



# Petteril Community Panel

## Investing in our Neighbourhoods

**Meeting Date – 4 March 2024**

**Lead Officer – Paul Musgrave**

### **1.0 Purpose / Summary**

- 1.1 The report sets out the current position of the Neighbourhood Investment Fund allocation to this Community Panel as agreed by the Cumberland Council Executive. Where they have been received, this report presents investment applications for consideration and approval from the budget allocation.
- 1.2 This report also presents the draft Neighbourhood Investment Plan for consideration and progress against it will be reported to future meetings through this report.
- 1.3 The work of the Community Panel contributes to the achievement of the Council Plan 2023 - 2027 vision:
  - Cumberland Council takes a fresh approach to the delivery of inclusive services that are shaped by our residents and communities.
  - By enabling positive outcomes for health and wellbeing, prosperity and the environment we will fulfil the potential of our people and our area.
- 1.4 The Council Plan aims to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents through the following priorities:
  - Addressing inequalities
  - Local economies that work for local people
  - Environmental resilience and the climate emergency
  - Delivering excellent public services.
- 1.5 This Community Panel has developed its own local priorities which were shared and discussed with our local communities and agreed formally by this Community Panel. They have been used by the Community Panel to inform the development of the draft Neighbourhood Investment Plan and in assessing investment applications.

## **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members note the contents of the report.
- 2.2 Members to consider and discuss the agreed priorities to better understand where the focus needs to be going forward.
- 2.3 Members to approve CCGA/157-23 - ICan Wellbeing Group CIO
- 2.4 Members to approve CCGA/ 1997-24 - Laurie Brewis Trust
- 2.5 Members to approve CCGA/2011-24 - Carlisle Mencap
- 2.6 Members to approve CCGA/2008-24 - Botcherby Community Centre
- 2.7 Members to approve CCGA/2011-24 – Spiral
- 2.8 Members to approve CCGA/1996-24 – Meals on Wheels
- 2.9 Members agree the Neighbourhood Investment Plan (NIP), as presented up to 31 March 2025
- 2.10 Members agree to review the NIP at each Community Panel meeting.

## **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood Investment Fund (NIF) budget allocation to this Community Panel is £78,619. Appendix 1 sets out the current position of this fund.
- 3.2 This allocation is intended to enable the Community Panel to plan activity in their communities through investment.
- 3.3 It was recommended and agreed by the Cumberland Council Executive in the report 'Devolution of Community Funds to Community Panels' presented 30 May 2023;

*That all the Community Panels have the delegated authority to approve grant applications funded from a new 'Neighbourhood Investment Fund'.*

*It is proposed the NIF be managed by the Senior Manager, Community Services in conjunction with the Assistant Director, Communities and Localities.*

*Initially it is proposed that all grant (investment) applications go to each panel for agreement regardless of value. This will be reviewed within the first 12 months.*

- 3.4 Now that the Community Panel has formally agreed it's priorities, the Members will assess applications against the locally agreed priorities which are:
  - Children and young people
  - Emotional wellbeing and mental health
  - Environment

- 3.5 In addition to the priorities, there are a number of criteria that must be adhered to as this relates to public funds, see Appendix 2. There may be occasion where applications are received that do not fit with the local priorities or meet the funding criteria. In these cases, the applications will not be presented to the Community Panel. However, the Council works with other partners and will often be able to advise on other funding streams or will support a group so that they can meet the funding criteria.
- 3.6 Potential applicants are always advised to speak with the relevant Community Development Officer (CDO) prior to submitting an application. The CDO can offer advice and for this panel area. The CDO is Jackie Rudd who can be contacted by email (jackie.hayhow@cumberland.gov.uk).

#### **4.0 Investment Applications**

- 4.1 Appended to this report are the details of investment applications, for approval by Petteril Community Panel. See Appendices 3-8.

#### **Appendix 3 ICan Wellbeing Group CIO – CCGA/1957-23**

- 4.2 Looking to investment to help plan and facilitate wellbeing sessions to support their growing community. The sessions will provide spaces for those who would like to explore new ways of supporting their mental health through sound, healing, mediation and holistic therapies. Research shows 30% of attendees are from the Petteril panel area.

This investment meets the Panel priority:

- emotional wellbeing and mental health

#### **Appendix 4 Laurie Brewis Trust – CCGA/1997-24**

- 4.3 This investment is to support activities that are taking place within the Petteril panel area of which residents from around Carlisle and surrounding area attend. This investment is only for three months whilst the organisation awaits the outcome from National lottery which will secure activities for the next few years.

This investment meets the panel priority:

- emotional wellbeing and mental health

#### **Appendix 5 Carlisle Mencap - CCGA/2011-24**

- 4.4 The investment is required to run a twelve-month pilot project to support people with a learning disability and / or Autism to understand Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in a way that is meaningful to them. To enable them to understand difference in a way that makes sense, what is right and wrong, the implications of their own actions and how this is treated in law and give them the tools to challenge such behaviour as a responsible member of their local community. This project turns traditional EDI training on its head, treating people with a learning disability as equal citizens with the capacity to make poor choices or be influenced by the opinion of others. They will focus on the learning disability community as the perpetrator of racism and marginalisation as opposed to being the victim. Through their work they have discovered that there are no opportunities for people with a learning disability to benefit from this kind of support. This was brought to light recently when an individual who had taken part of a racist act required support.

This investment meets the panel priorities:

- children and young people,
- emotional wellbeing and mental health.

#### **Appendix 6 Botcherby Community Centre – CCGA/2008-24**

- 4.5 The investment is needed to create a sustainable, manageable and accessible community garden. This funding will be used to purchase/create the structure of an 'outdoor community room/classroom' and storage area. The aim of the applicant is for the garden and raised bed system to be as accessible as possible. Botcherby community centre has established itself as a community hub within the ward area and offer additional support and needs to their residents.

This investment meets the panel priorities:

- children and young people,
- emotional wellbeing and mental health.

#### **Appendix 7 Spiral – CCGA/2010-24**

- 4.6 The investment is required to increase hours to cope with the demand of referrals to Spiral for 12 months whilst they find other opportunities for funding streams for future years. They work with four schools (two secondary and two primary) within the panel area and have pupils access their drop in facility within the city centre.

This investment meets the panel priorities:

- Children and young people,
- emotional wellbeing and mental health.

#### **Appendix 8 Meals on Wheels – CCGA/1996-24**

- 4.7 This pilot scheme will be to set up an emergency hardship response fund. The applicants have identified an increase in the number of highly vulnerable individuals who would benefit from additional support from delivery of meals over 12 weeks at no cost to the recipient. The emergency hardship response fund will not take applications from individuals but will be on a referral basis via agencies such as adult social care. This pilot scheme has the potential to prevent hospitalisations until other support from family and organisations can be implemented.

The investment meets the panel priority:

- emotional wellbeing and mental health.

#### **Investments to note (approved outside Community Panel)**

- 4.8 There are no applications of this type to consider.

#### **Neighbourhood Investment Plan**

- 4.9 The draft Neighbourhood Investment Plan for this Panel area is attached at Appendix 9. This first version sets out the framework around Community Panels and the Community Network together with the agreed priorities. This will ensure there are very clear links between what has been identified as priorities, where the Community Panel invest and what they invest in.

4.10 The priorities have been developed over the past 6 months and there have been a number of engagement sessions to complement a survey about whether these felt right for this panel area. The Council will continue to speak with communities about these priorities in order to refine them and identify relevant activity in addition to funding.

4.11 The Neighbourhood Investment Plan, as presented identifies some activity already and although Members are being asked to agree this as the final version, it will remain a live, working document to reflect ongoing conversations with the communities and other stakeholders to be discussed at each panel meeting.

### Active Cumbria

4.12 Investment awards made by Active Cumbria in 2023/2024.

Organisation	Project / Activity	£
<b>Reconditioning Fund</b> (part of the Live Longer Better in Cumbria programme)		
Botcherby Community Association	Healthy U (Exercise on Referral programme) for those age 65+	9,370
Currock Community Association	New strength and Tai Chi classes at the centre	3,318
The Hiking Household	New map for walk in Petteril Valley targeted at those age 65+ (1 of 6 created across the county). Hopefully launching in Spring 2024	3,565 (for all 6 maps)
Carlisle United Community Sports Trust	Silver Foxes sessions (physical and mental wellbeing sessions based at the club)	3,870
Carlisle Sight Support	Climbing sessions for visually impaired Older Adults with Eden Rock.	633
<b>Opening School Facilities</b>		
Petteril Bank School	Funding provided to allow 3 projects based around football, athletics and multi skills plus equipment storage.	12,501
<b>Sport England Together Fund (finished Sept 2023)</b>		
Rock Youth Project	Rugby sessions delivered by Creighton RFC	1,594
Local Vocals (Upperby Methodist Church)	Adding physical activity to their weekly choir group sessions	1,760
<b>Travel Actively Fund</b>		
Age UK	Carlisle area wide wheeled mobility rollator loan scheme	38,577

### Easter Holiday Activity Fund (HAF)

4.13 The HAF programme organised by Cumberland Council in collaboration with local partners and community organisations, provides children who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals with the opportunity to join fun holiday activities for free and receive a nutritious meal each day.

4.14 The following community organisations will be offering Easter HAF sessions in the Petteril Community Panel area.

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Ages</b>	<b>Total Days of Activities</b>	<b>Allocation £</b>
Carlisle Villa Boxing	Petteril	5-16	4	1,850
Carlisle Youth Zone Junior	Petteril	8-12	4	4,043
Carlisle Youth Zone Senior	Petteril	9-16	4	1,666
Currock Community Centre	Petteril	5-11	4	2,091
Inglewood Infant School	Petteril	5-8	2	2,570
RRCA with Manchester United	Petteril	9-16	3	3,150
Sportsworks (SEND)	Petteril	5-11	2	1,460
Sportscool (Inclusive provision)	Petteril	4-11	4	1,800
Carlisle Matters	Petteril	5-10	4	2,400

## **5.0 Options**

### **Alternative Options Considered**

- 5.1 There was an option not to put forward applications for investment but they meet the criteria in place.

### **Risks**

- 5.2 The risk associated with this report is that allocations proposed do not meet the criteria for investments. This is mitigated through officer experience, processes in place and awarding investments in a public forum.

### **Consultation**

- 5.3 There has been no consultation associated with this report.

### **Legal Comment**

- 5.4 No legal issues arise directly from the report. Any legal issues arising from the delivery of specific projects will be dealt with as they arise.

### **Finance Comment**

- 5.5 The Neighbourhood Investment Fund is part of Communities and Localities within the Public Health and Communities Directorate.
- 5.6 The Neighbourhood Investment Fund budget for 2023/24 is £0.542m which is allocated to fund the 8 Community Panels to the values outlined on the Executive Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- 5.7 The 2023/24 budget allocation to the Petteril Community Panel is £78,619.

5.8 Approval is sought to agree a proposed funding allocation of £18,406.

5.9 It is recommended that the funding allocation is approved as it is within the confines of the available remaining 2023/24 budget as shown in the table below:

<b>Petteril Community Panel</b>		
2023/24 Budget Allocation		<b>£78,619</b>
Minus Approved Investments:	CCGA 1903-23	-1,500
	CCGA 1935-23	-5,516
	CCGA 1945-23	-5,000
	CCGA 1946-23	-3,750
	CCGA 1981-23	-300
Minus proposed Investments:	CCGA 1957-23	-3,406
	CCGA 1997-24	-2,000
	CCGA 2011-24	-2,000
	CCGA 2008-24	-6,000
	CCGA 2010-24	-4,000
	CCGA 1996-24	-1,000
<b>Balance of budget remaining:</b>		<b>£44,147</b>

### **Impact Assessments**

5.10 An assessment has not been completed.

### **Contact Officer:**

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### **Appendices:**

- Appendix 1 – Neighbourhood Investment Fund Summary
- Appendix 2 - Investment Application Criteria
- Appendix 3 - CCGA/157-23 ICan Wellbeing Group CIO
- Appendix 4 - CCGA/ 1997-24 Laurie Brewis Trust
- Appendix 5 - CCGA/2011-24 Carlisle Mencap
- Appendix 6 - CCGA/2008-24 Botcherby Community Centre
- Appendix 7 - CCGA/2011-24 Spiral
- Appendix 8 - CCGA/1996-24 Meals on Wheels
- Appendix 9 - Neighbourhood Investment Plan