

Name of meeting: Cabinet
Date: March 19th 2019
Title of report: Place based Public Realm improvement schemes budget allocation.

Purpose of report

This report asks Cabinet to consider the range of schemes that have been submitted by ward members and identified eligible for funding via the Capital Budget allocated for Environment, Infrastructure & Road Safety bid fund.

To seek approval by Cabinet for the allocation of funding for these projects.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes The budget allocated is £1.512m
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)</u>	Yes KDN published give date it was registered
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	Karl Battersby - 11.03.2019
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?	Eamonn Croston - 11.03.2019
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Julie Muscroft - 11.03.2019
Cabinet member Corporate	Cllr Graham Turner

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: All

Public or private: Public

GDPR: This report contains no information that falls within the scope of General Data Protection Regulations

1. Summary

We recognise that in changing to meet the resource demands placed on the frontline services we have lost a lot of the ability for Cllrs to influence actions at a local level. In order to tackle this we recently reshaped our frontline service to create Ward Squads that are purely outcome focused, tackling the issues as they are seen through the eyes of people and our Cllrs and separating out the daily cyclical work demands from this.

This initiative was introduced in October 2018 and has proved to be successful in ensuring that Ward Councillors are able to use their local knowledge to identify small scale environmental improvements within their areas.

In order to complement this Cabinet agreed a fund of £1.512m for Environmental and Infrastructure works at ward level. This fund is structured to include an allocation of £10,000 per Council ward, £230k, to supplement the existing ward allocation. In addition a further sum of £1.282m is allocated towards an environment, infrastructure and road safety bid fund.

Ward members were invited to submit schemes for estimating costs and further consideration by Cabinet. The criteria used to assist Councillors in identifying proposals is set out below:

- Has the scheme already been identified and worked up?
- In the instances of road safety schemes, is there supporting data?
- Is the scheme an historical issue that won't be resolved through other projects?
- Does the scheme or project have support from the community?
- Would the scheme have ongoing revenue implications?
- Would the scheme complement or enhance other schemes in the area?
- Which of the Council's outcomes does the scheme support?
- Would the scheme be on Council owned land?

The total of bids received within the period was £1.3m. Once cabinet approve the schemes then these will be programmed for delivery.

The Chief Executive is also in the process of undertaking a programme of Ward visits at which she accompanies Ward Councillors, who are able to identify both achievements and issues requiring attention.

It is proposed that the Strategic Director Economy and Infrastructure be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio holder, to approve the allocation of funding using any surplus to allow work to be undertaken as identified during the Chief Executive Ward visits.

2. Information required to take a decision

Attached is a summary of schemes submitted by ward members for consideration for funding by cabinet.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

Ward members have in consultation with residents identified proposals for consideration of funding. The proposals will improve residential areas and facilities in those areas.

3.2 Working with Partners

Ward members have consulted with voluntary and community groups on a number of these proposals and they will help develop Kirklees as a quality place where people want to live, work, visit and play.

3.3 Place Based Working

All proposals have been identified where community access is greatest e.g. Schools, Shops & Community facilities and the consultation has been carried out using the Place Based working model.

3.4 Improving outcomes for children

There are a number of proposals which will benefit our children and young people.

3.5 Other (e.g. Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

The £1.245m to support public realm proposals in this report will be met from within existing rollover reserves set aside for this purpose. Some of the project spend set out at Appendix 1 may fall within the definition of capital spend and for accounting purposes, subject to further finance officer review, may be categorised accordingly for accounting purposes. However, the funding source remains unaffected.

4. Consultees and their opinions

This report has been prepared in consultation with Strategic Directors, Service Directors, Heads of Service, Portfolio Holder - Communities and Environment and Portfolio Holder - Corporate through discussions at Senior Leadership Team, Portfolio Briefing, Executive Team and Leadership Management Team.

5. Next steps and timelines

Operational Services will identify, design and procure works and the programme will be managed with the Services Capital Plan.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

Cabinet is requested to:

- Note the recommendations and ratings of the submitted schemes.
- Endorse the suggested criteria for the identification of schemes as set out in the report.
- Approve the schemes to be delivered as set out in Appendix 1 and authorise the allocation of Capital funding, set out in the Appendix.
- Approve the delegation of authority to Strategic Director Economy and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio holder to approve the allocation of funding to allow work to be undertaken as a result of issues identified at the Chief Executive's Ward Visits, based on the agreed criteria.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

To be shared at the Cabinet meeting.

8. Contact officer

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9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Financial allocation with Budget Papers and various communications to all Councillors.

10. Strategic Director responsible

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Appendix 1: Supported Public Realm Bids

Public Realm Project Bids			
Ward	Scheme location	Scheme description	Scheme Estimate
Dalton	Grand Cross Road	c/way patching	£19,250
	Dalton Grove	c/way patching	£5,800
	Alton Avenue	footways, kerbs , road resurfacing	£25,000
	Dyson Street	c/way patching	£16,000
	Long Grove Avenue	f/way & c/way patching	£8,300
	Fields Rise	Off highways parking laybys from grass verges for community centre users (To remove grass verge to encourage half and half parking £2000 per vehicle space. Allow for 5 spaces)	£10,000
	Bradley Mills Road	Visible edge cushioning fencing	£100,000
	Greenfields Family Centre	f/way repairs and street lighting to well used snicket between Dalton Green Lane and Grosvenor Road	£22,500
Colne Valley	Marsden Railway Goods Yard	Skate park – contribution towards creation of skate park	£35,000
	Slaithwaite	Rotcher Picnic site improvements and landscaping - 6 picnic tables	£4,065
Cleckheaton	Greenway	Improvements made to the Cleckheaton viaduct, which is a unique structure of historical interest, and surrounding green space.	£40,000
Heckmondwike	Algeron Firth Park	Teen Area / Shelter, Toppers on wall for seating area, Proludic Calisthenics, Installation and WiFi	£22,000
Dewsbury South	Parker Road	Micro surfacing c/way patching	£45,000
	Pioneer Street & Lees Avenue	Micro surfacing c/way patching	£50,000
	Forge Lane	Road Safety signage	£2,000
Kirkburton	Stretchgate	Street lighting to well used Bridleway from Shelley up to Shepley Railway Station. Top half leading to the station is the key section and the other facilities in Shepley including the Drs Surgery and Library	£15,000

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	North Road Penistone Road junction	Dangerous corner which is frequently damaged by turning vehicles. There is a bollard which does not offer pedestrians much protection and officers have advised that funding for removing the island and creating a new crossing point.	£35,000
Denby Dale	Cumberworth Lane	Road Safety measures following an on-site meeting including 30mph painting, new edge line and speed loops.	£1,000
	Shelley High School	Pavement upgrade on Shelley Woodhouse Lane for students walking to college as the surface is poor, muddy and missing in places.	£64,500
	Litherop Lane	Large boulders and lining to deter parking and ASB (£500 per object)	£3,000
	Dry Hill Road /	Recently adopted section of the highway in a very poor condition	£60,000
	Clough House Lane		
	Edge Common Lane		
Almondbury	Sure Start Centre	New sign post and improved lighting and footpath improvements off Northgate down to the Surestart Centre	£22,500
Golcar	Golcar & Milnsbridge	Dropped crossing facilities in Milnsbridge and Golcar	£10,000
		Additional litter bins all on sweeping rounds - no locations received from Cllrs	£2,500
		Manor Road School – No Parking	£7,000
		Manchester Road Cowlersley - signpost	£1,000
	Brockholes	Upgrade Zebra to Pelican crossing by the post office	£60,000
	Meltham	Upgrade Zebra to Pelican crossing in the centre of the village on the plateau.	£60,000
	Honley Bridge	UTC improvements and synchronisation to the signals to improve traffic flow, reduce queuing and congestion. Junction improvements.	£44,000
Newsome	Elm Manor Estate	Replacement Play Area (site will form part of the play strategy improvement programme)	£50,000
	Jackroyd Lane and New Laithe Hill	Complete traffic calming scheme previously designed up.	£25,000

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	Cross Lane, Primrose Hill	Traffic calming scheme	£53,000
	Hey Lane Cemetery	3 x A gates on entrances to prevent motor bike access	£2,000
Batley West	Carlton Avenue, Staincliffe	Surfacing or patching 250m	£65,000
	Thornccliffe Road, Staincliffe	Surfacing or patching 270m	£95,000
Dewsbury West	Birkdale Road	Bottom half surfacing or patching 500m	£165,000
Grand Total			£1,245,415