

# COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR ALLERDALE

Meeting date: 1 July 2022

From: Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services

## INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 *The report presents grant applications in excess of £5,000 for consideration and approval from the 2022-23 budget. Note that grant applications under £5,000 are also included for information where funding has previously been awarded to the applying organisation which would take the full amount applied for over £5,000.*

1.2 *The report presents any proposals from the Environment Fund, regardless of the amount.*

### **2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

2.1 *The Allerdale Local Committee has both executive and non-executive duties as set out in the County Council's constitution.*

2.2 *Allerdale local committee is committed to the following priorities:*

- *Improving outcomes for Young People*
- *Encourage individuals, households and communities to live well and thrive*
- *Support individuals, households and communities to engage, and to feel enabled and empowered*

2.3 *Allerdale Local Committee has adopted key themes proposed by the Children and Young People's Partnership which are:*

- *Youth employment*
- *Improving accessibility to opportunities*
- *Mental wellbeing*
- *Good health for life*

- 2.4 ***The work of the local committee contributes to the achievement of the Council Plan 2018-2022 vision which is to be***
- ***A Council that works with residents, businesses and communities and other organisations to deliver the best services possible within the available resources.***
- 2.5 ***The outcomes of this vision are:***
- ***People in Cumbria are healthy and safe***
  - ***Places in Cumbria are well-connected and thriving***
  - ***The economy in Cumbria is growing and benefits everyone***
- 2.6 ***There are no negative equality implications arising out of the recommendations of this report.***

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 ***Members note the contents of the report.***
- 3.2 ***Members agree that an amount of £1,750 is allocated from the General Provision Fund to Glasson Community Association to improve their open space recreation field.***

### **4.0 BACKGROUND**

#### **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 This report sets out the detail of grant applications received, under the relevant budget headings, that exceed £5,000 for approval by local committee. In some cases, the proposed allocation is for less than £5,000 but has been included as these are additional grants which take the total to an organisation over £5,000.
- 4.2 For information, the current budget for 2022-23 is attached for reference at Appendix 1.

#### **APPLICATIONS TO GENERAL PROVISION**

##### **Glasson Community Association**

- 4.3 Glasson Community Association would like to make some improvements to their open space recreation field which is an amenity available to all at any time. At the far end of the field, they have an all-abilities outdoor gym, a seated shelter and a nature walk area. Access to this area is poor.
- 4.4 This funding will be used to improve accessibility to a wider demographic by way of an in-keeping pathway, improving accessibility for wheelchairs,

prams and those with mobility issues allowing people to access and enjoy this outdoor area. A disabled ramp will also be constructed into the seated shelter.

- 4.5 The total cost of the project is £6,250 and the group were allocated £4,500 from Allerdale Local Committee Environment Fund 2021/22, however due to contractor capacity issues the costs have now increased and the group require a further £1,750 from the General Provision Fund.

This scheme meets the following priorities:

- *Improving outcomes for Young People*
- *Encourage individuals, households and communities to live well and thrive*

## **ENVIRONMENT FUND**

- 4.6 A budget of £200,000 was agreed at full Council on 10 February 2022 to be distributed for schemes which fit within the scope set out below:

- enhanced verge maintenance
- tree maintenance / replacement
- footpath maintenance
- nature recovery
- biodiversity improvements
- improving the environmental conditions and quality of life 'on the doorstep'

- 4.7 The Environment Fund allocated for 2021-22 was fully utilised and an up-to-date summary detailing progress is shown at Appendix 2.

- 4.8 The COMF Environment Fund allocated for 2021-22 was fully utilised and an up to date summary detailing progress is shown at Appendix 3.

## **5.0 OPTIONS**

- 5.1 In respect of the recommendation 3.2, Members have the option to:

- Agree the recommendation or not
- Defer the decision and request additional information.

## **6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Should members agree to the recommendation at paragraph 3.2, £58,526 General Provision budget would be available for future grants. (SEA 17/6/22)

## 7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 It is a function of Local Committees under Part 2 D, 5.1.2(d) of the Constitution, to approve applications for grants from the Local Committee's budgets for amounts exceeding £ 5,000. The recommendation at paragraph 3.2 above is for less than £5,000 but a previous grant has already been awarded which takes the total over £5,000. Members can therefore approve the recommendation should they choose to do so. (SD 20/06/22)

## 8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report presents the current budget allocated to local committee for 2022-23 as at 31 May 2022 together with the grant applications received that are over the threshold requiring local committee approval.

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*June 2022*

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## APPENDICES

***Appendix 1 – Local Committee Budget 2022-23***

***Appendix 2 – Summary of Environment Fund Allocations 2021-22***

***Appendix 3 – Summary of COMF Environment Fund Allocations 2021-22***

Electoral Division(s): All

Executive Decision

Yes*	
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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**  
*[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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