| WARDS: | All |
| FORWARD PLAN: | Not applicable |

1.0 EXPECTED OUTCOME

- 1.1 The allocation of funding to Locally Important Projects (LIPs) supports the delivery of appropriate infrastructure works which address priorities identified in local communities

2.0 PROPOSED DECISION

2.1 It is proposed that the Director of People and Places will:-

- (1) Approve the awarding of grants set out in 3.6 of this report, as recommended by the Locally Important Projects Panel; and
- (2) Authorise officers, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, to finalise terms of the separate funding agreements with each organisation.

3.0 BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The New Homes Bonus (NHB) commenced in April 2011. It is calculated based on the additional Council Tax raised for new homes and properties brought back into use, with an additional amount of £350 for each affordable home. Cabinet established a protocol that NHB Funds would be apportioned:
- 40% Locally Important Projects
 - 60% Supporting Affordable Housing and investment in housing matters and Neighbourhood Planning.
- 3.2 A detailed scheme for receipt and assessment of LIPs was approved and Cabinet agreed that NHB bids under £50,000 should be determined by Delegated Executive Decision. LIPs funding can be used to support the delivery of appropriate infrastructure works such as additional, or extension of, social facilities and improvements to paths, walkways and the local environment. Projects must meet local community aspirations and needs, and assist the delivery of local community plan priorities.

- 3.3 LIPs can be used to support wider provision of community infrastructure or facilities which help a community adapt or address needs brought about by new development. LIPs provide an opportunity for matching other sources of funding available to local communities. Organisations that are eligible to apply for funding for a Locally Important Project are Parish and Town Councils and Community Organisations. Applications in each case are assessed and scored against a series of criteria but principally they must address community infrastructure needs and provide good value for money and deliverability.
- 3.4 The first round of bids was approved in September 2013 with subsequent rounds since then. A seventh round of bids opened in December 2018 and 27 applications were received (with bids totalling £448,751) before the deadline of 11 January 2019, please see appendix 1 for a full summary.
- 3.5 A Panel comprising members with officer support considered the applications which were each scored against the agreed criteria. The rationale for awarding grants includes, but is not limited to, high overall scores, value to the community & disadvantaged groups and links to Council Plan priorities, and a high level of match funding and partner buy-in. The grant award will be subject to any requests for clarification and relevant criteria being satisfied, and the signing of a funding agreement.
- 3.6 The following is a list of allocations recommended by the Local Important Projects Panel.

RECOMMENDED LIPs ALLOCATIONS 2019/2020

| Organisation | Project | Proposed Grant |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Argles Memorial Hall | Upgrade to Windows in Hall | £2,000 |
| Arnside Educational Institute | Stage & Facilities Refurbishment | £5,000 |
| Arnside Parish Council | Pier Railing Replacement | £5,000 |
| Crosthwaite Exchange | Upgrades to Kitchen | £2,000 |
| Dent Parish Council | Fencing around Playground | £3,000 |
| Ford Park Community Group | Infrastructure Improvements | £5,000 |
| Furness Youth Theatre | New Printer | £250 |
| Kendal Civic Society | Nobles Rest Entrance | £12,000 |
| Levens Parish Council | Levens Village Hall | £40,000 |
| Levens Playing Field Committee | Levens Playing Field Development | £7,500 |

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| Preston Patrick Memorial Hall | Car Park Resurface | £2,000 |
| Quaker Tapestry | New Entrance Facilities | £3,700 |
| Space2Create | New Reception Facilities | £7,500 |
| Stainton Parish Council | B4RN for Stainton | £20,000 |
| Staveley Parish Council | Jacks Corner – Community Space | £2,700 |
| The Coniston Institute | Toilet Block | £20,000 |
| The New Hutton Institute | Kitchen Extension | £5,000 |
| Ulverston Town Council | North Lonsdale Road Play Area | £20,000 |
| Windermere & Bowness Civic Society | Accessibility to Biskey Howe Point | £2,271 |
| Total recommended: | £164,921 | |

4.0 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Applications were sought for LIPs funding by promoting the fund through emails to Councillors and Parish and Town Councils, Local Area Partnerships, the Council Website and the Council newsletter. The applicants were required to provide information on how their project reflected community priorities as established through a community plan or local survey.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 5.1 The recommendations for allocating the Locally Important Projects funds have been based on an approved objective assessment process. No alternatives are available if the funding is to be allocated within the scheme.

6.0 LINKS TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- 6.1 Council Plan Housing Priority: 'We will continue to use our resources (e.g. New Homes Bonus and Second Homes Fund) and assess how they are best applied to different delivery models, to help build affordable housing and to support locally important projects'.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Financial and Resources

- 7.1.1 The NHB due for 2019/20 is £516.7k as per the budget to be approved by Council on 26th February 2018. This is allocated to priorities based on the previously determined split of 40:60. This means funding for Locally Important Project schemes (40% allocation) is £206.7k.
- 7.1.2 All Members have been allocated £1,000 for projects in their Wards in 2019/20. The £51,000 required to fund this has been allocated from the 40% funds. In addition, as part of the 19/20 budget, it is also proposed that £35k is used as part of the Council's contribution towards the Burton in Kendal heritage project. This means £120,700 is available for allocation to LIPs Grant Funding from the 2019/20 NHB grant.

7.1.3 The recommended total amount awarded through this application process to the bodies above for 2019-20 is £164,921 of which £120,700 can be accommodated from the available NHB allocation, as detailed in 7.1.2. A further £44,221 is available to be carried forward from part of the uncommitted amounts from previous LIP rounds and includes a transfer of £20,000 from the Community Grants Budget.

7.1.4 The Government has indicated that the NHB is not delivering its objectives and therefore it is expected that income from this source will reduce or stop at the end of the current financial year.

7.2 Human Resources

7.2.1 Existing resources are required to administer the LIPs application process. In addition some projects require ongoing employee involvement as part of the agreed Community Spaces work programme.

7.3 Legal

7.3.1 When entering into funding arrangements such as these, it is necessary to consider whether State Aid rules apply. There are five key tests that must be taken into account when considering this issue. They are as follows:-

- Is the funding from State resources?
- Is a selective competitive advantage given to the recipient?
- Is the recipient an economic undertaking?
- Does the aid distort, or have the potential to distort, competition?
- Does the aid affect, or have the potential to affect, trade between Member States of the EU?

7.3.2 There may be State Aid implications, so the support proposed for each organisation will be looked at by the Solicitor to the Council on a case by case basis. There will be a need to make enquiries of all recipients as to the amount of State Aid funding they have received in the last 3 years. The grant agreements and offer letters will then need to be drafted so as to comply with the relevant regulations.

7.4 Health, Social, Economic and Environmental

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| Have you completed and Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, please confirm that it is attached to the report in the appendices. | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Summary of health, social, economic and environmental impacts. | The recommended projects will have various positive impacts including improvements to green spaces and access to community facilities. | |

7.5 Equality and Diversity

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| Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, please confirm that it is attached to the report in the appendices. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons. | The criteria for LIPs applications included an assessment that an applicant and their project is committed to Equality and Diversity and organisations provided copies of any related policies. |
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7.6 Risk

| Risk | Consequence | Controls required |
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| Challenge to decisions made in allocating New Homes Bonus to Locally Important Projects | Costs and adverse publicity | Clear guidelines for applicants provided consistently and objectively used in the applications assessment process. |
| Organisation unable to deliver projects. | Costs and adverse publicity. | Funding agreements will contain the necessary requirements and protections for the Council. |

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APPENDICES ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

| Appendix No. | |
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| 1 | Summary of All LIPs Applications 2019-20 |
| 2 | Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment |

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

| Name of Background document | Where it is available |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| None | |

TRACKING INFORMATION

| Assistant Director | Portfolio Holder | Solicitor to the Council | SMT | Scrutiny Committee |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 15/02/2019 | 15/02/2019 | 15/02/2019 | | n/a |
| Executive (Cabinet) | Committee | Council | Section 151 Officer | Monitoring Officer |
| n/a | n/a | n/a | 15/02/2019 | 15/02/2019 |

| Human Resource Services Manager | Leader | Ward Councillor(s) | Comms Team | Financial Services Manager |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| 15/02/2019 | n/a | n/a | | 15/02/2019 |

Note – Report authors must consult the relevant Portfolio Holder, members of the Senior Management Team, the Monitoring Officer, and any other interested parties before a decision can be taken. If any objections are received, they must be reported at the meeting before the decision is taken.

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| Signed: | | Decision Maker's title: | |
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Locally Important Projects 2019

DED Report 14 March 2019

Appendix 1

List of all LIPs Bids received:

| Project Reference | Organisation | Project Name | Grant Requested |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2019-001 | Furness Youth Theatre | New Printer | £250 |
| 2019-002 | Queens Park Bowling Club | New Aerator | £7,000 |
| 2019-003 | Arnside Educational Institute | Refurb of Joynce Nicholson Hall | £15,000 |
| 2019-004 | Field Broughton Parish Rooms | New roof, windows, toilets & heating | £65,000 |
| 2019-005 | Stainton Parish Council | B4RN Broadband | £20,000 |
| 2019-006 | Kendal Civic Society | Nobles Rest Entrance | £12,000 |
| 2019-007 | Ulverston Town Council | Lonsdale Play Area | £20,000 |
| 2019-008 | The Coniston Institute | Institute Toilet Block | £25,000 |
| 2019-009 | St Thomas Church | Crosscrake Community Hub | £20,000 |
| 2019-010 | Preston Patrick Memorial Hall | Car Park Resurfacing | £3,000 |
| 2019-011 | Staveley Parish Council | Jacks Corner – Com. Space | £6,300 |
| 2019-012 | Duddon Parish Council | Broughton 20mph scheme | £18,000 |
| 2019-013 | Ambleside Civic Trust | Stockghyll Park FS | £9,700 |
| 2019-014 | New Hutton Institute | Kitchen Extension | £10,000 |
| 2019-015 | Levens Playing Fields Committee | New Play Equipment | £25,000 |
| 2019-016 | Friends of Abbot Hall Play Area | Play Area Redevelopment | £15,000 |
| 2019-017 | Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council | Zebra Crossing at Dodgson Croft | £25,000 |
| 2019-018 | Argles Memorial Hall | Double Glazing for Hall | £2,280 |
| 2019-019 | Space2Create | New Reception Space | £10,000 |
| 2019-020 | Lakeland Trust for Natural Sciences | Evolution Phase 1 – Classroom Space | £40,000 |

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| 2019-021 | Crosthwaite Exchange | Upgrades to Kitchen | £3,264 |
| 2019-022 | Arnside Parish Council | Arnside Pier Railing Replacement | £7,000 |
| 2019-023 | Dent Parish Council | Fencing for Play Area | £3,000 |
| 2019-024 | Quaker Tapestry | Opening Doors Project | £3,700 |
| 2019-025 | W'mere & B'ness Civic Society | Biskey Howe Viewpoint | £2,271 |
| 2019-026 | Levens Parish Council | New Village Hall | £52,776 |
| 2019-027 | Ford Park Community Group | Infrastructure Improvements | £28,210 |



South Lakeland District Council

Health, Social, Economic & Environmental Impact Guidance & Proforma

| Project, policy or programme: | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|--|-----------------|
| Health Impacts | Potential Impacts | | | | | |
| | Positive | No impact | Negative | Not sure | Comments | Recommendations |
| | Please tick the appropriate box | | | | | |
| Environmental Conditions | | | | | | |
| Air quality | | ✓ | | | | |
| Water quality and pollution | | ✓ | | | | |
| Built environment | ✓ | | | | Many projects are making infrastructure improvements to the built environment. | |
| Natural environment and biodiversity | ✓ | | | | Parks projects & Community Open Spaces projects. | |
| Energy consumption/efficiency | | ✓ | | | | |
| Noise | | ✓ | | | | |
| Transport | | ✓ | | | | |
| Recycling | | ✓ | | | | |
| Food production | | ✓ | | | | |
| Social and Economic Factors | | | | | | |
| Employment | | ✓ | | | | |
| Income | | ✓ | | | | |
| Poverty | | ✓ | | | | |
| Education, skills and training | | ✓ | | | Funding provided to Space2Create and Quaker Tapestry to improve accessibility and the user experience. | |
| Housing | | ✓ | | | | |

| Project, policy or programme: | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|--|-----------------|
| Health Impacts | Potential Impacts | | | | Comments | Recommendations |
| | Positive | No impact | Negative | Not sure | | |
| | Please tick the appropriate box | | | | | |
| Crime | | ✓ | | | | |
| Work environment | | ✓ | | | | |
| Factors that impact a person's ability to improve their own health and wellbeing | | | | | | |
| Nutrition and diet | | ✓ | | | | |
| Physical activity | ✓ | | | | Several projects are improving playgrounds, exercise areas, and green spaces for exercise. | |
| Alcohol | | ✓ | | | | |
| Drugs | | ✓ | | | | |
| Risk taking behaviour | | ✓ | | | | |
| Smoking | | ✓ | | | | |
| Loneliness and isolation | ✓ | | | | Several projects aim to improve spaces for use by communities in rural areas. | |
| Access to services, spaces or social opportunities that impact health | | | | | | |
| Communication methods | ✓ | | | | B4RN projects. | |
| Active travel | ✓ | | | | Footpath routes for walking | |
| Access to leisure | ✓ | | | | Several projects are improving playgrounds, exercise areas, and green spaces for exercise. | |
| Access to culture | | ✓ | | | | |
| Access to green spaces | ✓ | | | | Several projects are improving green spaces. | |