PRESENT: Councillor Dutton (in the Chair); Councillors Beswick, Susan Emmott, McCarthy, O’Rourke, Robinson, Rush and Wardle

OFFICERS: F Comyn, J Ashley (Economy and Environment Service), M Hardman, S Hay, S Shahid (Corporate Services).

Also in Attendance: Approximately 3 members of the public.

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Lambert.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
1 There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES
2 DECIDED – that the minutes of meeting of the Heywood Township Delegated Sub-Committee held on the 19th February 2013 be approved as a correct record.

FLOOD RESILIENCE COMMUNITY PATHFINDER - PRESENTATION
3 The Sub-Committee received a presentation on the Flood Resilience Community Pathfinder. The Flood Resilience Community Pathfinder was £5m Defra fund that was allocated through a competitive process. Thirteen schemes had been approved nationally and Rochdale was one of four awards to Lead Local Flood Authorities in the north of England along with Blackburn, Calderdale and Liverpool. The Pathfinder runs from April 1 2013 to March 31 2015 and projects are expected to have a legacy.

This project aims to engage the local communities to help them to develop the skills and capacity to manage risk as well as raise awareness and funding in partnership with the National Flood Forum. The project milestones are expected to be achieved by March 2015 at which point the project will require on-going monitoring and evaluation.

TOWNSHIP FUNDS
4 The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive which updated Members on revenue and capital expenditure, commitments and balances of Heywood Township Funds 2012/13, and enabled Members to allocate funds to proposed schemes.

Further to the considered reports the Deputy Chief Executive reported on the following additional matters for consideration:-

(i) East Lancashire Railway (ELR) – The ELR were requesting £5.000 to match funding for the refurbishment and installation of a training and refreshment carriage at Heywood Station.

(ii) Handrail at Argyle Parade – consideration of an allocation for the installation of a handrail at Argyle Parade on Health and Safety grounds was requested.

(iii) Scheme at Jackman Avenue, Hopwood – re-allocation of additional £150.00 towards the cost of the scheme was requested.
Heywood Activities Partnership (HAP) – the Deputy Chief Executive advised that the group was now eligible to apply for Township funds again.

“40’s day” - consideration of an allocation towards the costs incurred by the Heywood Business group for the “40’s day” was requested.

Lancashire Veteran’s Association, Armed Forces Day – consideration of an additional allocation to the Veteran Association to reflect the increase costs.

Saint Joseph’s school access road - funding requested to contribute to resurfacing of the access road.

Further to the submitted request, Members referred to the Heywood Cemetery Memorial Gardens which had been neglected in recent years. It was proposed that the remaining project funds be reserved for this scheme.

The recommendations were put forward as the Management of the Heywood Township Fund is delegated to the Heywood Township Delegated Sub-Committee. Heywood Township Funds are allocated to projects/schemes that benefit the Township’s community and environment, and realise the Township priorities. To enable the Committee to monitor and review the use of the Heywood Township Funds to ensure continued efficient and effective use of Township Funds.

Members considered the priority of the various applications against Township priorities and funds available.

DECIDED – that (1) the expenditure, commitments and balances for Heywood Township revenue and capital funds as outlined in appendix 1 and 2 of the submitted report be noted;

(2) the decisions made under delegated authority as outlined in appendix 3 of the submitted report be noted;

(3) it be noted that the Head of Townships has assessed proposed projects to be considered for funding against the criteria of the Heywood Township Fund, priorities of the Township Plan and any specific risks have been identified (information as detailed in Appendix 3 of the submitted report).

(4) the applications for Township Funds as outlined in appendix 3 of the submitted report and as further reported by the Assistant Township Officer be dealt with as follows:-

a) Pilsworth Road, Rising Bollard Closed Circuit Television – Approval was given to fund the Closed Circuit Television at the rising bollard on Pilsworth Road at £15,000 be confirmed.

b) Heywood in Bloom 2013 – contribution towards a landmark feature £500.00 - £510.00 Approved

c) Heywood Festival of Dance & Musical £3,800.00 – be declined as the contribution will not add value for money for the Township

d) Young Peoples Interactive Equipment at Darnhill Library £1,850.00- Approved £1,000.

e) Remove shrubbery, lay stone flagged patio to host events at Saint Luke’s Church Patio £2,500.00 – Approved.

f) Community Payback, Provision of fifty days of 10 supervised offenders to conduct clean ups £5,000.00 – Approved.

g) Bingo equipment for The Monday Community Club £302.96 - £303.00 Approved.

h) School Keep Clear and double yellow lines at Saint Margaret’s £4,000.00 – Declined due to the lack of a road survey and prior
consideration by the Highways Engineers and concerns that the proposals would not resolve the issue.
i) Conferencing System Electrical repair £152.03 – Approved.
j) Upgrade lighting columns to take features at £300.00 per post at Junction 19 Gateway £3,600.00. – Approved.

(5) The further proposals for Township Funding, as considered in the preamble to this minute above, be dealt with as follows:-
(a) East Lancashire Railways - £5,000 match funding Approved
(b) Hand rail at Argyle Parade – £4,598.46 Approved
(c) Scheme at Jackman Avenue, Hopwood reallocation of additional £150.00 – Approved
(d) Heywood Activities Partnership – Deferred to the next meeting
(e) “40’s Day” allocation of funding towards costs incurred – £8,000 maximum Approved
(f) Lancashire Veteran’s Association, Armed Forces day, consideration of additional allocation of funding to reflect increased costs incurred £675 – Approved
(g) Saint Joseph’s school access road - £5,500 Approved
(h) The remaining balance of £90,000 in the Township Capital Fund be committed to a scheme at the Heywood Cemetery Memorial Gardens to be bought forward to the next meeting of this Sub-Committee, with any de-committing of this allocation to other schemes that may arise in the interim being delegated to the Township and Governance Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of this Sub-Committee.

(6) The Townships and Governance Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair be given delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects.

Eligible for call-in – Yes.

HEYWOOD CHARITIES MERGER PROPOSALS
5 The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive which outlined the proposed merger of the Heywood Education Trust and the Heywood Relief in Need Trust. The views of the Sub-Committee were sought.

DECIDED – that the Sub-Committee supports the principle of the proposals and agrees the proposed merger of Heywood Educational Trust and the Heywood Relief in Need Trust.

Eligible for call-in – No.