

Report to Rochdale North Township Committee



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Rochdale North Township Funds Review

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report reviews the revenue and capital expenditure during 2019/20 and provides options for the allocation of funds in 2020/21.
- 1.2 Members are asked to approve Rochdale North Township Funds allocation to funding streams, terms and conditions, and agree delegation arrangements concerning funding decisions.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Members note the expenditure, commitments and balances for Rochdale North Township revenue and capital funds at financial year end 2019/20 (Appendix 1 and 2).
- 2.2 Members note the findings of the review of Township Funds 2019/20 (Appendix 3).
- 2.3 Members approve the allocation of Rochdale North Township Funds to funding streams in 2020/21 (Appendix 4).
- 2.4 Members approve the terms and conditions for Rochdale North Township revenue and capital funds for 2020/21 (Appendix 5).
- 2.5 Members agree to the delegation arrangements for Rochdale North Township Funds 2020/21 as detailed at 4.6 of this report.
- 2.6 Members agree any uncommitted/unspent funds be reallocated to a central revenue or capital funding stream as appropriate before the end of January 2021 to enable Members to spend/commit all Rochdale North Township Funds during 2020/21 financial year.

3. Reason for Recommendation

- 3.1 Management of the Rochdale North Township Fund is delegated to the Rochdale North Township Delegated Sub Committee.
- 3.2 Rochdale North Township Funds are allocated to projects that benefit the Township's community and environment, and realise the Township priorities.
- 3.3 To enable committee to monitor and review the use of the Rochdale North Township Funds to ensure continued efficient and effective use of the funds.

4. Key Points for Consideration
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- 4.1 Members note expenditure, commitments and balances for Rochdale North Township revenue and capital funds 2019/20 (Appendix 1 and 2). The final outturn for financial year 2019/20 as agreed with Accountancy will be reported to the next scheduled funding committee.
- 4.2 A review of Rochdale North Township revenue and capital funds has been undertaken (Appendix 3). Findings have influenced funding streams suggestions, the terms and conditions of the funds and the administration procedures for grant applications for 2020/21.
- 4.3 Evaluation of projects provides useful information to the Township relating to identifying the effectiveness of the application process and management of grants; whether projects deliver value for money; applicants achieve their objectives and evidence their successes, and ensure that the completed projects funded complied with the terms and conditions of the Rochdale North Township Fund. Grants awarded and projects funded have made a difference to the local community with improvements to local facilities, increased social interaction and delivery of solutions to address local needs. All successful applicants are informed that it is a condition of the grant that they complete a project evaluation form.
- 4.4 Township Officers have analysed the findings from the review of Township Funds 2019/20 and recommend that Members approve the allocation of Township Funds to funding streams in 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix 4.
- 4.5 Terms and conditions for Rochdale North Township revenue and capital funds have been updated. Members are asked to approve the terms and conditions for 2020/21 (Appendix 5).
- 4.6 Members are asked to agree the delegation arrangements for Rochdale North Township Funds 2020/21 as follows:
 - a) Townships and Communities Manager, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of Rochdale North Township Delegated Sub Committee, may make decisions on the allocation of funds to all projects of £3,000 and under. Any disputes concerning allocation of funds will be referred to the next Rochdale North Township Delegated Sub Committee for decision.
 - b) Rochdale Township Office will refer projects over £3,000 to the next Rochdale North Township Delegated Sub Committee for decision.

- c) Delegated decisions will be reported for information to each Rochdale North Township Delegated Sub Committee to ensure all Members are aware of projects that have been approved.

4.7 Alternatives Considered

In considering the report, Members will decide whether or not to approve the allocation of funds to funding streams and adopt the terms and conditions.

5. Costs and Budget Summary

- 5.1 Rochdale North Township revenue and capital budget summaries that detail expenditure, commitments and balances for financial year 2019/20 in Appendix 1 and 2. Recommendations for allocation of Rochdale North Township Funds to funding streams for financial year 2020/21 in Appendix 4.
- 5.2 Committee will receive regular reports to enable Members to monitor the use of the Rochdale North Township Funds to ensure best use of available resources.
- 5.3 Township funds are monitored on a monthly basis and financial monitoring reports will be presented to future committees.

6. Risk and Policy Implications
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- 6.1 No specific risk issues for Members to consider arising from this report.
- 6.2 The Townships Plan forms part of the Council's policy framework. The plan will be updated to reflect how funds are allocated across the Townships in line with the identified priorities.
- 6.3 The purpose of the Township Funds is to enable Township Committees to meet their respective Township priorities and to deliver actions to meet those priorities.

7. Consultation

- 7.1 Rochdale North Township Delegated Sub Committee receives regular monitoring reports about the use of the funds. Any proposal for funding requires support from at least one Member. All proposals will to be consulted on as appropriate with Members, residents and other stakeholders.

Background Papers	Place of Inspection
None	N/A
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