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Meeting of: Rochdale North Township Committee
Date: Wednesday, 9th September, 2020
Time: 6.00 pm.
Venue: Zoom Meeting

This agenda gives notice of items to be considered in private as required by Regulations 5 (4) and (5) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Item No.	AGENDA	Page No
1	Apologies To receive any apologies for absence.	
2	Declarations of Interest Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary, personal or personal and prejudicial interests they may have and the nature of those interests relating to items on this agenda and/or indicate if S106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.	
3	Items for Exclusion of Public and Press To determine any items on the agenda, if any, where the public are to be excluded from the meeting.	
4	Urgent Items of Business To determine whether there are any additional items of business which, by reason of special circumstances, the Chair decides should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.	
5	Minutes Members are requested to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Rochdale North Township Committee held on 16 th July 2020.	3 - 5

To consider the report of the Director of Economy relating to Section 106 funding and play provision in Central Rochdale.

Rochdale North Township Committee Members

Councillor Ali Ahmed	Councillor Iftikhar Ahmed
Councillor Sultan Ali	Councillor Wendy Cocks
Councillor James Gartside	Councillor Kieran Heakin
Councillor Michael Holly	Councillor Rachel Massey
Councillor Shaun O'Neill	Councillor Faisal Rana
Councillor Shah Wazir	Councillor Peter Winkler

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Agenda Item 5

ROCHDALE NORTH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Thursday, 16 July 2020

PRESENT: Councillors O'Neill (Chair), Ali Ahmed, Iftikhar Ahmed, Cocks, James Gartside, Heakin, Holly, Massey, Rana, Wazir and Winkler

OFFICERS: Gary Finch (Neighbourhoods Directorate), Ian Trickett (Neighbourhoods Directorate), Nazam Suleman (Resources Directorate)

APOLOGIES

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Apologies for absence were received by Councillor Sultan Ali.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Resolved that the following declarations of interest be noted:

a. Councillor Rana and Wazir declared a personal and prejudicial in the funding application RP/03/20 (Managing Healthier Lifestyles) and they took no part in the discussion or determination thereon.

URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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The Chair advised of the following urgent items of business:-

a) Funding Applications

The Chair informed the Committee that two further applications will be considered on Agenda Item 8.

MINUTES - ROCHDALE NORTH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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Minute 3 - Rochdale North Township Funds Review

The Committee requested an update on the Rochdale North Township Funds 2019/20 that were not carried forward into financial year 2020/21. Update to be obtained.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes held on the 10th June 2020 be approved as a correct record.

MINUTES - ROCHDALE NORTH TOWNSHIP DELEGATED SUB-COMMITTEE

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Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rochdale North Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee held on 10th March 2020 be approved and signed by the Chair as the correct record.

PRESENTATION - PLAY STRATEGY

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The Greenspace and Countryside Manager presented a report on the new Play Area Strategy 2020-30. The presentation outlined key areas of development in the local areas, the importance of the Strategy and what Objectives have to be met in order to achieve the Vision statement; 'Rochdale Borough Council will develop and manage excellent play areas for every child in the Borough'.

Resolved:

The presentation be noted.

ROCHDALE NORTH TOWNSHIP FUNDS 2020/21

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The Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods which updated Members on the revenue and capital expenditure commitments and balances of Rochdale North Township Fund 2020/2021, to enable the Committee to allocate funds to proposed projects.

The Committee were asked to note the expenditure, commitments and balances of Rochdale North Township Funds 2020/21, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the submitted report, the decisions made under delegated authority, as detailed at Appendix 3 to the submitted report, and to consider and approve, defer or refuse the allocation of funds to proposed projects detailed in Appendix 4 of the submitted report. Members of the Rochdale North Township Committee were requested to note that the Townships and Communities Manager had assessed all of the proposed projects that were considered for funding against the criteria of eligibility for Rochdale North Township Fund projects and any specific risks were identified within the report.

In considering the funding applications the Committee received oral representations from the applicant's and/or their representatives, who were in attendance at the meeting.

Alternatives considered - in considering the report, Members were asked to decide whether or not to approve the allocation of funds to projects/schemes as appropriate.

Resolved:

1. That the expenditure, commitments and balances of the Rochdale Township Funds 2020/21, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the submitted report be noted;
2. That the decisions made under delegated authority as detailed in Appendix 3 of the submitted report be noted;
3. That the Townships and Communities Manager, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and opposition spokesperson of the Committee, be given delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects;
4. That applications for Township Funds 2020/21, (as outlined at Appendix 4 of the submitted report); and be dealt with as follows:-

Ref	Project name/applicant	Decision
TC/07/20	Rooley Moor Road Dropped Kerbs	An award of £11,000 from the Capital Fund.
RP/01/20	Conference Tables and Chairs for Spotland Community Centre	An award of £2295.00 from the Projects Fund was agreed. The applicant was asked to identify a local supplier if possible.

RP/03/20	Managing Healthier Lifestyles	An award of £1981.68 from the Projects Fund.
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5. The Townships and Communities Manager, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the Committee, be granted delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects.

6. The Committee agreed the importance of supporting the local economy and applicants need to be encouraged to source items that they propose to purchase with grant monies from local suppliers. Rochdale North Township Funds terms and conditions to be changed to reflect this requirement and submitted for consideration at a future meeting.

Reasons for the decision:

The recommendations in the report were presented as management of the Rochdale North Township Fund. Rochdale North Township Funds are allocated to projects that benefit the Township's community and environment, and realise the Township's priorities and which will enable the Committee to monitor and review the use of the Rochdale North Township Fund to ensure the continued efficient and effective use of the funds.

Eligible for Call-in: Yes

Agenda Item 6

Report to Rochdale North Township Committee



Date of Meeting	9 th September 2020
Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Environment, Cabinet Member for Planning, Development & Housing
Report Author	Nick Barton
Public/Private Document	Public

Section 106 - Central Rochdale Play Provision

Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to allocate funds currently held from Section 106 Open Space contributions in Central Rochdale Ward to improve play facilities at the South Street Play Area.

Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee Members approve the allocation of £147,936.09 from Section 106 Open Space contributions to improvements to toddler, junior and adventure play facilities at South Street Play Area.

Reason for Recommendation

- 3.1 Rochdale North Township Members have previously requested that all Section 106 Open Space funded schemes be approved by Members by way of a report to an appropriate committee. A similar process of reporting exists in all other Townships.
- 3.2 Costed schemes have been prepared by the Council's Environmental Management Service and are supported by Ward Councillors.
- 3.3 The schemes are within the parameters of the Section 106 agreements and the Council's 'Provision of Recreational Open Space in New Housing' Supplementary Planning Document.

Key Points for Consideration

- 4.1 Rochdale Council's Supplementary Planning Document 'Provision of Recreational Open Space in New Housing', states that contributions may be used towards the provision (including 20 years maintenance) and / or improvement of open space within 5 years of receipt. In the case of informal open space, such as play areas, provision should be within 20 minutes walking distance of the development generating the contribution, the proposed project meets this criteria.
- 4.2 South Street Play Area is 600m from Dean Street. The facilities at South Street Play Area currently include two Multi Use Games Area, a toddler and junior play area for ages 2-11 and an older children's play area for ages 11-16.
- 4.3 Most of the equipment in the toddlers play area is dated, and whilst still serviceable, has been overtaken by new play equipment that offers greater play value and more varied play opportunities than the current equipment.
- 4.4 The older children's play area is similar in that it has low play value compared to newer equipment designs and since installation has become less and less popular.
- 4.5 There is an opportunity to improve access and inclusion and the range of provision for children and families with disabilities.
- 4.6 The proposal includes the installation of a new toddler play unit, with more play elements and increased play capacity; replacement of swings and installation of an accessible springer, roundabout and trampoline; and replacement of adventure play equipment to provide equipment such as a mini zip wire, climbing walls and a rope pyramid.

Alternatives Considered

- 4.7 The Council is required to spend Section 106 contributions in accordance with legal agreements and local and national planning policy. Not bringing forward projects to spend Section 106 contributions in accordance with these agreements and policies risk the loss of investment in local facilities, and the refunding of monies held from Section 106 contributions where there is a time limited period for spend.
- 4.8 Proposals put forward in this report have been the subject of consultation with Ward Members and reflect their priorities. The use of resources has been considered to maximise the funding available.

Costs and Budget Summary

- 5.1 Section 106 contributions are monitored and managed to ensure that they are

received and spent in accordance with policy and financial regulations.

- 5.2 The Council's Environmental Management Service will manage the implementation of these projects in accordance with established project management methodology and are able to meet the full cost of the project from identified budgets.
- 5.3 The funding will provide capital costs to upgrade and existing play facility, maintenance costs will be met from existing maintenance budgets for those facilities held by the Environmental Management Service.
- 5.4 The identified funding of £147,936.09 relates to unallocated Section 106 contributions from development at Dean Street.

Risk and Policy Implications

- 6.1 As identified within the report, contributions from Section 106 agreements must be spent within the parameters of each of those legally binding documents. Where money is not spent within the appropriate parameters, then this risks legal challenge, which would present significant financial and reputational as well as legal risk to the Council.
- 6.2 The proposals outlined in this report are compliant with the legal agreement and the Council's policies on the provision of local open space Section 106 contributions.

Consultation

- 7.1 The projects contained within this report have been developed in consultation with Ward Members.

Background Papers	Place of Inspection
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| 8.1 | Provision of Open Space in New Housing Supplementary Planning Document | Planning and Development, Floor 3, Number One Riverside or online at: http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/pdf/2017-02-21-recreational-open-space-spd-updated-v2.pdf |
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