

**Report to Rochdale North Township Committee**



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Portfolio	Neighbourhoods, Community & Culture
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**Rochdale North Township Funds – Delegation Arrangements**

**1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 At its first meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019, committee considered a report that reviewed the Township Funds 2018-19, agreed terms and conditions for funds 2019-20, and considered the delegation arrangements for 2019-20.
- 1.2 The Committee authorised the delegation to the Townships and Communities Manager, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of Rochdale North Township Action & Resources Delegated Sub Committee.
- 1.3 The Committee reduced the limit of delegation from £5,000 as per the recommendation in the report, to a limit of £3,000.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 In light of legal advice received, Committee are asked to reconsider their decision, and to consider agreeing the limit of £5,000 as per the recommendations in the report, and in line with all other Townships.

**3. Reason for Recommendation**

- 3.1 Management of the Township Funds is delegated to the Township Devolved Sub-Committees.
- 3.2 Township Funds are allocated to projects that benefit the Borough's communities and environment, and realise the Township priorities.

**4. Key Points for Consideration**

- 4.1 A reduction in the level of funding under delegated powers in one Township could result in projects being rejected where an application is above £3,000 and the timescale of the project does not fit in with the Committee calendar.

**5.**

**Risk and Policy Implications**

5.1 Rochdale North Township Committee has agreed a limit of £3,000 for delegated decisions, whilst all other Townships have agreed to delegate decisions up to £5,000. This may be open to challenge if it is found that Rochdale North has, without justification, departed from the consistency of decision making which may be deemed as lacking in fairness.

**6.**

**Consultation**

6.1 N/A

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>
None	N/A
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