1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 Members to be updated on revenue and capital expenditure, commitments and balances of Heywood Township Funds 2013/14, and enable Members to allocate funds to proposed projects.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Committee note the expenditure, commitments and balances for Heywood Township revenue and capital funds in Appendix 1 and 2.

2.2 Members note decisions made under delegated authority as detailed in Appendix 3.

2.3 Committee note the Townships and Governance Manager 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 detailed in Appendix 3).

2.4 Members consider and approve, defer or refuse the allocation of revenue funds to proposed projects listed in Appendix 3.

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

2.6 Reasons for recommendation

Management of the Heywood Township Fund is delegated to the Heywood Township Committee.

Heywood Township Funds are allocated to projects/schemes that benefit the Township’s community and environment, and realise the Township priorities.

To enable Committee to monitor and review the use of the Heywood Township Funds to ensure continued efficient and effective use of Township Funds.
3. **HEYWOOD TOWNSHIP FUNDS**

3.1 Members are asked to note expenditure, commitments and balances of Heywood Township Funds 2013/14 in Appendix 1 and 2. Actual/committed spend for revenue funds is 29% and capital funds is 13%.

3.2 Delegated decisions will be reported for information to each Committee to ensure Members are aware of the projects that have been agreed within their Ward. Members are asked to note the decisions made under delegated arrangements since the last Committee in Appendix 3.

3.3 Projects have been identified for funding from Heywood Township Funds 2013/14. Members are asked to decide whether to approve, reject or defer the allocation of revenue funds to these proposed projects listed in Appendix 3.

3.4 To reduce the potential carry forward of funds during 2013/14, Members are asked to agree to the Townships and Governance Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, being given delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects.

3.5 **Alternatives considered**

   In considering the report, Members will decide whether or not to approve the allocation of funds to projects/schemes as appropriate.

3.6 **Consultation proposed/undertaken**

   Committee receives regular monitoring reports about the use of the funds. Any proposal for funding requires support from at least one Member. All proposals will continue to be consulted on as appropriate with Members, residents and other stakeholders.

4. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Committee will receive regular reports to enable Members to monitor the use of the Heywood Township Funds to ensure best use of available resources.

4.2 Township funds are monitored on a monthly basis and financial monitoring reports will be presented to future Committees on a regular basis.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6. **PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

7. **CORPORATE AND TOWNSHIP PRIORITIES**

7.1 The purpose of the Township Funds is to enable Township Committees to meet their respective Township Plan priorities and deliver actions to meet those priorities. This report asks Members to consider how Township Funds 2013/14 are allocated in order to do this.

7.2 The Vision and Blueprint for Rochdale Council 2014/15 retains Township Committees and will devolve a range of services to Township direction, managed through annual Township Plans which are reviewed on a quarterly basis.
8. **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 Specific risk issues for Members to consider arising from this report will be identified for the proposed projects in Appendix 3.

9. **EQUALITIES IMPACTS**

9.1 **Workforce Equality Impacts Assessment**

There are no workforce equality issues arising from this report.

9.2 **Equality/Community Impact Assessments**

There are no significant equality/community issues arising from this report.

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| Background Papers |
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| **Document**      | **Place of Inspection** |
| Summary of Heywood Township Revenue Fund 2013/14 | Appendix 1 |
| Summary of Heywood Township Capital Fund 2013/14 | Appendix 2 |
| Delegated decisions for information & proposed projects for allocation of funds | Appendix 3 |