



Carlisle West Community Panel

Investing in our Neighbourhoods

Meeting Date – 9 September 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 Carlisle West Neighbourhood Investment Plan for information, discussion and to report progress against it.
- 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 Neighbourhood Investment Plan and in assessing investment applications.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members note the contents of the report.
- 2.2 Members to review the Neighbourhood Investment Plan including discussion on the priorities.
- 2.3 Members to agree an investment (CCGA/2146-24) of £5,214 from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Carlisle Community Help towards workshops, staffing costs and volunteer expenses.
- 2.4 Members to agree an investment (CCGA/ 2142-24) of £3,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Every Life Matters towards an exhibition at Tullie House, three drop-in sessions and suicide prevention training.
- 2.5 Members to agree an investment (CCGA/2141-44) of £3,172 from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Carlisle Cathedral towards a Christmas Tree Festival.
- 2.6 Members to agree an investment (CCGA/ 1223-24) of £6,839 from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to ICan Wellbeing Group CIO towards Holistic Wellbeing Meditation and Sound Healing sessions.
- 2.7 Members to agree an investment (CCGA / 2126-24) of £1,889 from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Together We towards the costs of the Together We Carry programme in Carlisle West.
- 2.8 Members to agree an investment (CCGA / 2119-24) of £3,052 to British Liver Trust towards the cost of a road show in Carlisle City Centre.
- 2.9 Members to agree an award of £2,250 from the UKSPF to Age UK to deliver against the E35 Intervention.
- 2.10 Members to agree an award of £3,911 from the UKSPF to Carlisle Matters to deliver against the E35 Intervention.
- 2.11 Members to agree an award of £2,000 from the UKSPF to Carlisle Radio FM to deliver against the E35 Intervention.
- 2.12 Members to agree an award of £5,556 from the UKSPF to Citizens Advice to deliver against the E35 Intervention.
- 2.13 Members to agree an award of £1,250 from the UKSPF to Cumbria CVS to deliver against the E35 Intervention.
- 2.14 Members to agree an award of £4,995 from the UKSPF to Cumbria Youth Alliance to deliver against the E35 Intervention.
- 2.15 Members to agree an award of £2,478 from the UKSPF to Growing Well to deliver against the E35 Intervention.
- 2.16 Members to agree an award of £3,330 from the UKSPF to iCan Wellbeing Group to deliver against the E35 Intervention.
- 2.17 Members to agree an award of £4,745 from the UKSPF to NADT Pitstop Project to deliver against the against the E35 Intervention.
- 2.18 Members to agree an award of £7,000 from the UKSPF to Steps to Success to deliver against the against the E35 Intervention.
- 2.19 Members to agree an award of £196 from the UKSPF to Triple A Project to deliver against the E35 Intervention.
- 2.20 Members to agree an award of £4,000 from the UKSPF to Yewdale Community Centre to deliver against the E35 Intervention.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood Investment Fund (NIF) budget allocation to this Community Panel for the financial year 2024/25 is £126,430.
- 3.2 This allocation is intended to enable the Community Panel to plan activity in their communities through investment that will assist in the achievement of its priorities.
- 3.3 Now that the Community Panel has formally agreed its priorities, the Members will assess applications against the locally agreed priorities which are:
- Environment
 - Crime and Anti-social behaviour
 - Housing
 - Public Service Framework
 - Town and City Centre
- 3.4 In addition to the priorities, there are a number of criteria that must be adhered to as this relates to public funds. These are set out on the application form. 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 Members are able to review the specific criteria at each Community Panel meeting.
- 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 Jamie Hendry who can be contacted by email (Jamie.hendry@cumberland.gov.uk).
- 3.7 In addition to the funding described above, the Executive discussed the allocation of the United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) at its meeting on 23 April 2024.
- 3.8 The Portfolio Holder moved that the Priority Intervention E35 (Enrichment and volunteering activities) indicative budget / grant allocations be amended to read:
- £387,520 – allocated to consider targeted approach with public health partners delegated to Community Panels. The Leader seconded the recommendation and the amendment.*
- 3.9 In direct response to this, work has been undertaken to encourage partners to apply who have a track record of delivering projects that are consistent with what this intervention is seeking to achieve. Care has been taken to ensure that areas right across Cumberland can benefit from this funding.
- 3.10 The timeframes for spending this money are tight with all projects funded needing to be completed by 31 January 2025 and full reporting on outcomes by 28 February 2025.
- 3.11 All applications that benefit this community panel area will be presented to the Community Panel for agreement and in this report.
- 3.12 The December meeting of this Community Panel will be too late to fund the majority of projects so any further applications benefiting this Community Panel area will be presented to a Special Meeting if required. Any delays to agreeing applications may mean that projects are no longer viable within the time frames.

4.0 Investment Applications

- 4.1 Applications in sections 4.3 to 4.59 are made to the Neighbourhood Investment Fund.
- 4.2 Applications in sections 4.62 to 4.106 are made to the Shared Prosperity Fund delegated to Community Panels.

Carlisle Community Help – CCGA/2146-24

- 4.3 Carlisle community help is applying for £35,000 against total project costs of £40,843.18 towards their empowering Carlisle through nutrition education and affordable food programme.
- 4.4 The organisation has not received funding from Cumberland Council previously.
- 4.5 Carlisle Community Help, aim to provide affordable food to individuals and families across Carlisle. They hope to be a more affordable and sustainable manner of food support for those that need. They also offer emergency food parcels to individuals and families in need of short-term food support.
- 4.6 The project will have a significant presence in Carlisle and Brampton, targeting areas with high rates of rural food poverty. Workshops and activities will be held at accessible locations, including Brampton Methodist Church, Morton Manor, Carlisle Enterprise Centre, Upperby CDC, and Petheril Bank Community Centre. They will leverage their established relationships with local schools and their voucher scheme in collaboration with Riverside Housing to reach those in need effectively. The workshops will be focussing on:
 - Nutrition education programme - create tailored educational programs for various age groups, including children, adolescents, and adults, to raise awareness about healthy eating and reduce the stigma surrounding food insecurity. Workshops will include cooking demonstrations, nutritional workshops, and interactive sessions.
 - Community engagement - establish community-based food security committees to ensure that local voices are heard and that their efforts are aligned with community needs. These committees will facilitate outreach and awareness campaigns, further promoting the importance of nutrition and food security.
 - Practical intervention - Collaborations with local markets, grocery stores, and food banks will enhance access to affordable, nutritious food options. Their food hub will serve as a model, showcasing healthy food choices while providing members with skills for budgeting and meal planning.
 - To support this project, they will create educational materials such as brochures, pamphlets, and digital resources to supplement the workshops and ensure long-term accessibility of information.
- 4.7 The project meets the Cumberland Council Plan priority of Right to Food and will address this through the following:
 - Combat Food Poverty and Inequality: They will actively work to reduce food insecurity in our communities by providing affordable options and increasing awareness of healthy eating practices.
 - Promote a Healthier, Greener Carlisle: their initiative will not only support individual health but also foster sustainable practices through partnerships with local suppliers.

- Empower Communities with Choices: They recognize the importance of choice in food access and will provide resources that allow families to make informed dietary decisions.
- 4.8 The organisation is applying for investment funding towards workshops/classes - £1,000, printed materials - £275.69, food costs - £12,040.55, staffing costs - £23,795.20, volunteer expenses - £1,000 and miscellaneous expenses - £2,732.74.
- 4.9 They organisation will seek long-term partnerships with government agencies, NGOs, and the private sector to secure ongoing funding and support, ensuring the project's longevity and impact.
- 4.10 The organisation has also applied to Petteiril and Border, Fellside and North Carlisle Community Panels. The amount requested has been split based on targeted areas and venues they will be delivering the project.
- 4.11 The Officer recommendation is £5,214 towards workshops/classes, printed materials, staffing costs and volunteer expenses.
- 4.12 This application meets the following Council panel priorities:
- Health and Wellbeing
 - Tackling Inequalities

Every Life Matters – CCGA/ 2142-24

- 4.13 Every Life Matters are applying for £3,000 against total project costs of £7,690 to deliver elements of the Finding Hope project within the Carlisle West panel area.
- 4.14 The organisation has not received any funding from Cumberland council so far.
- 4.15 Every Life Matters is a suicide prevention and suicide bereavement charity operating across Cumbria. Every Life Matters create suicide safer communities through provision of training, campaigning, awareness raising, developing physical and digital resources, and starting conversations about suicide across our local communities. Every Life Matters also provide practical and emotional support to individuals, families, organisations, and employers bereaved and impacted by suicide.
- 4.16 Finding Hope will collect stories of people who have lived with thoughts of suicide, or who have made suicide attempts. Stories of positive help-seeking, of friendship, stories that give hope. A team of male Cumbrian artists working in moving image, photography and soundscapes will explore with the participants how they live with suicidal thoughts, and how they reached out and found help and more than survive but thrive. Stories about where help is found, both in formal settings (mental health services etc) and informal settings (friends and family) creating a space where difficult conversations can be had and encouraging more people to have those conversations.
- 4.17 The funding would be towards an exhibition at Tullie House, 3 drop-in sessions and suicide prevention training. The exhibition will be part of a wider touring exhibition which will also visit locations in the former Copeland and Barrow areas. There will also be a book, published by local photography publisher SpoolsProject.
- 4.18 Expenditure includes Late Night event £3,650, Suicide Alertness training £1,260 and three drop-in sessions £2,780.
- 4.19 £4,690 has been given by Tullie House through in-kind contribution and through fund raising activities. Funding is also being sought from Arts Council England, Cumbria Community Foundation, Westmorland and Furness Council and Barrow Town Council

towards staffing costs and towards the events being held in other parts of the county. All applications are due to be considered in September/October.

- 4.20 The Officer recommendation is £3,000.
- 4.21 This application meets the following panel priorities and key themes:
- Town and City Centre
 - Public Service Framework
- 4.22 This application meets the following Cumberland Council Plan priorities:
- Health and Wellbeing

Carlisle Cathedral – CCGA/2141-24

- 4.23 Carlisle Cathedral are applying for £3,172 against total project costs of £4,172.42.
- 4.24 The organisation has not received any funding from Cumberland council so far.
- 4.25 Carlisle Cathedral stands at the heart of the great border city on the Northwest corner of England. It is one of the best-known buildings in Carlisle and is a key heritage asset in the historic quarter of the city. The Cathedral welcomes 105,000 visitors per year hosting numerous regional and city events.
- 4.26 The Cathedral are looking to organise a Christmas Tree festival in the heart of the city centre at Carlisle Cathedral. The festival will offer visitors the viewing of 30 trees decorated by local charities. Charities will be provided with a tree; lights and a poster stand to promote the important work undertaken locally. The free event expects to attract around 12,000 people and will contribute to the emotional wellbeing of Carlisle residents over the festive period.
- 4.27 Project costs include equipment and materials £2,709, signage £250, publicity and promotion £250, launch event £500, wood chip service £84 and a contingency budget of £379.34.
- 4.28 Carlisle Cathedral are looking to secure £1,000 towards the festival through sponsorship from local business.
- 4.29 The Officer recommendation is £3,172.
- 4.30 This application meets the following panel priorities and key themes:
- Town and City Centre

ICan Wellbeing Group CIO – CCGA/1223-24

- 4.31 ICan Wellbeing Group CIO are applying for £6,839 against total project costs of £10,679 towards their WeCan Holistic Wellbeing project.
- 4.32 The organisation received £4,500 of funding from Carlisle West Community Panel's Neighbourhood Investment Fund in 2023/24 towards the launch of this project.
- 4.33 WeCan is a project at ICan Wellbeing Group CIO which focuses on improving emotional and social wellbeing within our community. The organisation has a wellness centre in central Carlisle which hosts a timetable of peer support groups and wellness sessions as well as other activities. All activities aim to increase wellbeing and decrease social isolation.
- 4.34 The organisation is applying for investment funding to expand their WeCan Holistic Wellbeing Meditation and Sound Healing sessions which will see the existing project

continue at their Caldew Maltings base. The existing sessions have become an essential part of the groups timetable and an integral addition to supporting their members mental health and wellbeing.

- 4.35 ICan have adapting the model of the project to deliver outreach sessions within the Petteril Panel area to meet the varying demands of the different community panels.
- 4.36 The project costs to hold the sessions in the Carlisle West area including facilitators £2,400, Project Manager £2,024, Rent of space £1,920, refreshments £240, advertising, and printed materials £150.
- 4.37 The wellbeing sessions will be open to all to attend. This enables the group to reach a larger, diverse, range of people. The sessions also enable the group to continue to support clients by offering safe spaces for those who are vulnerable and suffering from anxiety or stress.
- 4.38 The group have identified that disadvantaged communities could be less likely to engage in holistic therapies due to the cost and therefore the group would like to offer their sessions for free. The intended outcome is to help people in obtaining new skills and techniques to support them in day-to-day life.
- 4.39 ICan are also applying to Petteril Panel for £3,860.
- 4.40 The Officer recommendation is £6,839. Following a successful launch of the project this amount is recommended to continue the project.
- 4.41 This application meets the following panel priorities and key themes:
- Public service framework
 - Town and city centre
- 4.42 This application meets the following Cumberland Council Plan priorities:
- Health and Wellbeing

Together We – CCGA/2126-24

- 4.43 Together We are applying for £1,899 against total project costs of £22,098.
- 4.44 Together We have previously received £5,000 of funding from Cumberland council in 2023/24 towards 'Cost of Living' funding, which was directly distributed to their service users.
- 4.45 Together We CIC are a not-for-profit organisation that offers many services across Cumbria, to help people to learn skills to better manage their physical and mental wellbeing. The organisation has four services providing care for people of all ages.
- 4.46 'Together We Carry' has been running for the past two years and has been providing both one-to-one link working and peer groups with professional support. The one-to-one offer supports new mothers and families who are experiencing mental health difficulties and distress, to link with local services to support social connection and improved mental wellbeing. Additionally, the project has co-created peer and professional groups throughout North Cumbria with the intention of increasing provisions to post-natal mental health services and support. The project has been very successful, however there is currently no funding available to continue the project and the organisation are applying to the panel to help bridge the gap, so the service is not lost while longer term funding can be secured.
- 4.47 Project expenditure for the 6-month project and is for staffing costs.
- 4.48 The organisation has applied for 100% of the project delivery costs from 4 Community Panels. They have not applied for any of the ineligible costs, such as venue hire.

- 4.49 The Officer recommendation is £1,899 This figure has been calculated using the postcode data available. There are currently 35 service users in the Carlisle West Community Panel area.
- 4.50 This application meets the following panel priorities and key themes:
- Health and Well Being
 - Public Service Framework

British Liver Trust – CCGA/2119-24

- 4.51 The British Liver Trust are applying for £3,052 against total project costs of £6,052.
- 4.52 The British Liver Trust have not previously received any funding from Cumberland council.
- 4.53 The British Liver Trust is the UK's only charity for all liver conditions and liver cancer. The organisation aims to achieve real change in liver health through:
- Providing information and support to empower those affected.
 - Increasing awareness of liver disease and its risk factors.
 - Campaigning for earlier detection and better treatment.
 - Working in partnership to support research and drive-up standards of care.
- 4.54 Liver disease is the 3rd biggest cause of premature death in the UK and although 9 out of 10 cases are preventable, most people get diagnosed too late when treatment options are limited. If diagnosed earlier, liver damage can be reversed and risks can be drastically reduced through diet, exercise and drinking in moderation. Liver disease and liver cancer continue to be falsely labelled as self-inflicted despite being inextricably linked to poverty and social deprivation. Latest figures show that the Northwest of England has a premature mortality rate for liver disease 35% higher than the national average.
- 4.55 The funding would be used to bring a one-day "Love Your Liver" roadshow to Carlisle city centre to improve the liver health of local people and to identify people with signs of early liver damage. At the roadshow we will offer free liver health screening and free liver scans to local people concerned about their liver health. The British Liver Trust also offer support and guidance to all visitors on simple steps they can take to improve their liver health.
- 4.56 Project costs include staffing cost £2,913, materials and stall fees £3,139.
- 4.57 The British Liver Trust have secured a £3,000 grant from the North Cumbria Integrated Care Community (ICC) Health Improvement Fund towards the Love Your Liver Roadshow in Carlisle.
- 4.58 The Officer recommendation is £3,052. This will be a high-profile event in the city centre that fits with the community panel priority of the City Centre and Cumberland Council priority of putting health and wellbeing at the heart of everything we do.
- 4.59 This application meets the following panel priorities and key themes:
- Town and City Centre
- 4.60 This application meets the following Cumberland Council Plan priorities:
- Health and Wellbeing

APPLICATIONS TO THE UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)

- 4.61 All applications presented are compliant with the intervention E35 as described in the guidance. E35 is to be used to fund activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.

Age UK

- 4.62 Age UK are applying for £18,000 in total and are requesting £2,250 from this Community Panel. Given full coverage of Cumberland with this application, applications to the same value will also be presented to the other seven Community Panels.
- 4.63 Although this project is scalable, greater benefits will be achieved through the full-scale delivery of the project.
- 4.64 Age UK will recruit people over the age of 50 who are out of work for a variety of reasons to be age friendly ambassadors. Those targeted, who are out of work, are likely to be so due to ill health and this project will support them with varying skills to get back into employment, but will also address social isolation, increase their resilience, and have a positive impact on their mental health.
- 4.65 They are looking to achieve a minimum of forty volunteering roles across Cumberland.
- 4.66 The officer recommendation is £2,250 from this Community Panel.

Carlisle Matters

- 4.67 Carlisle Matters are applying for £11,731 in total and are requesting £3,911 from this Community Panel. Applications will also be presented to Petteril and Border, Fellside and North Carlisle.
- 4.68 Carlisle Matters will deliver a programme of weekly sessions to provide information about the benefit of volunteering, encourage participants to match their individual skills to opportunities and give a greater awareness of the range of volunteering opportunities in and around Carlisle. The programme aims to move all participants into volunteering roles.
- 4.69 The officer recommendation is £3,911 from this Community Panel.

Carlisle Radio FM

- 4.70 Carlisle Radio FM are applying for £6,000 in total and are requesting £2,000 from this Community Panel. Applications will also be presented to Carlisle West and Border, Fellside and North Carlisle for the same amount.
- 4.71 This is towards a project valued at £9,000 and funding of £3,000 has already been achieved. Although this project is scalable, greater benefits will be achieved through the full-scale delivery of the project.
- 4.72 Carlisle Radio FM will support residents in Carlisle and surrounding area to become volunteers at the radio station. These volunteering opportunities will assist vulnerable people (in terms of mental and physical health) to gain future employment. The station relies heavily on volunteers and this project will enable the core team to expand and partially fund a volunteer coordinator.
- 4.73 The officer recommendation is £2,000 from this Community Panel.

Citizens Advice (Carlisle and Eden, Allerdale and Copeland)

- 4.74 Citizens Advice are applying for £50,000 in total as a joint application and the project will be delivered together to reduce administration and training costs and to provide resilience across the project. They are requesting £5,556 from this Community Panel. Given full coverage of Cumberland with this application, applications will also be presented to the other seven Community Panels.
- 4.75 Although this project is scalable, greater benefits will be achieved through the full-scale delivery of the project.
- 4.76 Citizens Advice will utilise the funding to secure additional training supervisor hours to support a new cohort of volunteers. They will target potential volunteers who may not have worked for many years, have given up work due to illness or have long term health conditions. They will offer a wider range of volunteering opportunities including reception duties and administration tasks, service promotion, research, and campaigns to develop into the more traditional information and advice roles.
- 4.77 The officer recommendation is £5,556 from this Community Panel.

Cumbria CVS

- 4.78 Cumbria CVS are applying for £10,000 in total and are requesting £1,250 from this Community Panel. Applications of the same value will also be presented to the other seven Community Panels.
- 4.79 This is towards a project valued at £20,000 and funding of £10,000 has already been achieved. Although this project is scalable, greater benefits will be achieved through the full-scale delivery of the project.
- 4.80 Cumbria CVS will develop and provide a package of support to those participants not currently in the labour market across Cumberland. This will include workshops, support, and social action days in a bid to improve individuals' confidence and social skills and reduce social isolation.
- 4.81 The officer recommendation is £1,250 from this Community Panel.

Cumbria Youth Alliance

- 4.82 Cumbria Youth Alliance are applying for £39,950 in total and are requesting £4,995 from this Community Panel. Applications of the same value will also be presented to the other seven Community Panels.
- 4.83 Cumbria Youth Alliance will re-engage up to 30 young people in work focused activities, confidence building sessions, education, and training. These will equip young people with the skills, resources and support needed for the transition into employment or further education.
- 4.84 The officer recommendation is £4,995 from this Community Panel.

Growing Well – Tebay

- 4.85 Growing Well are applying for £9,911 in total and are requesting £2,478 from this Community Panel. Applications will also be presented to Fells and Solway, Patteril, and Border, Fellside and North Carlisle for the same amount.
- 4.86 Growing Well will deliver a programme of structured horticultural activity delivered by expert growers and a clinically lead mental health support team. This application would

support an additional full day for residents in the wider Carlisle area in addition to what is already provided and includes transport.

4.87 The officer recommendation is £2,478 from this Community Panel.

iCan Wellbeing Group

4.88 iCan Wellbeing Group are applying for £9,990 in total and are requesting £3,330 from this Community Panel. Applications will also be presented to Petteril and Border, Fellside and North Carlisle for the same amount.

4.89 This is towards a project valued at £39,990 and funding of £30,000 has already been achieved. Although this project is scalable, greater benefits will be achieved through the full-scale delivery of the project.

4.90 iCan Wellbeing Group will provide a programme which will springboard those who are unemployed to get back to work by helping to overcome barriers. They use an innovative and holistic approach to employability which increases overall wellbeing for individuals and raises aspirations.

4.91 The officer recommendation is £3,330 from this Community Panel.

NADT Pitstop Project

4.92 NADT are applying for £37,960 in total for this project and £4,745 from this Community Panel. Given full coverage of Cumberland with this application, applications to the same value will also be presented to the other seven Community Panels.

4.93 Although this project is scalable, greater benefits will be achieved through the full-scale delivery of the project.

4.94 NADT will deliver a previously piloted Pitstop programme which is designed for young people aged up to 25 who experience personal, emotional, social, or educational barriers. The scheme runs from Cumbria's first large scale studio-based film production company in Carlisle but is available to young people across Cumberland to help overcome transport as a barrier.

4.95 The officer recommendation is £4,745 from this Community Panel.

Steps to Success

4.96 The Council's People Management Steps to Success Team are applying for £23,000 in total and are requesting £7,000 from this Community Panel. Applications will also be presented to Border, Fellside and North Carlisle, Petteril and Workington Together.

4.97 Although this project is scalable, greater benefits will be achieved through the full-scale delivery of the project.

4.98 The Steps to Success Project Team will implement a volunteering and work experience programme within Cumberland Council to encourage people to apply to work for the Council across a variety of roles and to do this by engaging, inspiring and motivating those in long-term unemployment.

4.99 The officer recommendation is £7,000 from this Community Panel.

Triple A Project (All About Autism)

- 4.100 Triple A are applying for £1,569 in total and are requesting £196 from this Community Panel. Applications of the same value will also be presented to the other seven Community Panels.
- 4.101 This is towards a project valued at £11,420 and funding of £9,851 has already been achieved. Although this project is scalable, greater benefits will be achieved through the full-scale delivery of the project.
- 4.102 Triple A will provide accessible, expert advice and support to people with autism to find volunteer and employment opportunities. The funding will be used to pay for specialist mentors who will support individuals.
- 4.103 The officer recommendation is £196 from this Community Panel.

Yewdale Community Centre

- 4.104 Yewdale Community Centre are applying for £4,000 in total and are requesting the full amount from this Community Panel.
- 4.105 Yewdale Community Centre will offer a series of digital skills sessions to support people to learn new skills for employment. Some of the funding will be used to purchase tablets to support this. They will also offer volunteer and work experience opportunities at the Community Centre including gardening, basic maintenance, walk leader training as examples.
- 4.106 The officer recommendation is £4,000 from this Community Panel.

Neighbourhood Investment Plan

- 4.107 Since the last meeting, the following progress has been made (**Appendix 1**):
- Operation Respect event was held on 23 July 24
 - Continuation of collaborative working with Riverside Housing Association on a local plan for Raffles
 - Supporting the council's property team on the community centre leases

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 2024/25 is £0.727m which is allocated to fund the 8 Community Panels.
- 5.7 The 2024/25 budget allocation to the Carlisle West Community Panel is £0.126m
- 5.8 Approval is sought to agree a proposed funding allocation of £0.023m. This is in addition to £0.061m already allocated.
- 5.9 It is recommended that the funding allocation is approved as it is within the confines of the available remaining 2024/25 budget as shown in the table below:

Carlisle West Community Panel - NIV000001		
2024/25 Budget Allocation		£126,430.00
Minus Approved Investments:	CCGA 2102-24	-9,000.00
	CCGA 2100-24	-28,700.00
	CCGA 2105-24	-7,400.00
	CCGA 2074-24	-5,000.00
	CCGA 2075-24	-6,000.00
	CCGA 2073-24	-1,334.00
	CCGA 2098-24	-1,440.00
	CCGA 2038-24	-2,000.00
Minus proposed investments:	CCGA 2146-24	-5,214.00
	CCGA 2142-24	-3,000.00
	CCGA 2141-24	-3,172.00
	CCGA 1223-24	-6,839.00
	CCGA 2126-24	-1,889.00
	CCGA 2119-24	-3,052.00
Balance of budget remaining:		£42,390.00

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Impact Assessments

- 5.10 An assessment has not been completed.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Neighbourhood Investment Plan