

## Report to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee



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Portfolio	Communities & Co-operation
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### Call in: Pennines Township Funds 2021/2022

#### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Members to be updated on revenue and capital expenditure, commitments and balances of Pennines Township Funds 2021/22 and enable the allocation of funds to proposed projects.

#### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Members note the expenditure, commitments and balances for Pennines Township revenue and capital funds in Appendix 1 and 2.
- 2.2 Members note decisions made under delegated authority as detailed in Appendix 3.
- 2.3 Members consider and approve, refuse or defer the allocation of funds to proposed projects detailed in Appendix 4.
- 2.4 Members note the Townships & Communities Manager has assessed proposed projects to be considered for funding against the criteria of eligibility for the Pennines Township Fund, the priorities of the Township and any specific risks have been identified (information detailed in Appendix 4).
- 2.5 The Townships & Communities Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee, to be given delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects.

#### 3. Reason for Recommendation

- 3.1 Management of the Pennines Township Fund is delegated to the Pennines Township Delegated & Funding Sub Committee.
- 3.2 Pennines Township Funds are allocated to projects that benefit the Township's community and environment, and realise the Township priorities.

- 3.3 To enable the committee to monitor and review the use of the Pennines Township Funds to ensure continued efficient and effective use of the funds.

#### **4. Key Points for Consideration**

- 4.1 Members are asked to note expenditure, commitments and balances of Pennines Township Funds 2021/22 in Appendix 1 and 2. Actual/committed spend for revenue funds is 46.33% and capital funds is 7.33%.
- 4.2 Delegated decisions will be reported for information to each Pennines Township Delegated & Funding Sub Committee to ensure that Members are aware of the projects that have been agreed within their Ward. Members are asked to note the decisions made under the delegated arrangements since the last committee meeting in Appendix 3.
- 4.3 Projects have been identified for funding from Pennines Township Funds 2021/22. Members are asked to decide whether to approve, reject or defer the allocation of revenue and capital funds to these proposed projects listed in Appendix 4.
- 4.4 To reduce the potential for carry forward of funds during 2021/22, Members are asked to agree to give delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects to the Townships & Communities Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee.

#### **4.5 Alternatives Considered**

In considering the report, Members will decide whether or not to approve the allocation of funds to projects as appropriate.

#### **5. Costs and Budget Summary**

- 5.1 Pennines Township revenue and capital budget summaries that detail expenditure, commitments and balances for financial year 2021/22 in Appendix 1 and 2.
- 5.2 Committee will receive regular reports to enable Members to monitor the use of the Pennines Township Fund 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**

- 6.1 Specific risk issues for Members to consider arising from this report will be identified for the proposed projects in Appendix 4.
- 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.
- 6.4 Under the Borough of Rochdale Compact with the voluntary sector the Council has made a commitment to consider the impact on service users of any changes to the funding arrangements for the voluntary sector and to provide them with at least three months' notice of any changes and liaise with them and any relevant stakeholders to mitigate the impact of reduced funding. Therefore, if Members are inclined not to continue funding the provision of a service provided by the voluntary sector, Members should be mindful of their obligations under the Compact.

<b>7.</b>	<b>Consultation</b>
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- 7.1 Pennines Township Delegated & Funding 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.

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