



Carlisle West Community Panel

Investing in our Neighbourhoods

Meeting Date – 25 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 £1,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Laurie Brewis Trust - CCGA/ 1997-24
- 2.4 Members agree that an amount of £2,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Carlisle Mencap - CCGA/2011-24
- 2.5 Members agree that an amount of £4,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Spiral - CCGA/2010-24
- 2.6 Members agree that an amount of £12,800 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Yewdale Community Centre - CCGA/ 2000-24
- 2.7 Members agree that an amount of £4,500 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Carlisle Matters - CCGA/2043-24
- 2.8 Members agree that an amount of £376 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Carlisle Society for the Blind - CCGA/ 2036-24
- 2.9 Members agree that an amount of £500 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to St Cuthbert's Parochial Church Council - CCGA/2042-24
- 2.10 Members agree that an amount of £2,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Cumberland & Carlisle Community Arts Project - CCGA/2004-24
- 2.11 Members agree that an amount of £1,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Meals on Wheels - CCGA/ 1996-24
- 2.12 Members agree that an amount of £3,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Carlisle One World Centre - CCGA/ 2039-24
- 2.13 Members agree that an amount of £1,500 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Denton Holme Longsowerby Community Engagement - CCGA/2034-24
- 2.14 Members agree that an amount of £2,560 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Yewkids @ Yewdale Community Centre - CCGA/2001-24
- 2.15 Members agree to decommit an amount previously allocated to Friends of Chances Park for £3,000 towards the cost of a labyrinth.
- 2.16 Members agree the Neighbourhood Investment Plan (NIP), as presented up to 31 March 2025
- 2.17 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 £81,330. This allocation is intended to enable the Community Panel to plan activity in their communities through investment. A summary of this fund is attached at **Appendix 1**.

3.2 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.

3.3 Now that the Community Panel has formally agreed it's priorities, the Members will assess applications against the locally agreed priorities which are:

- Environmental Issues
- Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Housing
- Public Service Framework
- City and Town Centre

3.4 In addition to the priorities, there are a number of criteria / rules that must be adhered to as this relates to public funds (**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.

3.5 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 Jamie Hendry (Jamie.Hendry@cumberland.gov.uk).

4.0 Investment Applications

4.1 Appended to this report are the details of investment applications, for approval by Carlisle West Community Panel. See Appendices 3-14

Laurie Brewis Trust – Appendix 3 CCGA/1997-24

4.2 This investment is to support activities that are taking place within the Carlisle West 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 Council plan priority:

- Health & Well Being

Carlisle Mencap - Appendix 4 CCGA/2011-24

- 4.3 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 Council plan priority:

- Delivering excellent public services

Meets the Carlisle West priority:

- Public Service Framework

Spiral – Appendix 5 CCGA/2011-24

- 4.4 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 Richard Rose Morton, Central Academy, Caldew Lea & Belle Vue schools where children from the panel area attend and have pupils access their drop in facility within the city centre.

This investment meets the panel priorities:

- Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Yewdale Community Centre – Appendix 6 CCGA/ 2000-24

- 4.5 Years of historically low grant funding combined with Covid, cost of living pressures have resulted in the reserves at Yewdale community centre being quite tight. There is a wider discussion to take place at community panels about community centre funding in the future and how this is allocated. The ask here is for a top up to make the day to day running of the centre comfortable.

This investment meets the panel priorities:

- Public Service Framework

The investment meets the Council plan priorities:

- Health & Well Being
- Tackling inequalities

Carlisle Matters Show and Tell - Appendix 7 CCGA/2043-24

- 4.6 Show and Tell is a new project with the aim of reaching out and supporting as much of our community as possible. The events will provide a platform for 20+ support agencies to reach out to communities, offering a range of fun and engaging, and informative activities. This funding is asked to support the larger planned event in Bitts Park in May. It is hoped that the events will attract business sponsorship in the future and bring visitors in to the city which would be a positive for city centre traders and businesses too.

The investment meets the panel priority –

- Town & City Centre

Carlisle Society for the Blind - Appendix 8 CCGA/2036-24

- 4.7 The funding will be used to design, print and distribute information leaflets about the support, services and activities provided by Carlisle Sight Support. Over the past two years the charity has been able to re-engage with the sight loss community post covid. Updated information will be placed in the eye clinic at Carlisle infirmary, specialist eye care services in Carlisle, low vision clinic, opticians, GP surgeries and community venues.

This investment meets the council plan priority –

- Improving Health & Well Being

St Cuthbert's Parochial Church Council - Appendix 9 CCGA/2042-24

- 4.8 St Cuthbert's Church is based in the heart of the city, an historic building often used for Civic events and a popular tourist attraction. The funding will be used towards the cost of 5 free concert's at the venue over the summer months

This investment meets the panel priority –

- Town & City Centre

Cumberland & Carlisle Community Arts Project (CCCAP) - Appendix 10 CCGA/2004-24

- 4.9 Over the course of 2024 CCCAP will provide a series of open days, workshops, events and activities that will give participants the opportunities to access the world of tv, film and theatre. We will use our sessions as an opportunity to nurture and develop local talent. The sessions will be delivered by professionals with an extensive range of skills and experience in the industry.

This investment meets the panel priority –

- Town & City Centre

This investment meets the council plan priority –

- Health & Well Being

Meals on Wheels – Appendix 11 CCGA /1996-24

- 4.10 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.

This investment meets the council plan priorities:

- Health & well being
- Addressing inequalities

Carlisle One World Centre – Appendix 12 CCGA /2039-24

4.11 Each year Carlisle One World Centre works through a theme from April to March and for 2024-2025 this will be Bridging Faith Communities to promote inter-faith relations in the city. This will be achieved few a series of activities and events detailed in the panel report in the attached Appendix.

This investment meets the panel priority:

- Town & City Centre

This investment meets the council plan priority:

- Tackling inequalities

Denton Holme Longsowerby Community Engagement - Appendix 13 CCGA/2034-24

4.12 Denton Holme Community Engagement Group is applying for funding towards 4 key projects: Community Meal Share, Summer Fayre, establishing the group as a Community Interest Organisation, and repair to Sheffield Street Community Planter.

This investment meets the council plan priority:

- Health & Well Being

This investment meets the local priority:

- Environment

Yewkids @ Yewdale Community Centre – Appendix 14 CCGA/ 2001-24

4.13 This application is for funding to support an additional drop in for struggling families at Yewkids Nursery at Yewdale Community Centre

This application meets the council plan priorities:

- Health & Well Being
- Tackling Inequalities

Additional Investments

4.14 This report details information regarding additional investment within the panel area for information.

4.15 Investment awards made by Active Cumbria.

Organisation	Project / Activity	£
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Reconditioning Fund (part of the Live Longer Better in Cumbria programme)		
AgeUK	Second part of project (first part funded by Together Fund, details below). This element is for service development – staff members making use of the Care to Move training they attended and helping people be more confident/mobile in their homes.	4,278
GLL/The Sands Centre	Pilot period of 6 months to trial a Senior Activity session every Monday morning at the centre.	3,929
Susie Tate Project	Deliver introductory dance and movement sessions in 2 new settings. Develop an ambassador's programme for those already involved in sessions Link in with stroke ward at Cumberland Infirmary relating to both of the above.	3,068
Sport England Together Fund (finished Sept 2023)		
Age UK	Initial part of project for staff to undertake Care to Move training and apply the learning.	5,558
Carlisle Youth Zone	Boxing 'activator' training for staff and subsequent delivery to young people over a 6 month period.	3,435
Different Strokes	Delivery of stroke rehabilitation sessions monthly at the Sands Centre March-September 2023, in addition to a selection of suitable equipment	904
People First	A project which engaged people with learning disabilities and autism in physical activity / active travel through a regular outdoor walking and cycling programme.	6,778
Pride in North Cumbria Panah project	Delivery of an activity schedule to women seeking asylum based at Cumbria Park Hotel including swimming, yoga and walking at locations including The Sands and Carlisle College.	5,440
Travel Actively Fund		
Age UK	Carlisle area wide wheeled mobility rollator loan scheme	38,577
Rebike Cumbria CIC	Cytech mechanic L2 training for 2 existing volunteers.	6,250

4.16 Easter Holiday Activity Food Programme specific for the Carlisle West Panel area.

Provider	Ward	Ages	Total Days of Activities	Allocation £

GLL The Sands Centre	Central	8-16	4	3,000
GLL Trinity Leisure Centre	Central	5-11	4	2,585
Morton Manor Community Centre	Morton West	5-11	4	2,924
Pyjama Drama (Inclusive Provision)	Denton Holme	5-18	4	3,000
St Barnabas & St Luke's	Carlisle West	5-16	4	10,250
Yewdale Community Centre	Yewdale	5-11	4	1,725
			Total	23,484

Decommitment

- 4.17 An amount of £3,000 was previously agreed at the meeting of this Community Panel on 18 December 2023 to Friends of Chances Park (reference CCGA-1966-23) as per the Minute below.

£3,000 be earmarked from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund budget to Friends of Chances Park towards the cost of a labyrinth in Chances Park but not paid until the Friends could show they have secured further external funding.

This has not been achieved in the current financial year and therefore the funding is to be de-committed.

Neighbourhood Investment Plan

- 4.18 The draft Neighbourhood Investment Plan for this Panel area is attached at **Appendix 15**. 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.
- 4.19 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.

- 4.20 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.

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

- 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 30th May 2023.
- 5.7 The 2023/24 budget allocation to the Carlisle West Community Panel is £81,330.
- 5.8 Approval is sought to agree a proposed funding allocation of £35,236
- 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 at Appendix 1.

Carlisle West Community Panel - NIV000001		
2023/24 Budget Allocation		£81,330.00
Minus Approved Investments:	The Lookout	-12,800.00
	Yewdale CF	-2,500.00
	Yewdale CF	-500.00
	Carlisle Church of the Nazarene	-1,000.00
	CCGA-1945-23	-5,000.00
	CCGA-1946-23	-3,750.00
	CCGA-1965-23	-2,500.00
	CCGA-1960-23	-3,518.00
	CCGA-1957-23	-4,500.00
	CCGA-1975-23	-4,996.00
	CCGA-1891-23	-300.00
	Word for Word Theatre	-1,275.00
Minus proposed investments:	CCGA-1997-24	-1,000.00
	CCGA-2011-24	-2,000.00
	CCGA-2010-24	-4,000.00
	CCGA-2000-24	-12,800.00
	CCGA-2043-24	-4,500.00
	CCGA-2036-24	-376.00
	CCGA-2042-24	-500.00
	CCGA-2004-24	-2,000.00
	CCGA-1996-24	-1,000.00
	CCGA-2039-24	-3,000.00
	CCGA-2034-24	-1,500.00
	CCGA-2001-24	-2,560.00
Balance of budget remaining:		£3,455.00

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Impact Assessments

5.10 An assessment has not been completed.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Neighbourhood Investment Fund Summary

Appendix 2 - Community Investment Criteria

Appendix 3 – Laurie Brewis Trust

Appendix 4 - Carlisle Mencap

Appendix 5 - Spiral

Appendix 6 - Yewdale Community Centre

Appendix 7 – Carlisle Matters

Appendix 8 - Carlisle Society for the Blind

Appendix 9 - St Cuthbert's Parochial Church Council

Appendix 10 - Cumberland & Carlisle Community Arts Project

Appendix 11 - Meals on Wheels

Appendix 12 - Carlisle One World Centre

Appendix 13 - Denton Holme Longsowerby Community Engagement

Appendix 14 - Yewkids at Yewdale Community Centre

Appendix 15 – Draft Carlisle West Neighbourhood Investment Plan