

APPENDIX 4

ROCHDALE NORTH TOWNSHIP FUNDS 2020/21

Capital Fund available for allocation = £40,315 (£12,959 in 2020/21 and £27,356 categorised as slippage into 2021/22)

Rochdale North Township Capital Fund 2020/21 - Proposed projects for decision					
Ref	Name of Project	Ward	Fund Criteria & Priorities Met	Request Originator	Cost
TC/10/20	Moorland motorbike and quad bike inhibitors on Definitive Rights of Way at Edenfield Road/Woodhouse Lane/Forsyth Lane and Knacks Lane	Norden and Spotland & Falinge	Yes Place & People	Ward Councillors, RMNF, RBBA & residents	See description below
Project Description	Supply and installation of motorbike inhibitors at Edenfield Road, Woodhouse Lane/Forsyth Lane and Knacks Lane, Norden plus fencing along Edenfield Road to restrict the movement of motorbikes and other motor vehicles across the network of rights of way in the area and the moorland whilst retaining the rights of way access for legitimate use. Vehicles are not legally allowed to access these areas and complaints have been received about the damage to the moorland/paths, noise nuisance and hazards to the local community and visitors. Norden Area Forum Sub Group have agreed a contribution of £500 from Norden Ward Fund and Spotland & Falinge Area Forum Sub Group have agreed a contribution of £500 from Spotland & Falinge Ward Fund. Offers of contributions towards this project have been received from the Lord of the Manor (via Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum) £2,000, Rochdale & Bury Bridleways Association £250 and Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum £500. Rochdale North Township Delegated Sub Committee are asked to approve the allocation of £500 from Norden Ward Fund, £500 from Spotland & Falinge Ward Fund and a contribution of £9,744.80 from Rochdale North Township Capital Fund. (Project brief at Appendix 4A with maps/images obtained from the Chair of Norden Area Forum)				
Risk implication/ Alternatives considered	<p>Rochdale North Township Fund's terms and conditions, under activities that may not be funded, state improvements to private land, unless there is a demonstrable community benefit. Contractor cannot fulfill the works due to unidentified site findings. Natural England, Council, landowners and residents do not agree to all the structures - consultation should take place and written agreements provided. Initial quotes may have altered significantly since they were procured. Proposed gates should only be closed when GMP are undertaking an action in the area to counteract the use of any unauthorised vehicles. The Council should apply conditions to the gate at Knacks Lane to ensure it is not closed at any time when GMP are not undertaking an action in the area; the gate will form an obstruction across an unadopted highway and cannot remain closed for long periods. Proposed stipulations/conditions for its erection and maintenance of the gate as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the gate be closed and/or locked closed at any other time other than when GMP are undertaking an operation for off-road motor cycles the gate will be removed. • Should the gate be damaged or become in a dilapidated condition it shall be removed if not repaired sufficiently. • If the gate is unnecessary it shall be removed. • GMP and the Council shall only have keys for the gate and these may not be provided to any other party. • Should the gate form an obstruction to any legitimate use of the route it shall be removed. <p>Rochdale Borough Council have a statutory duty to assert and protect the rights of the public to use and enjoy any highway (including footpaths) within their area and to prevent, as far as possible, the stopping up or obstruction of the highway. Any measures implemented must not infringe upon those duties.</p>				

Rochdale North Township Capital Fund 2020/21 - Proposed projects for decision					
Ref	Name of Project	Ward	Fund Criteria & Priorities Met	Request Originator	Cost
TC/13/20	Redfearn Wood/Rooley Moor Road Junction Waiting Restrictions	Spotland & Falinge	Yes Place	Resident	£4,000
Project Description	Introduction of 'No waiting at any time' restrictions at the junction of Redfearn Wood/Rooley Moor Road, Rochdale to prevent the indiscriminate parking of vehicles obstructing sightlines. (Project brief at Appendix 4B) This scheme was deferred at Rochdale North Township Delegated Sub Committee on 22 October 2020 for determination at a future meeting of the Sub Committee to allow for its consideration at Spotland & Falinge Area Forum.				
Risk implication/ Alternatives considered	Risks that may change the estimate are objections being received during the legal process or amendments made to the scheme during its development resulting in additional costs. Also if the scheme requires amendments so as to satisfy the requirements of the emergency services or TfGM and if Ward Councillors require further information, justification or scheme content. The estimate does not include for dealing with or reporting back to committee any objections received during the legal process. To deal with objections may increase the cost due to staff time having to be expended. Also the estimate assumes that there will be no major amendments made to the scheme at committee resulting in the scheme requiring readvertising.				
TC/16/20	Path off Tintern Avenue Construction	Healey	No	Councillor O'Neill	£10,874
Project Description	Construction of a new pathway off Tintern Avenue, Shawclough (unadopted footpath known as Lower Healey Lane) involving the supply and installation of pcc edging kerbs and bituminous surface with type 1 MOT 20mm aggregate binder course and 6mm surface course. Drainage issues on the existing path result in debris being deposited onto Tintern Avenue and Bentley Street during wet weather conditions. (Project brief with plan at Appendix 4C)				
Risk implication/ Alternatives considered	Estimate may change if the diversion of utilities apparatus is required. Rochdale North Township Fund's terms and conditions, under activities that may not be funded, state repairing unadopted roads. Lower Healey Lane is unadopted public highway (USRN: 32002512) and there is a risk that the future maintenance will become the responsibility of Rochdale Borough Council if this scheme is implemented. It is not the Council's responsibility to repair and maintain this or any other unadopted path. If the Council was to maintain this portion of footway it would make itself vulnerable for all future maintenance liability for the path with no available budget. If this scheme is approved it sets a precedent for claims for maintenance by the Council of other unadopted roads/paths in the borough which are in a similarly poor condition.				
TC/20/20	Heights Avenue Steps & Path	Healey	Yes Place	Councillor Wazir	Option 1 - £5,805 Option 2 - £8,805
Project Description	Improvement works to Heights Avenue steps and path to ensure this route is safe and accessible for the public. (Project brief at Appendix 4D)				
Risk implication/ Alternatives considered	None				
TC/21/20	Waingap Rise Steps	Healey	Yes Place	Councillor Wazir	£7,560
Project Description	Improvement works to Waingap Rise steps to ensure this route is safe and accessible for the public. (Project brief at Appendix 4E)				
Risk implication/ Alternatives considered	None				