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ROCHDALE SOUTH TOWNSHIP DELEGATED SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 16 July 2024

PRESENT: Councillor Gallagher (Chair); Councillors Ali, Anstee, Arshad, Beal, Ellahi, P. Massey and R. Massey

OFFICERS: K. Davies (Governance and Committee Services), K. Hoyle (Townships), S. Aiken (Highways) and A. Quinn (Environmental Management)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Seven members of public, including representatives of community groups who were in attendance to present their applications for funding.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Ahmed, Aasim Rashid, Aiza Rashid, Sheerin and A. Smith.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In relation to agenda item 10 – Rochdale South Township Funds 2024/25 – Councillor P. Massey declared a prejudicial interest in the submitted funding application for Rochdale in Bloom 2024 & 2025 as he was currently a member of the Rochdale in Bloom Committee. Councillor P. Massey therefore left the room and did not vote during consideration of this item.

3 ITEMS FOR EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

There were no items for the exclusion of public and press.

4 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business received.

5 MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Rochdale South Township Delegated Sub-Committee meeting held on 7 March 2024 be approved as a correct record.

6 BALDERSTONE AND KIRKHOLT AREA FORUM

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Balderstone and Kirkholt Area Forum meeting held on 18 March 2024 be noted.

7 BAMFORD AREA FORUM

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Bamford Area Forum meeting held on 30 May 2024 be noted.

8 KINGSWAY AREA FORUM

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Kingsway Area Forum meeting held on 12 March 2024 be noted.

9 MILKSTONE AND DEEPLISH AREA FORUM

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Milkstone & Deeplish Area Forum meeting held on 4 March 2024 be noted.

10 ROCHDALE SOUTH TOWNSHIP FUNDS 2024/25

The Sub-Committee gave consideration to a report of the Townships Business Officer which provided an update on revenue and capital expenditure, commitments and balances of Rochdale South Township Funds 2024/25 and to enable the allocations of funds to proposed projects.

In considering the funding applications, the Sub-Committee received two verbal representations from the public applicants in attendance at the meeting.

Alternatives considered:

Members were asked to decide whether or not to approve the allocations of funds to projects as appropriate.

Resolved:

1. That the expenditure, commitments and balances of the Rochdale South Township Revenue and Capital Funds, 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 Sub-Committee notes that the Head of Townships & Libraries has assessed the proposed projects to be considered for funding against the criteria of eligibility for the Rochdale South Township Fund, the priorities of the Township and any specific risks have been identified within the report;
4. That the Head of Townships & Libraries, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and opposition spokesperson of the Sub-Committee, be given delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects;
5. That applications for Rochdale South Township Funds 2024/25 as outlined at appendix 4 of the submitted report be dealt with as follows:

Reference	Applicant	Decision
RP/02/24	Rochdale In Bloom Management Committee	Approved - £1,967.94 from Revenue (Projects) Funds for the Rochdale In Bloom 2024 / 2025 project.
RP/09/24	Nigeria Community Association	Approved - £1,055 from Revenue (Projects) Funds towards equipment, accessories and materials incurred with the delivery of community sewing classes.
TC/03/24	Balderstone & Kirkholt Ward Councillor	Approved - £12,000 from Capital Funds and £3,000 from Balderstone & Kirkholt Ward Funds for the design, supply and installation of a BMX pump track in Balderstone Park.
TC/04/24	Castleton Ward Councillors	Approved - £12,000 from Capital Funds and £3,000 from Castleton Ward Funds for conversion of the grass verge on the north side of Hillcrest Road between Melville Street and Colne Street to footway.
TC/05/24	Milkstone & Deeplish Ward Councillors	Approved - £5,238.94 from Capital Funds and £1,309.73 from Milkstone & Deeplish Ward Funds for planter and hanging baskets at the junction of Kent Street and Dorset Street.
TC/12/24	Castleton Ward Councillors	Approved - £3,732.89 from Capital Funds and £2,651.73 from Castleton Ward Funds for the Slattocks Garden Christmas tree lights and infrastructure.

TC/13/24	Kingsway Ward Councillors	Approved - £2,000 from Capital Funds and £500 from Kingsway Ward Funds for the introduction of No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on Thames Street.

Reasons for the decision:

Management of the Rochdale South Township Fund was delegated to the Rochdale South Township Delegated Sub-Committee.

Rochdale South Township Funds were allocated to projects that benefitted the Township's community and environment and realised the Township priorities.

To enable the Sub-Committee to monitor and review the use of the Rochdale South Township Funds to ensure continued efficient and effective use of the funds.

Eligible for Call-in: Yes