

Name of meeting: District Committee – Kirklees Rural Public Meeting
Date: 12 February 2015
Title of report: Devolved Budgets - Projects & Proposals for expenditure

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	N/A
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan ?	N/A
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny ?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name Is it signed off by the Director of Resources? Is it signed off by the Assistant Director – Legal Governance and monitoring?	As detailed in the attached reports
Cabinet member portfolio	Communities & Leisure

Electoral [wards](#) affected: Colne Valley, Denby Dale, Golcar, Holme Valley North, Holme Valley South, Kirkburton

Ward councillors consulted: All

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 For members to note the budget position and consider the projects put forward by services and community and voluntary organisations.

2. Key points

- 2.1 The District Committee has been delegated the capital and revenue budgets below to support the activities identified as a priority by the Committee.

The Capital funds can only be used to pay for equipment, buildings and facilities that keep some value after purchase (i.e. called assets).

- 2.2 District Committee Delegated Budgets:

DEVOLVED BUDGETS	Rollover from 2013-14	Allocation 2014-15	Funding Approved 2014-15	Returns to budget	Balance remaining	Balance after current commitments 2.3
Revenue	£10,348.65	£76,554.00	£43,224.00	£0.00	£43,678.65	£43,678.65
Capital	£25,216.00	£0.00	£13,228.00	£3,180.22	£15,168.22	£15,168.22

Kirklees Rural District Committee Budgets – Ward Breakdown

District Committee Wards Revenue / Capital	Allocation 2014-15	Rollover 2013-14	Budget available 2014-15	Expenditure 2014-15	Returns to Budget	Total budget remaining 2014-15
Colne Valley Capital	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00
Colne Valley Revenue	£12,759.00	-£13.51	£12,745.49	£3,168.00		£9,577.49
Golcar Capital	£0.00	£0.65	£0.65			£0.65
Golcar Revenue	£12,759.00	£13.97	£12,772.97	£9,592.00		£3,180.97
Denby Dale Capital	£0.00	£850.50	£850.50		£3,115.22	£3,965.72
Denby Dale Revenue	£12,759.00	-£1,788.51	£10,970.49	£900.00		£10,070.49
Kirkburton Capital	£0.00	£11,864.81	£11,864.81	£4,228.00		£7,636.81
Kirkburton Revenue	£12,759.00	£2,188.87	£14,947.87	£13,025.00		£1,922.87
Holme Valley North Capital	£0.00	£12,500.00	£12,500.00	£9,000.00	£10.00	£3,510.00
Holme Valley North Revenue	£12,759.00	£0.05	£12,759.05	£10,191.00		£2,568.05
Holme Valley South Capital	£ 0.00	£0.04	£0.04		£55.00	£55.04
Holme Valley South Revenue	£12,759.00	£9,947.78	£22,706.78	£6,348.00		£16,358.78
TOTAL CAPITAL	£0.00	£25,216.00	£25,216.00	£13,228.00	£3,180.22	£15,168.22
TOTAL REVENUE	£76,554.00	£10,348.65	£86,902.65	£43,224.000		£43,678.65

2.3 FAST TRACK COMMISSIONING and DISCRETIONARY GRANTS – supported by Councillors and the Chair of Committee and approved by Assistant Director.

For noting on decision summary:

Project Description	Ward	Service/ Organisation	Comments	Cost
			Total:	£0.00

Revenue underspends to be returned to 2014-2015 budget:	
Engagement costs for young people area committee meeting £200.00 approved 25.09.2013, only £143.76 was spent, £46.24 to be returned to budget and split between Golcar and Colne Valley Wards. (£23.12 per ward)	
Meltham Responsible Dog Ownership Initiative approved £1,160.00 on 24.10.2013, only £1,204.50 was spent, £44.50 to be returned to budget for Holme Valley North Ward.	
District Committee Total:	£90.74

2.4 Summary of Revenue projects for consideration:

Project Description	Ward	Service / Organisation	Comments	Cost
Community Reporting Young People's project	Denby Dale & Kirkburton	Integrated Youth Support	Appendix: 1 Report attached	£1,628 revenue
CAB Outreach Shepley and Skelmanthorpe	Denby Dale/ Kirkburton	Citizens Advice Service	Appendix: 2 Report attached	£4,475 revenue £150.00 Revenue
Feasibility Study – Thurstonland Church Community Building	Kirkburton	Thurstonland Village Association	Appendix: 3 Report attached	£3,300
Hungarian Choir Visit	Denby Dale	Scissett First School	Appendix: 4 Report attached	£1,200 revenue
Footpath at Church Field, Denby Dale	Denby Dale	Investment & Regeneration	Appendix 6 Report attached	£1,000 Revenue
			Total:	£11,753

2.5 Summary of Capital projects for consideration:

Project Description	Ward	Service / Organisation	Comments	Cost
Creation of Community Garden at Healey Greave, Shelley	Kirkburton	Streetscene & Housing	Appendix: 5 Report attached	£11,000 - £4,750 Capital £6,255 Re-allocation of underspend
Footpath at Church Field, Denby Dale	Denby Dale	Investment & Regeneration	Appendix 6 Report attached	£4,000
			Total:	£15,000

2.6 See attached appendices-

- Appendix 1 - 6 Projects for consideration

3. Implications for the Council

As detailed in the attached reports.

4. Consultees and their opinions

As detailed in the attached reports

5. Next steps

The public, relevant services and organisations will be informed of the committee decisions.

If funding is approved, projects will be progressed as outlined in the attached reports.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That the committee makes a decision to approve, reject or defer each application as set out in the attached reports.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

Not applicable.

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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Name of meeting: District Committee – Kirklees Rural Public Meeting
Date: 12 February 2015
Title of report: Young People's Community Reporting Project

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Not applicable
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	Not applicable
Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by Director & name Is it signed off by the Director of Resources? Is it signed off by the Assistant Director- Legal, Governance & Monitoring?	Kimiyo Rickett, Assistant Director, Communities & Leisure 03/02/15 Not applicable Not applicable
Cabinet member portfolio	Not applicable

Electoral [wards](#) affected: Denby Dale and Kirkburton

Ward councillors consulted: Councillors Armer, Barraclough, Dodds, Hardcastle, G Turner and Ward

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To seek a contribution of **£1,628** revenue from the District Committee's budget towards a young people's community reporting project in Denby Dale and Kirkburton.

2. Key points

2.1 Background

The Youth Engagement Group for Denby Dale and Kirkburton is working on a project with Kirklees Local TV to enable them to become community reporters.

The project will train the young people in photography, filming, editing, directing, researching, interviewing and presenting. The heart of the project is individuals telling stories about their lives. Once they have been trained the young people will create short films for distribution on line to young people, the local community and local decision makers.

The young people will be expected to cascade their training to other young people who join the engagement group so that this can continue in the future.

The engagement group comprises 12 young representatives, 11-17 years from the school councils of Kirkburton Middle, Scissett Middle and Shelley College. They come together regularly to work on joint community projects, supported by Kirkburton Parish Councillor Suzanne Triggs, Denby Dale Councillor Jim Dodds and Kirklees Youth Services.

Kirklees Local TV are being commissioned to deliver the project as this is a bespoke project designed jointly with the young people. They provide a unique service and have worked with this group previously to record the redesign and launch of the skatepark in Skelmanthorpe (see link <http://www.kirkleeslocaltv.com/index.php/videos/the-determination-of-youth/>)

2.2 Cost breakdown

The total cost of the project is £4,628:

3 cameras at £1,500

1 Mac computer £1,000

Workshops £2,128 (£266 per session x 8)

Total £4,628

Kirkburton Parish Council has granted £1,500 towards the project from its small grants scheme in November 2014. Denby Dale Parish Council has granted £1,500 from its community grants scheme in January 2015.

An application is being made to the Denby Dale Parish Council's community grant scheme for a contribution towards the project.

Once purchased the equipment will be looked after by Kirklees Youth Services who are based at Skelmanthorpe Youth & Community Centre.

The training is scheduled to start at February half term.

2.3 Expected impact and outcomes

Young people are keen to show that they are interested in their community and in all generations who could help tell the story of community life and help these stories to reach a wider audience.

The group are willing to use community reporting to help the parish councils and Kirklees Rural District Committee to engage with local issues or to mark a celebration. Films will be shared with the local community.

The group will have its own channel on KLTV. The number of subscribers, followers, views and likes will indicate whether the project is having a beneficial impact. The number of young people trained and reporting will be a measure of success.

3. Implications for the Council

None

4. Consultees and their opinions

Ward councillors have expressed support for the project. Cllr Graham Turner has commented that there needs to be a planned programme in place to ensure that it continues once the initial training has taken place.

5. Next steps

The training will commence in the New Year once all the funding is in place.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

The District Committee is asked to consider the request for £1,628 revenue contribution towards the project.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

Not applicable

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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9. Assistant director responsible

Kimiyo Rickett, Assistant Director Communities and Leisure



Name of meeting: District Committee - Kirklees Rural Public Meeting
Date: 12 February 2015
Title of report: Extension of Outreach Advice Provision (Currently ending on 31st March 2015)

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	Not Applicable
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name Is it signed off by the Director of Resources? Is it signed off by the Assistant Director – Legal, Governance & Monitoring?	Kimiyo Rickett, Assistant Director Communities & Leisure 03/02/15 No Financial implications No Legal implications
Cabinet member portfolio	N/A

Electoral [wards](#) affected: Denby Dale and Kirkburton
Ward councillors consulted: Councillors Dodds, Turner, Ward, Armer, Barraclough and Hardcastle

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To discuss the possibility of an extension to the outreach service in the Denby Dale ward for a 12 month period (April 2015 to March 2016) and to consider funding public transport from the Kirkburton ward for those people who need one to one advice support.

2. Key points

The current Advice Contract funded by Kirklees Council expires on the 31st March 2015, Kirklees Citizens Advice have been informed by the Council that the budget for advice is to be reduced by approximately 50% over the next couple of years therefore, it is extremely unlikely that there will be funding available for additional outreach services.

During 2015/16 the main access channel will move away from face-to-face and will start to focus on the Advice Kirklees Website and the telephone service, the CAB also intend to offer an internet café style service with self-service PC's for public use in their main buildings. It is expected that the total number of clients helped overall will increase but the emphasis and focus will be on helping those people who are unable to help themselves. i.e clients with mental health issues, severe disability or are classed as vulnerable.

The current contract offer outreach sessions in Batley and Spenborough and these are likely to end, however, the sessions funded through Moneywise and the Children's Centres should continue during 2015/16.

The area committee has for the past 4 years funded additional outreach sessions in the wards of Kirkburton and Denby Dale.

Monitoring Information (2014/15)

Towards the end of March 2014 the Kirkburton and Denby Dale ward councillors extended the current CAB outreach provision at Skelmanthorpe Library & Information Centre and Shepley Library for another year.

The current provision, costing £6,713 allows for one session a fortnight at Skelmanthorpe (£4,475) and once per month at Shepley (£2,238)

The following monitoring information April 2014 to Dec 14 shows the following results, these have been split to show information from each ward:-

Denby Dale

- 34 outreach sessions have been delivered
- 48 people have been helped (2 appointment slots per session are to help clients fill in lengthy benefit forms)

Kirkburton

- 9 outreach sessions have been delivered
- 14 people have been helped (2 appointment slots per session are to help clients fill in lengthy benefit forms)

Both wards

- 73% of clients were helped with benefit issues, 8% with consumer issues and 6% with Debt, relationship or legal issues. Other issues include Employment, Health, Utilities, Housing and Finance.
- The predicted average cost per client over the 12 month period is approximately £90 to deliver the service
- Financial gains for clients has significantly reduced this year due to changes to the benefits system and mandatory reconsiderations
- All debts managed are referred straight to our specialist in house debt team
- Clients accessing the KCA service were from Skelmanthorpe, Denby Dale, Birdsedge, Scissett, Lepton, Shelley, Shepley, Clayton, Kirkburton and Emley

Costs

The costs associated with continuing the outreach work in the Denby Dale ward next year based on the same number of sessions at each location is £4,475.

This allows for one session a fortnight at Skelmanthorpe Library (£4,475)

The Kirkburton Ward Councillors are proposing that £150 revenue is set aside to fund public transport into Huddersfield town centre for anyone who needs to see a CAB adviser in person. A day rover or equivalent will be made available to those who need it, in discussion with CAB, from the Kirkburton and Shepley libraries.

3. Implications for the Council

There is an inequality of access for advice for people living in Denby Dale compared with the average across Kirklees.

The previous outreach service has been very successful in the locality and some people may have difficulty accessing the CAB services if the provision is withdrawn.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Ward Councillors are proposing that they consider continuing to fund this activity during 2015/16, with the position to be reviewed for the next financial year in light of any changes to the advice service.

Quarterly reports on progress will be made to the Denby Dale Ward Councillors on the numbers using the service and outcomes.

Kirklees Revenues and Benefits Services have been informed of the proposals. Kirklees Chief Librarian has commented that the transport proposal is feasible and the details of the scheme will be worked out with the Libraries and CAB.

5. Next steps

- 1) Outreach events will continue for the next 12 month period, sessions are to be held at Skelmanthorpe Library & Information Centre.
- 2) The logistics of the public transport scheme will be worked out to be implemented from 1st April 2015.

6. Recommendations

To approve the annual revenue funding of **£4,475 revenue** to continue to deliver one session a fortnight at Skelmanthorpe and to allocate **£150 revenue** to fund public transport for clients from the Kirkburton Ward who need face to face advice.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

Not applicable

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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Name of meeting: District Committee – Kirklees Rural Public Meeting

Date: 12 February 2015

Title of report: Thurstonland Community Building Project

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	No
Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	Kimiyo Rickett, Assistant Director, Communities & Leisure, 03/02/15
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	No
Is it signed off by the Assistant Director –Legal, Governance & Monitoring?	No
Cabinet member portfolio	Not applicable

Electoral [wards](#) affected: Kirkburton

Ward councillors consulted: Councillors Bill Armer, Derek Hardcastle and Robert Barraclough

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To consider a grant application from Thurstonland Community Building Project for **£3,300** towards a survey of the church building in Thurstonland.

2. Key points

The Thurstonland Community Building Project, a joint sub group of Thurstonland Village Association and the Parochial Church Council of St Thomas Church has been formed to re-order the church building to provide facilities also for community use.

The findings of the 2020 Vision Report prepared by Thurstonland Village Association included the requirement for a community building in support of village life.

The purpose of the joint committee is to establish the viability of the re-ordering of the church building and access to provide facilities for wider community use, whilst maintaining the church as a place of worship and remaining as landmark icon for the surrounding area.

The enabling works will comprise the procurement of vital survey information which will inform the subsequent design and procurement stages of this project. The works will comprise a topographical survey of the grounds to identify key features in the immediate landscape and both marked and unmarked graves enabling these important historical burials to remain undisturbed during excavations for improved external access, drainage works and the installation of new services.

The superstructure of the church will be measured and recorded as a measured survey, to form the basis for subsequent design work and the measurement of materials required for improvements.

Cost breakdown

The joint committee is requesting £3,300 from the District Committee for the measured building survey. This amount is based on the 1st quotation received, another two quotations have been requested.

3. Implications for the Council

The project will provide facilities for the benefit of local residents. Both organisations are constituted bodies with elected boards and recognised legal structures and governance arrangements.

For the purposes of the grant application one organisation will need to go through the Council's grant application registration process and be the organisation which receives the funding.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Kirkburton Ward councillors Bill Armer, Robert Barraclough and Derek Hardcastle have been consulted and suggest that the district committee fund 50 percent of the cost of the survey, that is £1,650 from revenue and capital.

5. Next steps

The survey will be done as soon as funding is in place.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

Subject to the grant application registration process, the Committee is recommended to consider the application.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

Not applicable

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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9. Assistant director responsible

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Name of meeting: District Committee – Kirklees Rural Public Meeting
Date: 12 February 2015
Title of report: Scissett CE(A) First School- Hungarian Choir Project- request for funding

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards? If the answer is yes cabinet is taking a “key decision”	Not applicable
Is it in the Council’s Forward Plan?	Not applicable
Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name Is it signed off by the Director of Resources? Is it signed off by the Assistant Director – Legal, Governance & Monitoring?	Kimiyo Rickett, Assistant Director, Communities & Leisure, 03/02/15 No financial implications No legal implications
Cabinet member portfolio	Not applicable

Electoral [wards](#) affected: Denby Dale

Ward councillors consulted: Councillors Elaine Ward, Graham Turner and Jim Dodds

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To consider a request for a contribution towards the cost of a visit by a choir from Hungary to Scissett, hosted by Scissett First School. **£1,200** revenue is requested from the Committee to cover the costs.

2. Key points

A Hungarian Choir from the specialist singing school founded by the composer Zoltan Kodaly is planning to visit Scissett 28-30th June 2015 for 2 nights.

The choir will perform and lead singing workshops for local people and children during their stay. Local professional musicians will lead a brass band workshop for the choir and local children. Local residents will have time with the Hungarians to host and share cultural differences and similarities. Local residents will be invited to a concert involving the choir and local performers. The concert will be held at Shelley College and involve both the choir and local children.

The choir comes from a professional singing school and has won international competitions in Denmark, Italy, Germany, China, Slovenia and Wales. They sing in many different languages and music from different ages.

The visit is being organised by Penny Prescott, teacher at Scissett First School. The Head Teacher at Scissett First School has approved participation in the project and Shelley Music Centre is committed to the concert.

Expected benefits

The concert will bring together pockets of the community that would not usually spend time together, promoting a sense of community and cohesion. The concert and workshops are accessible to young and older counterparts of the community. The visit will promote tolerance of people from other cultures and will enable local people to participate in the arts. The project will provide positive publicity for the local area, both here and abroad. The workshops will give children the opportunity to try a brass instrument, there are a number of starter blow groups and training bands in the area.

Cost breakdown

Item	Amount requested from Committee (A)	Amount funded from other sources (B)	Total Cost (A+B)
Choir's fuel costs	£700		£700
Hall hire for concert & refreshments		£157.50	£157.50
Kirklees Music School fees for concert	£200		£200
Buffet for choir		£100	£100
Workshop	£300		£300
Workshop room hire		£30	£30
Hosting costs – 45 choir members, 2 adults 2 nights		£510	£510
Total	£1,200	£797.50	£1,997.50

The Area Committee provided funding of £1,250 towards the visit of the choir to Scissett in June 2013. The visit was reported in the Huddersfield Examiner.

3. Implications for the Council

The project will benefit the local community and young people. Scissett First School fund will act as the account holder for the event and pay the expenses and bills.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Not applicable

5. Next steps

If funding is granted the arrangements for the visit will be completed.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

The Committee is asked to consider the application for a grant of £1,200 revenue.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

Not applicable

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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9. Assistant director responsible

Kimiyo Rickett, Assistant Director, Communities and Leisure



Name of meeting: District Committee - Kirklees Rural Public Meeting
Date: 12 February 2015
Title of report: Community Gardening Site at Healey Greave Meadow, Shelley

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	No
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by Director & name Is it signed off by the Director of Resources? Is it signed off by the Assistant Director, Legal, Governance & Monitoring?	Kimiyo Rickett, Assistant Director Communities & Leisure, 03/02/15 No No
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Cathy Scott - -Place (Streetscene and Housing)

Electoral [wards](#) affected: Kirkburton

Ward councillors consulted: Councillors Robert Barraclough and Derek Hardcastle

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To seek **£4,750** from the District Committee's Capital Budget towards providing a Community Garden at Healey Greave, Shelley.

The total cost will be £11,000 with the difference of £6,255 being carried forward from the Dean Bottom, Kirkburton, Community Garden project which came in under budget. The Committee is requested to approve the transfer of this underspend to the Shelley project.

2. Key points

Officers have been working with Councillors to develop a scheme to create a Community Gardening site at Healey Greave, Shelley. It is hoped this site would provide 9 full plots.

The site would be provided with timber post and rail fencing to protect the allotment area from casual ingress, as well as rabbit proof netting, and will also be supplied with water. The site layout has been drawn up to tie in with the pathways used by members of the public across the site to the adjacent woodland

The nearest site to the proposed one has a waiting list of 8 people, the new site just completed at North Road, Kirkburton already has waiting list of 4. A separate list held by the community that had 20 plus names on it when first looked at a couple of years ago.

Three tenders have been received to create the growing site and the preferred quote is £5,256 which was supplied by the company that created the Dean Bottom site. An amount of £3,500 is also needed to connect into the mains water supply plus an additional sum for contingencies.

3. Implications for the Council

A Community Garden provides a valuable community resource and as such it is hoped Councillors would support this funding request. The provision of the site helps to meet Council objectives.

i) Improving Health and Wellbeing in Kirklees

- Community gardening can provide mental and physical activity and so relaxation.
- offers the opportunity for social interaction with other members of the community and cultures but also allows the opportunity for cross generational interaction.
- provides a valuable resource as a community meeting area.
- encourages the development of positive health behaviour.

ii) Further Strengthening the Kirklees Economy

- A community garden plot provides the opportunity to develop a sense of worth and obtain new skills by stimulating reading and education which could be beneficial for future employment opportunities.
- helps provide a thriving and sustainable community

It would also help the Council achieve some of its community objectives:

- to tackle the cost of living crisis together to build the resilience of individuals to create safe, vibrant and healthy communities
- to promote a healthy lifestyle for everyone and help people take part in our community.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Officers have met with councillors over the design of the site and also the allocation of plots. Councillors consulted are in favour of the proposal.

5. Next steps

If Councillors support the funding request it is hoped that work would be able to start quickly to catch this next growing season. Officers would supervise the site works by contractors.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

Officers recommend that the Committee approves the application for additional capital funding of £4,750 to provide a Community Gardening Site and approve the transfer of the underspend of £6,255 from the Dean Bottom project to this project.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

Not applicable

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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9. Assistant director responsible

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Name of meeting: District Committee – Kirklees Rural Public Meeting

Date: 12 February 2015

Title of report: Church Field Footpath, Denby Dale

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	N/A
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	Kimiyo Rickett, Assistant Director Communities & Leisure 03/02/15
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	N/A
Is it signed off by the Assistant Director - Legal , Governance & Monitoring?	N/A
Cabinet member portfolio	Councillor Peter McBride – Place, Investment & Housing

Electoral [wards](#) affected: Denby Dale

Ward councillors consulted: Cllr Elaine Ward, Cllr Jim Dodds Cllr Graham Turner

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To consult with councillors on a project to re-surface a public footpath at Church Field, Denby Dale and agree funding from Kirklees Rural District Committee 2014/15 devolved capital budget.

2. Key points

2.1 The footpath is recorded as Denby Dale Public Footpath No 68 and forms a well used route between Denby Dale centre, Holy Trinity Church and the A635 Barnsley Road. The length of works is approximately 120 metres and is shown dotted X-X on the accompanying plan.

2.2 Requests have been made via the Friends of Church Field to repair the path surface where it crosses Churchfield as part of their wider scheme to enhance the area. The existing surface has deteriorated and is uneven with grass growing through it.

2.3 The proposed works for the path are:

- Remove vegetation and loose surfacing back to a sound base - 120 metres
- Retain the original stone edgings
- Re-surface with Flexi-pave – 120 metres at approximately 1.8 metres wide
- Install access kissing gates at each end to accommodate large mobility vehicles, while retaining existing squeeze stiles, with the new surfacing extending to both
- The cost of supplying and installing the kissing gates is estimated at £1,120 for metal or £670 for timber. Other funds will be raised for this work.
- **The cost of the resurfacing is estimated at £8,000**
- **The amount requested from Kirklees Rural District Committee in the 2014/5 financial year is £5000.**
- **The difference will come from Public Rights of Way capital funds.**

2.4 Flexi-pave is a product which mixes crushed stone aggregate with recycled car tyre granules and a binding agent. This forms a semi-sealed surface which allows water to pass through while resisting the erosion associated with crushed sandstone paths. Maintenance costs are consequently very low. The product has recently been used on footpaths at Dewsbury Country Park, Shelley Whins and Crosland Moor. More examples and further details are available at www.kbiuk.co.uk.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Promoting and improving routes such as this works towards Council priorities such as reducing our carbon footprint, working with partners to better use resources and deliver services in new ways, and supporting the elderly in being healthy, active and included.

3.2 The West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan highlights maintenance and improvement to rights of way within its Delivering Accessibility, Tackling Congestion and Effective Asset Management themes.

3.3 Using this surfacing product reduces the Council's future maintenance liability and contributes to recycling policies.

3.4 Local users and those from further afield encouraged by Walkers Are Welcome initiatives will benefit from a well-surfaced route which is unlikely to deteriorate for many years

3.5 As Highway Authority, maintenance of the new surface of the route will be the responsibility of Kirklees Council, unless altered without permission by others.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Ward councillors have been consulted on the proposals.

The Friends of Church Field support the proposals
Public Rights of Way and Denby Dale Countryside Project officers support the proposals.

5. Next steps

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6. Officer recommendations and reasons

Officers recommend that members approve the proposed scheme for funding in the 2014/15 financial year.

- This would allow further funding bids to be progressed.
- Improving the surface would be of benefit to existing users and encourage new use.
- This in turn can benefit the local economy by bringing more people into the area.
- Because the surface is virtually maintenance free, revenue costs are very low

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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