



Report title: Rochdale South Township Funds 2024/25

Report to: Rochdale South Township Delegated Sub Committee

Date of meeting: Wednesday 9 October 2024

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Cabinet Member for Communities and Co-operation

Report of: Director of Public Health & Communities

Public or private: Public

Key Decision: No

Published on the Forward Plan: No

1. Report summary

- 1.1 Members to be updated on revenue and capital expenditure, commitments and balances of Rochdale South Township Funds 2024/25 and enable the allocation of funds to proposed projects.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members note the expenditure, commitments and balances for Rochdale South 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 Members consider and approve, refuse or defer the allocation of funds to proposed projects detailed in Appendix 4.
- 2.4 Members note the Head of Townships & Libraries has assessed 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 (information detailed in Appendix 4).
- 2.5 The Head of Townships & Libraries, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and opposition spokesperson of Rochdale South Township Committee, to be given delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects.

3. Reason for recommendation

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

3.2 Rochdale South Township Funds are allocated to projects that benefit the Township's community and environment, and realise the Township priorities.

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

4. Alternatives considered

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

5. Key information

5.1 Members are asked to note expenditure, commitments and balances of Rochdale South Township Funds 2024/25 in Appendix 1 and 2. Actual/committed spend for revenue funds is 42.36% and capital funds is 34.20%.

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

5.3 Projects have been identified for funding from Rochdale South Township Funds 2024/25. Members are asked to decide whether to approve, reject or defer the allocation of revenue funds to these proposed projects listed in Appendix 4.

5.4 To reduce the potential for carry forward of funds during 2024/25, Members are asked to agree to give delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects to the Head of Townships & Libraries, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and opposition spokesperson of Rochdale South Township Committee.

6. Finance

6.1 Rochdale South Township revenue and capital budget summaries that detail expenditure, commitments and balances for financial year 2024/25 in Appendix 1 and 2.

6.2 Rochdale South Township Delegated Sub Committee will receive regular reports to enable Members to monitor the use of the Rochdale South Township Fund to ensure best use of available resources.

6.3 Township funds are monitored on a monthly basis and financial monitoring reports will be presented to future Rochdale South Township Delegated Sub Committees.

7. Legal

7.1 No legal issues to consider arising from this report.

8. Human resource

8.1 No human resource issues to consider arising from this report.

9. Sustainability impact

9.1 No sustainability impact issues to consider arising from this report.

10. Other considerations (corporate priorities, risks)

10.1 Specific risk issues for Members to consider arising from this report will be identified for the proposed projects in Appendix 4.

10.2 Rochdale South Township priorities align with the Council Plan that forms part of the Council's policy framework. The Council Plan sets out the priorities for Rochdale Borough Council between 2023-2028. The Council Plan will serve as a guiding document, providing direction on how to allocate the devolved budgets for Rochdale South Township and ensure that the identified priorities are delivered.

10.3 The purpose of the Township Funds is to enable Township Committees to meet their respective Township priorities and implement initiatives that address those priorities effectively.

10.4 Under the Borough of Rochdale Compact with the voluntary sector the Council has made a commitment to consider the impact on service users of any changes to the funding arrangements for the voluntary sector and to provide them with at least three months' notice of any changes and liaise with them and any relevant stakeholders to mitigate the impact of reduced funding. Therefore, if Members are inclined not to continue funding the provision of a service provided by the voluntary sector, Members should be mindful of their obligations under the Compact.

Background Papers:

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