

Report to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of Meeting	14 th September 2021
Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate
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Call in: Pennines Township Funds 2021/2022

Executive Summary

1. This report presents details of a decision that has been made by Pennines Township Committee at its meeting on 20th July 2021 (minute 7: Pennines Township Find 2021/2002), which has been called-in by Councillors Emsley and Paolucci. The Call-in relates specifically to two funding decisions at resolution 4 to Minute 7; these are... '(c) That the application from Milnrow Brass Band, for Restoration/replacement of instruments be approved for a total of £5k' and... '(g) That the application from Wardle Anderson Brass Band be approved for a maximum of £5k.'

Recommendation

2. The Committee give consideration to this matter and;
 - a. Confirm the two decisions of the Pennines Township Committee, in which case the decision takes immediate effect;
 - b. Recommend to Pennines Township Committee that they reconsider the decision on ground to be specified by this meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in which case the matter will be considered at the next available meeting of the Township Committee;Or. Should the decision be considered to fall outside of the Council's Budgetary and Policy Framework, the item be referred to Full Council to determine if the decision should be reviewed

Reason for Recommendation

3. The recommendations are presented so that Members of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee can make an informed decision with regard to the decision that Pennines Township Committee has made in respect of this matter.

Key Points for Consideration

4. The decision made by Pennines Township Committee, has been called-in by Councillors Emsley and Paolucci (the Township Committee's decision (minute 7), the report which the Committee considered and the protocol for dealing with Called-in items of business are attached).

Councillors Emsley and Paolucci have called-in this item for the following reasons:

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- I. There is not enough information on which to make a decision;
 - II. An alternative policy option or options has/have been insufficiently explored;
 - III. The reason(s) for rejection of alternative policy options has/have been insufficiently explained;

"The bands had requested £5,000 (PTC/02/21 Milnrow) and £11,650 (PTC/06/21 Wardle Anderson) respectively. They were awarded a flat rate £5,000 which was 100% of Milnrow's request and less than 50% of Wardle Anderson's request. These were the only award made that evening that was less than requested. Both bands make considerable contribution to the community and I do not feel that this was fair and equitable, I feel they could have both been awarded a percentage of what they were asking for, not a 'flat' rate.

Wardle Anderson Brass Band draws many of its players from local schools, there is a tradition of tuition from Wardle Academy being offered in the feeder Primary Schools: Kentmere, St Andrew's, St James's, Smithy Bridge, Holy Trinity and Littleborough. This means that the membership of this band is truly based in our Pennines Township, specifically in the wards of Smallbridge, Wardle, Smithy Bridge and Littleborough. They should be given a fair decision by the Committee."

Alternatives Considered

No alternatives have been considered, as the Council's Constitution requires that this Committee deals with this particular item of called-in business.

Costs and Budget Summary

5. Not applicable

Risk and Policy Implications

6. Not applicable

Consultation

7. Not applicable

Background Papers	Place of Inspection
None	
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