

APPENDIX 3

ROCHDALE NORTH TOWNSHIP YEAR END REVENUE & CAPITAL FUNDS REVIEW 2019/20

REVENUE FUNDS		
Fund	Budget	Review
Projects Fund	£24,823 Base Budget	The Projects Fund provides a budget to resource larger projects to address local issues/demands to benefit the local community and environment across Rochdale Township.
	£18,878 b/f 2018/19	Funds were used to support 18 projects during 2019/20 consisting of 15 community projects and 3 highways/ environmental projects. The variety of projects funded included Link4Life's functional fitness course to improve the health and wellbeing of residents with activities to improve postural stability, strength, flexibility, and balance to promote greater independence and reduce the risk of falls in the future; construction of a workshop area at The Growth Project's allotment site where service users can enjoy crafts; handmade lanterns workshops to encourage different members of the community to learn new skills and celebrate diversity at the Festival of Light Parade; support for Real Change Rochdale's visits to schools, faith based groups and local businesses to raise awareness of people in their local area experiencing homelessness and their needs; provision of free after school drop in sessions for local young people to extend the diversionary activities at the Eden Drop with youth outreach workers delivering sessions with a focus on developing young people's confidence and cooperation through involvement in community activities and broadening their social networks; new illuminated features on street lighting columns on the Esplanade to extend the festive display; Project 'Overcome' offered opportunities for local young people to participate in one to one and group activities of light boxing, walks, cooking on a low budget/health talks and confidence building sessions delivered by bi-lingual sessional workers; 'Skills4Sport' programme offers free access to quality training and work experience leading to paid work in the Sports and Leisure Sector. The programme identifies those most at risk of remaining in economically inactive situations and supports them into a work environment and employment whilst encouraging a healthy lifestyle and volunteering to benefit the local community; a drumming/cultural group workshop to provide participants the opportunity to learn West African drumming techniques from an experienced tutor and engage in discussions about different aspects of African culture through demonstrations of traditional dances, costumes, storytelling, crafts and games; reinstatement of the footpath at the top end of Syke Common involving the repair and replacement of 60 linear metres of York paving with the slabs relayed in cement to deter further thefts and create a safe walkway for the local community; construction of a gravel path to link Caldershaw Road playground into Caldershaw Brook linear greenway to offer the local community an accessible pedestrian route to local schools and shops plus encourage more residents to use this green space.
		At year end unallocated balances from other revenue funding streams were transferred into this budget to provide Members with the opportunity to identify and fund projects that have not been progressed due to lack of funds in those individual funding streams.
Township Officers recommend the Projects Fund for Rochdale North Township in 2020/21 receives a base budget of £25,697 (subject to final outturn agreed with Accountancy).		

REVENUE FUNDS

Fund	Budget	Review
Ward Fund	<p>£32,000 Base Budget</p>	<p>Each Rochdale North Township Ward received £8,000 to enable the Area Forums to maintain their success and effectiveness in addressing local issues raised at these community meetings.</p> <p>This fund was used to support 26 projects during 2019/20 consisting of 6 community projects and 20 highways/ environmental projects. The variety of projects funded included the upgrade of a street lighting column on Oswald Street to facilitate the provision of CCTV surveillance in the area to deter criminal activities and improve public safety; contribution towards the introduction of waiting restrictions on Taylor Street to address the problem of vehicles parking on the footway to allow for two way travel along this narrow carriageway; installation of salt bins on Sheriff Street, Aboukir Street and Margory Close, Pot House Lane/Dewhirst Road, Birtle Road, Clements Royds Street, Rooley Moor Road as these roads become hazardous during wintry conditions; investigation into the speeds of vehicles on Dewhirst Road with the survey results analysed for options to address any issued identified; contribution to the reinstatement of Syke Common footpath; provision of a heritage style community notice board on Syke Common to promote events/activities within the area; supply of catering equipment for the Meet, Share, Eat project at Syke Community Base that delivers sessions on cross-cultural family cookery and provision of luncheon clubs for isolated older people and deprived families to socialise whilst enjoying a hot beverage, snack or meal; supply and planting of trees on Cronkeyshaw Common to replace a number of damaged trees and enhance the landscape; review of existing traffic calming measures on Caldershaw Road; provision of a monitored CCTV system on Edenfield Road to deter anti-social behavior/criminal activity within Norden Village; hedge laying around the perimeter of Moss Row allotments to prevent unwanted animals and intruders from accessing the site whilst offering a native wildlife refuge; repair/replacement of damaged fencing on Ashworth Road to prevent fly tipping down the steep slope; installation of bollards on Edenfield Road to prevent vehicles parking on the footway and obstructing sight lines; investigation into the speed of vehicles on Rooley Moor Road; provision of an information board for Stoney Hill Community Wildlife Area to raise awareness of the events/activities within the area and the bio-diversity of this green space and how it is important to protect and enhance it; footway improvements at the junction of Falinge Road and Clarkes Lane involving re-profiling and edging to address drainage problems and prevent standing water after Falinge Park students expressed their concerns about the condition of this popular route to the school.</p>

Township Officers recommend the Ward Fund for Rochdale North Township in 2020/21 receives a base budget of £32,000 with each Ward allocated £8,000.

REVENUE FUNDS		
Fund	Budget	Review
Members Fund	£24,000 Base Budget	<p>Each Rochdale North Township Councillor received £2,000 to allocate to projects within their Ward for the benefit of the local community and environment.</p> <p>Funds were used to support 35 projects during 2019/20 consisting of 12 community projects and 23 highways/environmental projects. The variety of projects funded included an event to celebrate Nigeria Independence Day with a flag raising at Rochdale Town Hall and festival in the evening to showcase the arts and culture of the community and recognise the achievements of different organisations and individuals; English to Bangla classes for local children aged 8 to 16 years old to enable participants' to speak, read and write Bengali and give them the confidence to communicate effectively whilst educating them in Bengali literature, culture and history; Rochdale Science Extravaganza that educated and inspired the local community with demonstrations, displays, theatrical science shows, experiments and lectures; introduction of 'No waiting at any time' restrictions on the south side of Taylor Street as complaints have been received about vehicles partially parking on the footway and forcing pedestrians to walk in the carriageway; installation of salt bins on Pot House Lane/Dewhirst Road junction, Falinge Fold, Hawley Green, Over Town Lane, Broadstone Close, Edenfield Road, Elmspark Way and Mons Avenue as these roads becomes hazardous during wintry conditions; provision of new litter bins on Shawclough Road, Dell Road, Over Town Lane, Bury & Rochdale Old Road and Lower Sheriff Street; contribution towards the supply and planting of trees on Cronkeyshaw Common to replace a number of damaged trees and enhance the landscape; a community event at Syke Community Base to coincide with the switch on of the Christmas lights outside the centre to provide an opportunity for the local community to come together to celebrate the festive period; installation of 3 'Do not feed the birds' signs to deter members of the public from feeding birds on Cronkeyshaw Common and the problems that can arise of unsustainable population growth, altering birds' natural behaviours and spreading disease; installation of a kissing gate at the access to Caldershaw Green to replace the existing dilapidated wooden gate and adjoining wooden post and rail fencing; resources to enable Norden Library to establish a coffee morning group to provide the local community with the opportunity to socialise in a welcoming environment and address the issues of loneliness and isolation to improve health and wellbeing; installation of 7 bollards on Edenfield Road and Wolstenholme Lane junction to prevent vehicles parking on the footway and obstructing sight lines at the junction for motorists; play equipment and storage facilities to enhance the service provision to local children and families at Spotland Library; model building kits for Vintage Worx Community Development Trust's twice weekly activities club that aims to reduce isolation and loneliness amongst mature men within the community and contribute to improvements in their health and wellbeing; supply and planting of 11 fruit trees (apple, plum and cherry) in the centre of Ings Lane Walking Trail to create an orchard for the local community to harvest fresh fruit for eating and provision of seeds for cultivating a wildflower meadow in Falinge Park to enhance the biodiversity of this area; installation of a metal slat bench in Denehurst Park to provide additional seating to encourage the local community to visit and spend time in this local green space.</p>
Township Officers recommend the Members Fund for Rochdale North Township in 2020/21 receives a base budget of £24,000 for each Rochdale North Township Councillor to be allocated £2,000.		

CAPITAL FUNDS

Fund	Budget	Review
Capital Fund	£79,170 Base Budget	<p>The Capital Fund has been used to deliver projects/schemes that benefit the Township's community and environment, and realise the Township priorities in 2019/20. Projects were submitted from Councillors, Council Officers and the community via Area Forums.</p> <p>Funds were used to support 16 projects during 2019/20 consisting of 7 community projects and 9 highways/ environmental projects. The variety of projects funded included the installation of a vehicle activated sign on Rooley Moor Road to improve road and public safety; contribution to the provision of an information board for Stoney Hill Community Wildlife Area to raise awareness of the events/activities and the bio-diversity of this green space; installation of a street lighting column with LED lantern on Eden Street, Rochdale to enhance the lighting in the area and improve public safety; improvements to the Spotland corridor landscape involving the installation of 11 additional saddle planters on Spotland Bridge; Whitworth Valley Angling Society in partnership with Rochdale Council's Parks and Countryside Rangers created a series of linked floating islands on Broadley Wood pond in Healey Dell Nature Reserve that are pre-planted to provide anti-predator fish/wildfowl refuges, enhance the open waterscape of the pond and encourage wildlife diversity; installation of pedestrian dropped kerbs on Rooley Moor Road from Spotland Bridge to the junction with Ings Lane near the Co-op Store to improve accessibility for residents; provision of the electrical infrastructure and new illuminated features on street lighting columns on the Esplanade to extend the festive display; contribution to the refurbishment of Rochdale Sports Club grounds and buildings that include the upstairs function room and toilets, fire/security alarms and CCTV, cricket nets/lacrosse training area, double changing rooms and showers, provision of a 150m security fencing to the site entrance and floors/walls of two squash courts; construction of 5 angling pegs at the Healey Dell waters to enable Rochdale Armed Forces Veterans' Breakfast Club in partnership with Rochdale Walton Angling Society to offer veterans and serving personnel the opportunity to participate in angling sessions to support rehabilitation of physical injuries and mental health; installation of deer fencing along the edge of Ashworth Road carriageway south of the Scout Camp to deter fly tipping in this area; introduction of traffic calming measures along Heights Lane to create a 20mph school safety zone to provide safer access to Brownhill Community School and reduce vehicle speeds; installation of a salt bin at the junction of Mitchell Street and Ashworth Street, Rochdale as this location becomes hazardous during wintry conditions; provision of a fence around a veteran cherry tree located at Broadley in Healey Dell Nature Reserve, Dell Road, Shawclough to protect this over 100 year old tree and prevent the public from walking under it as the tree is supported on one limb and it is slowly lowering to the ground. Two interpretation panels will explain its biological interest, age and aesthetical appeal; installation of litter bin on Woodhouse Lane, Norden; provision of a new CCTV system in Falinge Park consisting of recording equipment within the main community building and five motorised zoom bullet cameras directed towards the heritage buildings, sun gardens, courtyard area, walled garden and main courtyard.</p> <p>Unallocated funds of £1,957 and committed funds of £6,034 will be carried forward into 2020/21.</p>
Township Officers recommend the Capital Fund for Rochdale North Township receives a base budget of £78,160 in 2020/21 (subject to final outturn agreed with Accountancy).		