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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 Members to be updated on revenue and capital expenditure, commitments and balances of Pennines Township Funds 2015/16 and enable the allocation of funds to proposed projects.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Committee note the expenditure, commitments and balances for Pennines 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 Principal Townships Officer has assessed proposed projects to be considered for funding against the criteria of the Pennines Township Fund, priorities of the Township and any specific risks have been identified (information detailed in Appendix 4).

2.4 Members consider and approve, defer or refuse the allocation of revenue and capital funds to proposed projects listed in Appendix 4.

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

2.6 Members note all unspent/uncommitted funds to be reallocated to a central funding stream at the end of January 2016 for allocation to proposed schemes before year end to reduce the potential carry forward of funds during 2015/16.

Reasons for recommendation

- 2.7 Management of the Pennines Township Fund is delegated to the Pennines Township Delegated and Funding Sub Committee.
- 2.8 Pennines Township Funds are allocated to projects that benefit the Township's community and environment, and realise the Township priorities.
- 2.9 To enable Committee to monitor and review the use of the Pennines Township Funds to ensure continued efficient and effective use of Township Funds.

3. Background

- 3.1 Members are asked to note expenditure, commitments and balances of Pennines Township Funds 2015/16 in Appendix 1 and 2. Actual/committed spend for revenue funds is 47.58% and capital funds is 51.52%.
- 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 Pennines Township Funds 2015/16. Members are asked to decide whether to approve, reject or defer the allocation of revenue and capital funds to these proposed projects listed in Appendix 4.
- 3.4 To reduce the potential carry forward of funds during 2015/16, Members are asked to agree to the Principal Townships Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, being given delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects.
- 3.5 Members agreed at Pennines Township Committee on 26 May 2015 that any unspent funds be reallocated to a central funding stream at the end of January 2016. These funds will enable Members to propose schemes within their Wards that have not been progressed due to insufficient funds and reduce the potential carry forward of funds.

Alternatives considered

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

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 Committee will receive regular reports to enable Members to monitor the use of the Pennines 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.
- 4.3 Monitoring information will be provided to Public Health concerning its contribution of funds to Pennines Township. Projects that support improved physical, mental health and wellbeing of people in our local communities will be identified and reported to Public Health on a quarterly basis.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 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 financial arrangements for the voluntary sector and to provide at least three months' notice of such changes.

6. Personnel Implications

6.1 There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

7. Corporate Priorities

7.1 The purpose of the Township Funds is to enable Township Committees to meet their respective Township priorities and deliver actions to meet those priorities. This report asks Members to consider how Township Funds 2015/16 are allocated in order to do this.

7.2 The Vision and Blueprint for Rochdale Council 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 There are no specific risk issues arising from this report.

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

Careful consideration has been given to the potential equality impact of the proposed projects. No adverse impacts are expected and it is anticipated that the projects will benefit all sections of the community.

Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection