

Name of meeting: District Committee - Kirklees Rural Public Meeting

Date: 26 November 2015

Title of report: Devolved Budgets - Projects and 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	Kimiyo Rickett – Assistant Director Communities and Leisure, 17/11/2015
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	Community Development

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

Ward councillors consulted: All

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

The report outlines the budget balances and the funding proposals for decision.

2. Key points

2.1 The devolved budgets enable the District Committee to develop activities and interventions tailored to the needs of the district under agreed priority themes.

2.2 Priority Themes

The Kirklees Rural District Committee has agreed the following priority themes:

Early Intervention and Prevention - tackling issues early to delay or prevent bigger problems from occurring.

Economic Resilience - building resilient communities where people are skilled and have economic opportunities.

2.3 Delegated Budgets

District Committee budget balances are as follows:

- Capital - £50,727.75
- Revenue - £96,368.39
- New Homes Bonus - £150,084
- Housing Environmental - £97,179

Appendix 1	–	Project summaries
Reports 1- 5	–	Detailed project reports
Appendix 2	–	Budget breakdown
Appendix 3	-	approved revenue and capital projects awaiting finalisation

2.4 Fast Track Commissions and Discretionary Grants

Any urgent grants under £500 and commissions under £1,000 supported by Councillors, the Chair of the District Committee and approved by the Head of Safe and Cohesive Communities since the last district committee meeting to be noted on the decision summary:

None

2.5 Underspends to be returned to Revenue Budget 2015-2016

Colne Valley £800 approved 03/07/2013 Slaithwaite costs of staff for Ale Trail, £800 was returned to budget, after which £62.50 was paid out. So the £800 return to budget needs to be adjusted by £62.50 to £737.50.

2.6 Underspends to be returned 2015-2016 Capital Budget.

None

3. Implications for the Council

Implications are as detailed in the attached reports.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Consultees are as detailed in the attached reports.

5. Next steps

Relevant services and organisations and the public 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

As detailed in the attached reports.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

Not applicable

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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Summary of projects for consideration**Report:** 1 (1 of 5)**Project:** Grant – Milnsbridge Christmas Day Get Together**Where:** Golcar Ward**Who:** Milnsbridge Community Trust**Why:** To provide a Christmas day lunch for vulnerable and isolated people in the local community**When:** Christmas Day**Priorities:** Council priorities supporting people to do more for themselves and social action**Total overall cost of project:** £1,920**Contributory funding/volunteer hours:** £1,320**Revenue Requested****£500.00****Summary of projects for consideration****Report:** 2 (2 of 5)**Project:** Grant – Play to Aspire**Where:** Golcar Ward**Who:** Aspire Co-operative Learning Trust**Why:** Setting up a toy library in each of the 4 schools in the Trust; Royds Hall Community School with Beech, St John's School and Golcar School**When:** Start March 2016**Priorities:** Council priority supporting communities to do more for themselves and theme social action**Total overall cost of project:** £2,400**Contributory funding/volunteer hours:** 20-30 hours**Revenue Requested****£2,100.00**

Summary of projects for consideration**Report:** 3 (3 of 5)**Project:** Grant - Honley Christmas Lights Switch On 2015**Where:** Holme Valley North Ward**Who:** Honley Business Association**Why:** Christmas Lights Switch On**When:** 16th November 2015 to mid January 2016**Priorities:** Council priorities supporting communities to do more for themselves and creating trust and connections between institutions, business and citizens**Total overall cost of project:** £8,642**Contributory funding/volunteer hours****Revenue Requested****£1,000.00****Summary of projects for consideration****Report:** 4 (4 of 5)**Project:** To Install kerb stones on Litherup Lane, Clayton West**Where:** Denby Dale Ward**Who:** Streetscene and Housing**Why:** To prevent anti social behaviour and littering at the site**When:** Works will be done once a decision is made**Priorities:** Council priority early intervention and prevention**Total overall cost of project:****Contributory funding/volunteer hours:****Revenue Requested****£1,000.00**

<u>Summary of projects for consideration</u>	
Report: 5 (5 of 5)	
Project: Grant – Community Wildlife Project	
Where: Colne Valley Ward	
Who: Friends of Scape School	
Why: To get the local community involved in a environmental learning project with the school	
When: Spring 2016	
Priorities: Council priorities supporting communities to do more for themselves	
Total overall cost of project: £520	
Contributory funding/volunteer hours: At least 16 volunteers	
Revenue Requested	£450.00



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Title of report: Application for funding - Milnsbridge Christmas Day Get Together

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Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	No
Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by Director & name	Kimiyo Rickett, Assistant Director Communities & Leisure, 17/11/15
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: Golcar
Ward councillors consulted: Councillors Andrew Marchington, Christine Iredale and Hilary Richards
Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To consider an application for a grant of £500 from Milnsbridge Community Trust towards a Christmas day luncheon for local isolated people.

2. Key points

2.1 Milnsbridge Community Trust is holding a Christmas day luncheon primarily for people in the community who would be on their own and isolated. People will be chosen through Social Services, local churches and local knowledge. This is the first year of the project and hopefully will be expanded in future years. A locally resourced health meal will be provided.

2.2 The aim of the initiative is to combat loneliness, isolation, and poverty, and to enable the volunteers to sign post people to other local groups and organisations for example local luncheon clubs, University of the Third Age.

2.3 Approximately 120 hours of volunteering time will be available to help deliver the lunch. Volunteers will be sourcing food, preparing and cooking it, serving the meals, decorating tables, transporting guests and providing gifts.

2.4 Cost breakdown

Item	Amount requested from Committee	Amount requested from other sources	Total Cost
Venue hire	£100		
Volunteer Costs		£1320	
Food	£131		
Equipment	£165		
Gifts & entertainment	£104		
Totals	£500	£1320	£1820

3. Implications for the Council

Milnsbridge Community Trust is registered with the Council's Grant Access Point. The project meets the Council themes of social action and early intervention and prevention, with the community doing more to support each other.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Local Ward Councillors, Andrew Marchington, Christine Iredale and Hilary Richards.

5. Next steps

Subject to approval of the grant the money will be paid to the Trust who will be asked to provide feedback on the initiative.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

The Committee is asked to consider the grant application.

7. Contact officer and relevant papers

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8. Assistant director responsible

Kimiyo Rickett, Assistant Director for Communities and Leisure



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Title of report: Application for funding – Play to Aspire

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Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	No
Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by Director & name	Kimiyo Rickett, Assistant Director Communities & Leisure, 17/11/15
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: **Golcar**
Ward councillors consulted: **Councillors Andrew Marchington, Christine Iredale and Hilary Richards**

Public or private: **Public**

1. Purpose of report

To consider an application for a grant of £2,100 from The Aspire Co-operative Learning Trust for equipment to start a toy library at each of the 4 schools within the Trust.

2. Key points

2.1 The Trust is proposing to set up a Toy Library in each of the schools that are members of the Aspire Co-operative Learning Trust; Royds Hall Community School with Beech, St John's Junior and Infant School and Golcar Infants School. The aim is to encourage parents and children to enjoy the experience of playing together and to provide the resources for parents to use as the first educators of their children.

2.2 Many of the students have limited access to good quality toys, games and books. The aim of the project is to encourage parents to spend quality time with their children without the need for electronic devices and televisions. The families, particularly those on low incomes, will have access to good quality robust toys that they can loan for as little as 20p per week with a maximum charge of £1 for more expensive items. Those in extra need of resources will be able to use it to enhance their family learning and to develop skills for the workplace.

2.3 The project will be jointly managed by school staff and students. Staff will ensure that a system is installed to protect against damage, loss or theft of the items and who will rotate the stock between the school sites. It will run as an enterprise scheme, generating a small profit that will be reinvested in further toys to enable the project to be sustainable in future.

Expected benefits and outcomes

2.4 The project will promote positive school and home links and enable staff and parents to work together in the promotion of play as a learning tool. Children and families will have access to good quality play materials and realise the value of play in learning within the home, which should impact on the learning of children in a school setting.

2.5 Involving volunteers in the project will offer opportunities for the development of business, financial and customer service skills. It will give those involved a sense of ownership and confidence. It is expected that 20-30 volunteers will contribute 2 hours a week each of their time. They will be involved in labelling, packaging and controlling the rotation of resources, cash handling, recoding the loaning of resources, washing and maintaining equipment as well as promoting the project via the school website and publicity.

Timescales

2.6 It is expected that the initiative will start in March 2016.

2.7 Cost breakdown

Item	Amount requested from Committee	Amount requested from other sources	Total Cost
Storage boxes, book bags, story sacks		£300 from own funds	£300
Toys & books	£2000 (£500 x4 schools)		£2000
Publicity (flyers & posters)	£100 (£25 x 4 schools)		£100
Totals	£2,100		£2,400

The Trust has not received any further funding towards the project and has sufficient funds to contribute £300 for storage equipment. The expectation is that once the toy library is set up it will generate funds to sustain itself through the charges paid by users for hiring the toys. The charge should allow for the maintenance and future replacement of the toys.

3. Implications for the Council

The Group is registered with the Council's Grant Access Point. The initiative meets the Council themes of early intervention and prevention, health and well-being and social action.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Local Ward Councillors, Andrew Marchington, Christine Iredale and Hilary Richards. As a Co-operative Learning Trust the head teachers of all four schools taking part have given permission for this project to take place in their schools.

5. Next steps

Subject to approval of the grant the money will be paid to the Trust who will be asked to provide feedback on the initiative.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

The Committee is asked to consider the grant application.

7. Contact officer and relevant papers

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8. Assistant director responsible

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Name of meeting: District Committee – Kirklees Rural Public Meeting

Date: 26 November 2015

Title of report: Application for funding- Honley Christmas Lights Switch On

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?	No
Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by Director & name	Kimiyo Rickett, Assistant Director Communities & Leisure, 17/11/15
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: Holme Valley North
Ward councillors consulted: Councillors Charles Greaves, Edgar Holroyd-Doveton and Terry Lyons

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To consider an application for a grant of £1,000 from Honley Business Association towards the Christmas lights switch on 2015.

2. Key points

2.1 Since 2013 Honley Business Association has assumed responsibility for providing Christmas lights and Christmas trees in the village and for organising a grand parade and switch on event. This year the Association will be installing up to 100 miniature trees with linking lights and 2 large trees. There will be a music festival in the park together with a number of food stalls, Santa's grotto, fairground rides and a fireworks display.

Expected benefits and outcomes

2.2 Many local clubs and societies assist in the setting up of the park and joining in with the parade. The switch on event has now become an eagerly awaited and key date in the calendar for Honley residents. The event brings much needed additional trade into the village and the 6 week spectacle of lights has over the years resulted in an economic boost for local business.

Timescales

2.3 The project will run from 16th November to mid January 2016. The project will take place in Honley village with the switch on in Honley park.

2.4 Cost breakdown

Item	Amount requested from Committee	Amount requested from other sources	Total Cost
Tree holders, fixings & electrical	£500	£390	£890
Trees & lights	£500	£2170	£2670
Grotto & entertainment		£1710	£1710
Installation, removal & power		£2850	£2850
Publicity & licence		£172	£172
Portaloos hire		£350	£350
Totals	£1,000	£7,642	£8,642

The group has obtained a grant of £1,500 from Holme Valley Parish Council and has contributed £6,142 from its own funds to the project.

3. Implications for the Council

The Group is registered with the Council's grant access point as an organisation eligible to receive funding. The Christmas lights project was funded in 2013 and 2014 by the area committee/ district committee. Feedback from last year was that the funding had enabled the Association to extend the project to more parts of the village and 5,000 people took part and made positive comments.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Local Ward Councillors Charles Greaves, Edgar Holroyd Doveton and Terry Lyons. Permission has been sought and granted by all property owners for fixing trees to their properties, Police permission has been sought and granted for road closure and Kirklees Council has given permission for use of the park.

5. Next steps

Subject to approval of the grant the money will be paid to the Association who will be asked to provide feedback on the project.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

The Committee is asked to consider the grant application.

7. Contact officer and relevant papers

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8. Assistant director responsible

Kimiyo Rickett, Assistant Director for Communities and Leisure



Name of meeting: District Committee - Kirklees Rural Public Meeting

Date: 26 November 2015

Title of report: Denby Dale Ward – Litherop Lane Highways Improvements

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 Councils Forward Plan?	No
Is it eligible for “call in” by Scrutiny?	No
Date signed off by Director & name	Joanne Bartholomew Assistant Director Place
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	No
Is it signed off by the Acting Assistant Director - Legal & Governance?	No
Cabinet Member Portfolio	Councillor S Hall Place (Planning, Highways & Open Spaces)

Electoral Wards affected: Denby Dale Ward

Ward councillors consulted: Councillors M Watson, J Dodds and G Turner

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To advise members of the funding arrangements for Litherop Lane, Clayton West Highways improvements.

2. Key points

- Councillor Michael Watson requested that officers investigated options to reduce the number of incidents of inconsiderate off road parking, littering and anti-social behaviour occurring on Litherop Lane Clayton West.

- At this time there are no justifications for funding these works from main stream highways budgets, but officers have considered a number of options available if funding can be secured elsewhere.
- Officers from Streetscene and Housing have costed 1 proposal and it is estimated that these works could be completed for a maximum of £1,000. The works will consist of the laying of stone kerbs along affected sections of verge to discourage off road parking and associated behaviour.
- If approved, it is proposed that these works will be funded from the Denby Dale Ward allocation in the Kirklees Rural District Committee Revenue budget.

3. Implications for the Council

There will not be a future maintenance liability to the Council.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Councillor M Watson, residents and officers from Streetscene & Housing.

5. Next steps

Once the proposals have been agreed, officers will carry out the necessary consultations and works.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

Officers recommend that by funding these proposals the Kirklees Rural District Committee would demonstrate its continuing commitment to improving the environment and the quality of life for residents in the Denby Dale Ward.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

N/A

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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9. Assistant director responsible

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Name of meeting: Kirklees Rural District Committee – Public Report

Date: 26 November 2015

Title of report: Application for funding – Scapegoat Hill Spring Watch

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?	No
Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by Director & name	Kimiyo Rickett, Assistant Director Communities & Leisure, 17/11/15
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: Colne Valley
Ward councillors consulted: Councillors Donna Bellamy, David Ridgway and Nicola Turner
Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To consider an application for a grant of £450 from the Friends of Scape School for a project to improve wildlife in the village.

2. Key points

2.1 The Friends of Scape School would like to improve the wildlife in a small wooded area in the village next to the chapel and school. The group wants to install bird boxes, hedgehog houses, butterfly and bee hotels and insect piles so that children can observe the wildlife in their habitats. Some of the habitats will have cameras installed so that the village can have its own Spring Watch next Easter. Feeding points will also be put in for the birds and squirrels. The seating and paths in this space also need some attention.

2.2 The project will enable children and adults in the community to use the space within the school grounds to its full potential. It will expand the learning potential for the children around nature animal habitats and cohabitation focusing on how they have to behave around animals. The group is keen for local residents to be involved by building a community group around the spring watch theme with everyone able to log into the cameras to watch nesting animals.

2.3 The group is hoping that the project will bring local people together. As a rural community people can feel isolated, there are no shops so there are few opportunities for people in the village to meet. The main focus of the project is on the children's education and improving their life skills in areas they don't currently get the opportunity to do unless on TV.

2.4 It is expected that the project will start at the beginning of February, which is the start of the official nesting season for birds and will last until May/ June.

2.5 The volunteers will be a mix of parents and villagers and approximately 16 school parents have agreed to get involved. They will install the habitats, monitor the wildlife, restore the seating areas, tidy up the wooded area and update the children and residents on the wildlife.

2.6 Cost breakdown

Item	Amount requested from Committee	Amount requested from other sources	Total Cost
Insurance (already in place)		£50	£50
Publicity (social media and school support for printing)		£20	£20
Equipment	£450		£450
Totals	£450	£70	£520

3. Implications for the Council

The group is currently registering with the Council's Grant Access Point. The project meets the Council themes of social action and early intervention and prevention, with the community doing more to support each other.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Local Ward Councillors Donna Bellamy, David Ridgway and Nicola Turner. The Head Teacher of the school has given permission for the project.

5. Next steps

Subject to approval of the grant the money will be paid to the group who will be asked to provide feedback on the project.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

The Committee is asked to consider the grant application.

7. Contact officer and relevant papers

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8. Assistant director responsible

Kimiyo Rickett, Assistant Director for Communities and Leisure

Kirklees Rural District Committee Delegated Budgets:

Revenue

	Carried forward from 2014-2015	Allocation 2015-2016	Total Budget 2015-2016
Colne Valley	£9,600.61	£12,759.00	£16,946.28
Denby Dale	£2,581.49	£12,759.00	£12,841.16
Golcar	£3,204.09	£12,759.00	£11,479.76
Holme Valley North	£2,622.55	£12,759.00	£14,988.21
Holme Valley South	£16,358.78	£12,759.00	£29,924.44
Kirkburton	-£151.13	£12,759.00	£10,188.54
Total:	£34,216.39	£76,554.00	£96,368.39

Capital

	Total Budget 2015-2016
Colne Valley	£5,813.75
Denby Dale	-£34.28
Golcar	£1,540.00
Holme Valley North	£25,339.57
Holme Valley South	£5,688.10
Kirkburton	£12,380.61
Total:	£50,727.75

New Homes Bonus

	Total Budget 2015-2016
Kirklees Rural District Committee	£150,084.00