



Workington Together Community Panel

Investing in our Neighbourhoods

Meeting Date – 5 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 agree that an amount of £5,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to 1st Seaton Scout Group to provide a climbing wall.
- 2.4 Members agree that an amount of £3,050 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment fund to St Mary's Parish Council for equipment to create a community garden.
- 2.5 Members agree that an amount of £9,433 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Workington Heritage Group to enable them to purchase a new marquee and associated equipment.
- 2.6 Members agree the Neighbourhood Investment Plan (NIP) up to 31 March 2025 as presented at appendix 9.
- 2.7 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:

- Empowering our children and young people.
- Supporting communities to help themselves.
- Reducing food poverty.

3.5 In addition to the priorities, there are a number of criteria and rules 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 Carole Tubman, workingtontogether@cumberland.gov.uk

4.0 Investment Applications

- 4.1 Appended to this report are the details of investment applications, for approval by Workington Together Community Panel **appendices 3-5**

- 4.2 Members agree an amount of £5,000 is allocated from the investment fund to 1st Seaton Scout Group to enable them to purchase a climbing wall for their community scout facility.

This project meets the following priority:-

- Empowering our children and young people.

- 4.3 Members agree an amount of £3,050 from the investment fund to St Mary's PCC for equipment to create a community garden and drumming circle.

This project meets the following priorities: -

- Supporting communities to help themselves.
- Reducing food poverty.

- 4.4 Members agree an amount of £9,433 from the investment fund to Workington Heritage Group to enable them to purchase a new marquee, fairy hut/sensory space and outdoor equipment storage.

The project meets the following priorities: -

- Empowering our children and young people.
- Supporting communities to help themselves.

Investments to note (approved outside Community Panel)

- 4.5 CCGA/2006-24 High Harrington Community Centre £1,233 from the investment fund. **appendix 6**

- 4.6 CCGA/ 2007-24 Northside Primary School £1,500 from the investment fund. **appendix 7**

- 4.7 CCGA/1969-23 Age UK West Cumbria £1,500 from the investment fund. **appendix 8**

Neighbourhood Investment Plan

- 4.5 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 priority areas; where the Community Panel invest and what they invest in.

- 4.6 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 funding.
- 4.7 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

- 4.8 Investment awards made by Active Cumbria:

Organisation	Project/Activity	£
Re-Conditioning Fund		
Age UK West Cumbria	Care to Move Project – Funding split between Re-conditioning Fund and Together Fund for Care to Move staff training.	£6264
Home Group	Funding to support the delivery of physical activity within 8 older peoples living schemes throughout West Cumbria.	£5960
Together We	Funding to create multipurpose fitness space within Age UK’s Bradbury Centre and offer additional sessions to target older adults 65+ who want to improve physical fitness and wellbeing.	£5551
Hiking Household	Funding to support the provision of maps for key areas highlighted in priority places. Map created for Vulcan Park, Workington. Launch events planned for March/April 2024.	£3565
Cumbria Yoga Foundation	Funding to support the delivery of a pilot project, 12 sessions delivered in Workington with Healthy Hopes at Workington Masonic Hall.	£1686
Opening School Facilities Fund		

St. Joseph Secondary School	Funding to purchase equipment, staff qualifications and support delivery for trampolining and pickleball. Also utilised to purchase booking system licence to support community use of facilities.	£15222 (Year 1) £9657 (Year 2)
Together Fund (Fund Finished September 2023)		
Age UK West Cumbria	Care to Move Project – Funding split between Together Fund and Re-conditioning Fund for Care to Move staff training.	£6210
Fit 4 Life	Funding to support care homes to deliver physical activity through Activate sessions for older adults	£2625
Groundwork	In conjunction with Fit4Life to deliver physical activity sessions to small group of women for those referred through Choices programme	£3200
PAUSE	County wide project to support women accessing PAUSE programme with suitable kit to engage in physical activity at home	£1906
Project Unbeatable	Specific project with Social Prescribers in Workington to support CYP with low level mental health engage in physical activity sessions, in partnership discovery college	£4908
United Reform Church	Funding to provide physical activity session in partnership with Fit4Life	£1375
Workington Cricket Club	Funding to support with facility costs over the winter period for Women's Cricket and support with equipment and kit	£1745

Easter Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

- 4.9 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.
- 4.10 The following community organisations will be offering Easter HAF sessions in the Workington Together Community Panel area.

Provider	Ages	Total Days of Activities	Allocation
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Carnegie Theatre	8 – 16	3	£2,006.40
ESKK Martial Arts – Autism Academy	5 – 11	2	£1,680.14
Fun Football Factory – Leisure Centre Workington	5 - 12	4	£5,400
Pyjama Drama (Inclusive Provision) – Carnegie Theatre	5 – 8	1	£750
Salterbeck Residents Association – The Oval Centre	4 - 11	4	£3,694.96
South Workington Youth Partnership (Inclusive Provision) – Moorclose Community Centre	5 - 16	4	£3,840
Sportscool (Inclusive Provision) – Northside School	4 - 11	4	£1,800
St Joseph’s School	5 – 16	4	£2,860
Workington Reds – Lakes College	5 – 16	4	£2,960
Total Allocation in Workington Together Community Panel Area			£24,991.5

5.0 Options

Alternative Options Considered

- 5.1 There was an option not to put forward the 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

The Neighbourhood Investment Fund is part of Communities and Localities within the Public Health and Communities Directorate.

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 30th May 2023.

The 2023/24 budget allocation to the Workington Together Community Panel is £78,619.

Approval is sought to agree a proposed funding allocation of £16,216.

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:

Workington Together Community Panel		
2023/24 Budget Allocation		£78,619
Minus Approved Investments:	CCGA 1942-23	-500
	CCGA 1902-23	-1,750
	CCGA 1944-23	-3,500
	CCGA 1941-23	-4,324
	CCGA 1943-23	-6,500
	CCGA 1947-23	-6,776
	CCGA 2007-24	-1,500
	CCGA 1969-23	-1,500
Minus proposed Investments:	CCGA 2002-24	-5,000
	CCGA 2029-24	-1,783
	CCGA 2009-24	-9,433
Balance of budget remaining:		£36,054

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Neighbourhood Investment Fund Current Position.

Appendix 2 Community Panel Investment Criteria

Appendix 3 CCGA 2002-24 1st Seaton Scouts Group

Appendix 4 CCGA 2029-24 St Mary's PCC

Appendix 5 CCGA 2009-24 Workington Heritage Group

Appendix 6 CCGA/2006-24 High Harrington Community Centre

Appendix 7 CCGA/ 2007-24 Northside Primary School

Appendix 8 CCGA/1969-23 Age UK West Cumbria

Appendix 9 Workington Together Neighbourhood Investment Plan Draft