



Constituency Committee - Wirral West

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| Date: | Thursday, 30 June 2016 |
| Time: | 7.00 pm |
| Venue: | St Michael & All Angels Church, 1 Gills Lane, Pensby, Wirral CH61 1AF |

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AGENDA

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016-17**

2. **APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

3. **MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

4. **MINUTES** **(Pages 1 - 14)**

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2016.

5. **CONSTITUENCY MANAGER'S PROGRESS REPORT**
(Pages 15 - 28)

30 minutes will be allocated for this item / discussion.

6. **2016-17 CONSTITUENCY BUDGET ALLOCATION**
(Pages 29 - 32)

15 minutes will be allocated for this item / discussion.

7. COMMUNITY QUESTION TIME

1 hour will be allocated for questions from the community.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To consider any other items of business that the Chair accepts as being urgent.

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 6 October 2016

CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE - WIRRAL WEST

Thursday, 11 February 2016

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| <u>Present:</u> | Councillor | JE Green (Chair) | |
| | Councillors | J Hale | M Patrick |
| | | E Boulton | L Reecejones |
| | | P Brightmore | T Smith |
| | | D Burgess-Joyce | M Sullivan |
| | | W Clements | G Watt |
| | | D Elderton | S Whittingham |
| | | G Ellis | |
| <u>Also Present</u> | | J Hall MBE | John Smith |
| <u>Apologies</u> | Councillors | T Anderson | |

71 members of the public were in attendance. Percentage by ward of those who had signed in were as follows:

Greasby, Frankby & Irby - 8%
Hoylake & Meols – 23%
Pensby & Thingwall – 2%
West Kirby & Thurstaston – 32%
Upton – 15%

Moreton West & Saughall Massie – 6%
Oxton & Prenton – 2%
Bromborough & Eastham – 3%
Bidston & St James – 3%
New Brighton & Wallasey – 2%

Other Local Authority Area - 4%

26 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to consider whether they had any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

No such declarations were made.

27 MINUTES

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2015 be approved

28 **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Chair agreed to vary the order of business and opted to take public questions regarding Girtrell Court first.

29 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - BUDGET PROPOSAL: CLOSURE OF GIRTRELL COURT**

The Chair invited questions from Members of the public regarding matters in relation to the budget option to close Girtrell Court, a respite breaks facility located in Wallasey Constituency.

- A resident addressed the Committee to comment on the proposals that had been submitted to users and carers of Girtrell Court Service Users to outline alternative provisions available. He stated how he felt proposals to be wholly inappropriate to meet the needs of his 33 year old son who attends Girtrell Court on a regular basis. He informed Members of the Committee how he felt disheartened and ashamed by some of the proposed alternative provisions, particularly those located in old people's homes.
- A Unison representative then addressed the Committee to outline concerns in relation to levels of redundancies if the proposal were to be agreed. Members heard how there was the potential for 46 redundancies within the service, many of which are high skilled workers. He further commented about his additional concerns regarding the protection of vulnerable people, a top Council priority. He informed Members of the Committee how he felt the Council had taken priority financially, before people's lives. He urged Members of the Cabinet to reject this proposal on 22 February.
- A resident commented on the financial difficulties that the Council face and identified some expenses that he felt the Council had unnecessarily incurred, for example: redundancy packages, the use of consultants and increase in pay of the Chief Executive. He further commented that in light of these expenses, Girtrell Court should be kept open, and that every efforts should be made to protect the service.
- A resident and father of a Girtrell Court Service user came forward with his son to make the Committee aware of the benefits of Girtrell Court and the detrimental impact it would have upon his family if the service were to close. He explained how closing the service would severely affect the quality of life for both him and his son and informed the

Committee that the service is two edged in that it provides carers with a break and a safe and enjoyable environment for people who use the service. He stated that the proposed decision does not offer the level of comfort that is needed for both carers and service users. He urged Cabinet Members to vote against the decision.

- The brother of a regular user of Girtrell Court then passed comment on the excellent service Girtrell Court provides for his sister who is severely disabled. He explained how he felt how he felt the service to be safe and he is confident that his sister received the best care possible at the centre. He expressed grave concern over the proposed alternative provisions and queried whether such options would be safe or have the relevant facilities in place to specifically meet his sister's needs. He then passed comment on the inability of some service users to inform family members if they had been receiving ill treatment and re-emphasised the need for safety in any environment.

Graham Hodkinson, Director of Adult Social Services, In response to comments raised, informed residents and Members of the Committee how he is aware of specific needs of many of the service users and has met with many in the past to discuss particular care plans. He reassured residents and Members of the Committee that one to one needs assessment would be undertaken for every person affected by the proposal. He also acknowledged the impact it would have upon staff employed at Girtrell Court and agreed the situation is unsettling for all involved.

He informed the Committee how Girtrell Court is the only care home for adults owned by the Council and that the majority of this type of care across the country is now provided by the independent sector. He explained how the care currently being provided at this facility could be provided by an extensive range of independent providers across the Borough and in the Region. This would offer more choice to people that want different types of support.

Members and Residents then heard, from the Director, how the cost to the Council is £1,500 per week, for every bed occupied at Girtrell Court. He explained that he would still have the equivalent of an average of £1000 per week to spend on alternative types of care but that the Council provided service is relatively very high cost, so the plan is to use the money is available better.

Mr Hodkinson acknowledged that the list of alternative provision submitted to carers and service users did have some gaps and omissions and that not all appropriate services had been listed. He then assured all involved that the Council has a clear duty of care to identify specific needs and that he would not allow for users to be placed elsewhere without a detailed needs assessment.

The Chair then invited Cllrs Whittingham and Smith, Cabinet Members and members of the Constituency Committee to respond to comments raised.

Councillor Smith addressed the Committee to remind Members and residents that the matter is still out for consultation and that no decision would be made until such time whereby every person who uses facilities at Girtrell Court has had a one to one needs assessment.

A Member of the public then addressed the Committee to express concerns that no bookings were being taken at Girtrell Court from March onwards. He stated how he felt this to have meant the decision to be pre - determined.

In response to this comment, Councillor D Elderton a Member agreed that this is a real concern and urged the Committee to recommend to the Cabinet that bookings should continue to be taken

Members then passed comment following questions and subsequent responses and explained their own personal experiences with the work undertaken and services available at Girtrell Court. It was stated that the problem is with not knowing the outcome of the consultation and how a key priority for the Council is the protection of vulnerable people.

It was moved by Councillor Green and duly seconded and

Resolved (9:0:with 6 abstentions) –

(1) That the Wirral West Constituency Committee regard proposed saving options in respect of Girtrell Court to be over optimistic and express concern to the Cabinet regarding the lack of planning and uncertainty regarding alternative provisions to those offered at Girtrell Court; and

(2) the Wirral West Constituency Committee recommend that bookings continue to be taken at Girtrell Court from March onwards until such time that a formal decision has been made.

30 **CONSTITUENCY MANAGER'S PROGRESS REPORT**

A report by the Wirral West Constituency Manager set out:

- Progress and recommendations in relation to activities which are being delivered using the Committee's budget for 2015 – 16;
- Progress in relation to other activities being undertaken by the Wirral West constituency team;
- Items for noting in respect of local issues/ consultations.

The report was presented and reported upon as follows:

Update on areas of expenditure carried over from previous years

The Constituency Manager reported upon the 'Special Places Project,' aimed at celebrating places in all parts of Wirral West which are special to people through the installation of benches. Members heard how responses had been excellent to date and over 30 suggestions had been put forward to the constituency team. The Committee was further informed that the closing date for local people to submit their suggestions as to possible locations for benches is the end of February 2016 and it was proposed that a Wirral West Special Places Panel is convened in March on the basis of one member per ward. The report sought approval for both the implementation of the Panel and for the Panel to be given delegated authority to agree which locations should be selected in conjunction with the Chair.

Members were reminded how the Committee had made £5,000 available for this project and that it was estimated at the outset of the project that this would fund about 10 benches in the constituency area. Members were informed that once the locations have been fully assessed, it may be the case that there is a shortfall in the funding required given installation requirements and the proposals for meeting the shortfall was to ring-fence a maximum of £2,000 from the Committee's environmental budget of £10,000 which had not been allocated to specific projects.

The Committee were then asked to note that the budget previously allocated to the Stay, Safe, Warm and Well Project had now been used in its entirety in support of ongoing multi-agency working and the delivery of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service's Emergency Heating Programme.

Anti – Social Behaviour (ASB) Budget

The Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Budget was then reported upon. Members heard how the ASB Panel, as established in September 2015, were involved in ongoing work with relevant officer, partner agencies and community stakeholders and a detailed report would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee were then asked to note how the ASB Panel had authorised an item of expenditure from the £10,000 allocated to Upton Ward (Woodchurch) at a cost of £1,200. Members were informed that this request was made as a result of ASB reports linked to the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Woodchurch which appeared to be peaking on Friday and Saturday evenings. Members were then advised how, through the use of the Committee's funding, a targeted intervention had now been put in place to offer sports activities at the MUGA on alternative Fridays and Saturdays during the months of January and February.

Members then heard how a Dispersal Zone was authorised for the area of Hoole Road on 26 January to 27 January and again from 30 January to 31 January. The Dispersal Zone (which could only be authorised for a maximum of 48 hours) gave the police power to take young people home or order people who are causing problems to leave and not return for 48 hours. It was reported that during the period of 26 – 27 January, 9 individuals were given direction to leave the area and that of these 7 were of the target group of young people and the other 2 were street drinkers who had previously caused issues within the area.

Core Constituency Committee Budget (Community Fund)

Members heard how the Community Fund is currently open for applications and the deadline is Friday 26 February 2016. It was then reported how local people would be asked to show their support for eligible projects by participating in a voting survey which will be made available online and in hard copy from 7th – 18th March, and an event will take place on 17th March at West Kirby Library to allow groups to promote their activities and network.

It was proposed that delegated authority is given to Ward Councillors to review the outcomes of the community vote and agree which projects should receive funding within their ward. It was explained that a report on the projects funded would be presented to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, alongside an evaluation of the projects which received Community Fund grants in early 2015 and an evaluation of the Your Wirral projects which received funding in October 2014.

Environmental Budget

The Wirral West Constituency Manager explained how it is proposed that a Wirral West Environmental Panel should be established (on the basis of one member per ward) and given delegated authority in conjunction with the Chair of the Committee to agree expenditure relating to action to address hotspots in the constituency and/or to encourage community involvement in environmental initiatives. It was further proposed that this Panel (when established) gives consideration to using the funding equitably across the five wards.

Members then heard how, in the interim, the constituency team is currently promoting the national anti-litter campaign, 'Clean for the Queen' that is scheduled to take place from 4 – 6 March. It was reported that the aim of the campaign is to acknowledge the Queen's 90th birthday by encouraging groups all over the country to clean up their local area. Details could be found online at www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk and groups can register on this website if they are planning community clean up events in conjunction with the campaign. It was reported that local groups who register would be able to access free clean up packs and advice and support from the Council.

Road Safety Budget

The Committee were asked to note that the overall road safety budget allocation was as follows:

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| 2014 – 2015 Allocation | £77,750 |
| 2015 – 2016 Allocation | £25,000 |
| Total Constituency Allocation | £102,750 |

A table of figures, outlined within the report, detailed how much of the road safety budget had been spent and how much could now be allocated to new schemes. The information was also presented to the Road Safety Panel at its meeting on 26th January 2016, along with an extensive list of possible schemes. It was explained that a ‘Shortlist’ of schemes had been identified by the Panel as requiring further investigation and costing before any final decision can be made as to the allocation of this budget and a Panel will reconvene at a future date with its subsequent recommendations to be reported to the next meeting of this Committee.

The Chair thanked the Constituency Manager and her team for all of the work that had been conducted. He expressed how the work added a large amount of value to this Constituency Committee, in particular the Stay, Safe, Warm and Well Project.

Resolved – That:

- (1) the Committee notes the progress and updates set out in the Constituency Manager’s report;**
- (2) the Committee establishes a Wirral West Special Places Panel on the basis of one member per ward which has delegated authority in conjunction with the Chair to agree locations for the installation of Special benches;**
- (3) the possible shortfall in the Special Places Benches budget is met by ring – fencing a maximum of £2,000 from the Committee’s 2015 – 2016 environmental budget of £10,000;**
- (4) the Committee establishes a Wirral West Environmental Panel on the basis of one member per ward which has delegated authority in conjunction with the Chair to agree expenditure from the remaining environmental budget allocation and that the Environmental Panel gives consideration to allocating this funding equitably across the five wards; and**

(5) the Committee gives delegated authority to ward councillors to agree which projects should be awarded a Community Fund grant following the community vote.

31 UPDATE ON WEST KIRBY FLOOD ALLEVIATION PROPOSALS

The Constituency Manager provided a verbal report to update Members on West Kirby Flood Alleviation Proposals.

The Committee heard how local engagement, so far, had been aimed at providing people with an understanding of:

- The risk of tidal flooding at West Kirby and how that risk might change in future
- The different ways that flood risk can be reduced
- The Council's proposals for reducing flood risk in West Kirby – and the preferred option of a defence structure on the promenade
- How the proposals will be taken forward by the Council, including how the proposals will be funded

It was reported that an information leaflet and feedback form had been produced that people could complete online or at one of three drop – in sessions where Council officers and other partners were able to answer questions. It was further reported that an exhibition had been held at Morrisons and West Kirby Library whereby the leaflet and feedback forms were available for residents. It was explained that residents directly affected by flood risk had been contacted.

The Committee were made aware that 400 responses had been received, largely in favour of the Council taking action to address flood risk and most respondents were in favour of a defence structure set back from the promenade. Some concerns were expressed by residents, as identified within the presentation, regarding a lack of support of a new structure and the need for more information on the matter. In addition, many identified concerns about the impact on the view and on parking.

Next steps were then explained including:

- Further work to finalise appraisal reports, including environmental assessment and an initial 'screening' by Planning;
- Further work with the Environment Agency to secure funding;
- Following this, work can begin on the necessary approvals, including detailed design and statutory planning process; and
- Ongoing work with community and residents – we are very grateful for the input and dialogue so far and we are building on this.

The Wirral West Constituency Manager expressed her thanks to all residents who had partaken in and supported the scheme.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

32 **UPDATES FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Prior to the verbal report by Community Representatives, the Chair took the opportunity to inform the Committee that John Smith had indicated that he would not be applying again for the position of community representative. He thanked John for the service he had provided to the Committee.

The Chair then invited the Community Representatives in attendance to provide a brief update in relation to local issues.

Hoylake and Meols Ward

Jackie Hall MBE informed the Committee that a residents meeting had taken place in November, with a further meeting scheduled for 21 March at Melrose Hall, Hoylake. It was explained that there is real concern with council cuts and how many previously key council roles had now been taken over by volunteers. It was felt that this has had a detrimental impact on the work of community groups as they are now finding they need to raise funds in order to complete tasks.

It was suggested that the 'Clean for the Queen' programme, as detailed earlier in the Constituency Manager's Report, should involve work alongside Network Rail to clean railway embankments.

Greasby, Frankby and Irby Ward

John Smith then addressed the Committee to inform Members of the positive work that is being undertaken in his ward that he described to have galvanised the community. He informed Members that a negative issue had been the uncertainty surrounding the future of the Library and Children's Centre and also that no information had yet been received in response to submitting an expression of interest with regards to the Library.

The Chair thanked Community Representatives for their comments and encouraged residents to consider applying for the position of Community Representative on the Committee.

Resolved – That the comments be noted.

33 **WIRRAL WEST RESIDENT FEEDBACK AND DEVELOPMENT OF CONSTITUENCY BUSINESS CASE**

Kevin MacCallum, Senior Manager: Marketing & Communications reported upon findings from the Council's Residents Survey, commissioned by IPSOS Mori in relation to Wirral West Constituency. It was explained how the survey had been conducted as a means to ask people what they need; what they feel about the place, about the council, their families aspirations and what they most feel needs improving in the Borough to make it a better place to live.

It was explained there had been responses from 5,650 resident addresses located in Wirral West Constituency, a 21% response rate. Members were then informed how the data within the survey had been benchmarked against two anonymous nearest neighbours (Council A and Council B), who had completed research during 2015, data was also benchmarked against Darlington and Southend – on –Sea, both of whom are in the top ten closest statistical neighbours to Wirral.

It was reported how the main priorities, for Wirral West Residents were identified as being:

- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Street cleanliness and road maintenance
- Encouraging job creation and skills
- Rubbish collection and recycling
- Support for the vulnerable

Lowest priorities, for Wirral West Residents were identified as follows:

- Housing services
- Sport and recreation facilities
- Parks and countryside
- Libraries, arts and museums
- Services for children & young people

In response to questions from Members, regarding findings of the presentation, the Wirral West Constituency Manager informed the Committee that there is currently work being undertaken on the development of a constituency business case as well as a constituency plan. The plan would be in line with priorities identified as being key for Wirral West residents

Resolved – That the report be noted.

34 **GOLF RESORT - FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

David Ball, Head of Regeneration and Planning, provided the Committee with an update on feedback received from the public consultation on the proposed Golf Resort.

It was reported that two drop in sessions were held in Hoylake and West Kirby for local residents in November and December 2015. Both sessions had a high turnout and 600 representations and comments were received as a result. It was explained how, 70% of respondents had either been in full support of the development, or supportive with some reservations, 29% of those consulted did not support the development at all. All comments were made available on the council's website.

The Committee heard how over coming months, the detailed technical phase of the planning would begin and would involve work alongside ecological and environmental services. It was then explained how, following this phase of the development the proposal would be shared and consulted upon with local residents. It would then be 16 – 18 months before the application, in its entirety, would formally go through the planning process and if approved by the Planning Committee, the matter would then need to be referred to the Secretary of State for a decision, as the proposed development is located in green belt land.

In a response to a question raised by a Member, the Head of Regeneration and Planning clarified that the process is anticipated to take around two years before any development would commence.

The Chair thanked the Head of Regeneration and Planning for his report and acknowledged how there remain to be many technical issues to resolve.

Resolved – that the presentation be noted.

35 **COMMUNITY QUESTION TIME**

The Chair invited questions from members of the public upon matters that were relevant to the Wirral West Constituency.

- A resident, referring to an earlier item, asked the Head of Regeneration and Planning how many responses had been received to the public consultation on the Golf Resort and commented how he had found this morning there had been 476 responses listed on the website. He further commented that it was his contention that the levels of support outlined by the Head of Regeneration and Planning were inaccurate and did not correspond to the responses as listed on the website.

- The Head of Regeneration and Planning informed that to date there had been 600 responses received following the consultation drop in sessions. He explained that personal information had been redacted before published on the website and consultees had been asked to state whether they were a) in full support, b) supportive with some reservations or c) unsupportive. He commented how he firmly believed that the figures presented to the committee were accurate and that information published on the website is fully transparent.
- A resident then asked the Head of Regeneration and Planning if local labour would be used to develop the Golf Resort.
 - The Chair commented that there is no guarantee that the development will go ahead
 - The Head of Regeneration and Planning then clarified, that, if the development were to be approved, then the Council would work with the Developer to aim to ensure that local labour is utilised.
- A resident passed comment about the location of Upton Ward and her perception that this ward is inappropriately placed in the Wirral West Constituency. She raised concerns, that due to the differing nature and demographic of this ward, residents needs are not being identified.
 - The Chair identified the excellent work undertaken by the three ward Councillors for the ward.
 - A Member explained how it is not in the remit of this Committee to decipher constituency boundaries, however, in the future these boundaries may be reviewed.
- A resident requested an update on an issue raised at a previous committee regarding the condition of Hoole Road resurfacing whereby it was stated that the current repair work was 'shoddy'.
 - The Constituency Manager stated that work in the car parking area is still to be completed and she will report back to a future meeting of the Constituency Committee.
 - The Ward Councillor assured the resident that, dependent on weather, the required works will be undertaken.

The Chair thanked all attendees and contributors to the meeting.

36 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Wirral West Constituency Committee is to be confirmed, dependent on the municipal calendar. The meeting scheduled for Thursday 21 April 2016 has been cancelled.

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

30 JUNE 2016

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| SUBJECT: | CONSTITUENCY MANAGER'S PROGRESS REPORT |
| WARD/S AFFECTED: | WARDS WITHIN THE WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ GREASBY, FRANKBY AND IRBY▪ HOYLAKE AND MEOLS▪ PENSBY AND THINGWALL▪ WEST KIRBY AND THURSTASTON▪ UPTON |
| REPORT OF: | CONSTITUENCY MANAGER (WIRRAL WEST) |
| RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER: | CABINET MEMBER – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT |
| KEY DECISION? | NO |

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an update on current projects and activities funded using the Committee's 2015-16 budget allocations and budgets carried over from previous years.
- 1.2 The Constituency Committee's budget allocation of £50,000 for 2016-17 is subject to a separate report.

2.0 CONSTITUENCY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Community Fund (2015-16 core budget allocation)

- 2.1 In relation to the Committee's core budget of £50,000 for 2015-16, the Committee agreed in July 2015 that it would continue with the broad framework previously established in respect of the Community Fund, i.e. £10,000 per ward with an opportunity for local groups to bid for funding (and any remaining monies to be allocated at the discretion of ward councillors).
- 2.2 The deadline for applications to the Community Fund was Friday 26th February 2016. As for previous rounds of the Community Fund, local people were asked to show their support for eligible projects by participating in a widely publicised voting survey which was made available online and in hard copy from 7th March to 18th March. A planned networking and voting event did not take place due to the capacity of the planned venue being insufficient to accommodate the numbers of groups applying.

2.3 Over 2,800 residents placed their vote, representing around 1,000 more people voting than the previous year:

| Ward | Number of Residents Voting | Percentage of Total |
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| Greasby, Frankby and Irby | 521 | 18.86% |
| Hoylake and Meols | 566 | 20.49% |
| Pensby and Thingwall | 261 | 9.45% |
| Upton and Woodchurch | 401 | 14.52% |
| West Kirby and Thurstaston | 521 | 18.86% |
| Rest of Wirral | 492 | 17.81% |
| Not specified | 48 | 1.7% |

2.4 The Committee agreed in February that delegated authority would be given to ward councillors to review the outcomes of the community vote and agree which projects should receive funding in their ward. The outcomes of the voting and projects funded were subsequently published at www.wirral.gov.uk/wirralwest. **Appendix 1** sets out the lists of projects funded by ward, ranked in accordance with the public vote. The total amount of funding allocated by ward was:

| Ward | Total Grants Awarded |
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| Greasby, Frankby and Irby | £8,250.00 |
| Hoylake and Meols | £11,586.48* |
| Pensby and Thingwall | £9,956.37 |
| Upton and Woodchurch | £9,905.00 |
| West Kirby and Thurstaston | £9,594.95 |
| Total | £49,292.80 |

**utilising underspend from previous years for Hoylake and Meols ward*

2.5 As for previous years of the Community Fund, any underspend will be retained for local improvements at the discretion of ward councillors.

Special Places Project (2014-15 Love Wirral budget allocation)

2.6 The Committee agreed at its meeting in February 2015 to use £5,000 of its Love Wirral allocation for 2014-15 to fund the Special Places Project aimed at celebrating places in all parts of Wirral West which are special to local people through the installation of benches. This project was widely promoted with an excellent response. Over 30 suggestions were put forward to the constituency team. The closing date for local people to submit their suggestions as to possible locations for benches was February 2016 and, in line with what was agreed at the last meeting of the Committee, a Wirral West Special Places Panel was convened on the basis of one member per ward to agree which locations should be selected.

2.7 Following the recommendations of the Panel and subsequent work by the constituency team to establish final approvals and costings, the list of locations being taken forward as a priority at the current time is as follows:

- Pump Lane Pond, Greasby;

- Carr Lane Play Area, Hoylake;
- Grove Park, Hoylake;
- Ridgewood Park, Pensby;
- Thingwall Road, Thingwall;
- Outside St Bartholomew’s Church, overlooking the Village Green, Thurstaston;
- Footpath 43, Grange Hill (Lang Lane / Grange Old Road), West Kirby;
- Cubbins Green, West Kirby;
- Hilbre Island;
- Warwick Park, Upton.

2.8 The Committee is asked to note that the Panel was extremely impressed by the quality of suggestions and asked the constituency team to seek alternative sources of funding for a number of other locations on the list. This work is ongoing.

2.9 As noted in 2.6 above, the Committee made £5,000 available for this project and also agree to ring-fence a maximum of £2,000 from the Committee’s environmental budget of £10,000 should there be a funding shortfall. The work that has been done with regards to costing the benches indicates that the project will be delivered within this budget. A further update will be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

Patron’s Lunch Small Grants (2014-15 Love Wirral budget allocation)

2.10 As referred in the Constituency Manager’s report to the Committee in November 2015, the remainder of the Committee’s Love Wirral budget following the Big Picnic event in summer 2015 has been used to encourage Wirral West schools and communities to organise events as part of HM The Queen’s birthday celebrations. Grants of up to £250 were advertised to cover costs such as furniture hire, decorations, food and drink and promotional materials. The high level of interest meant that the maximum grant available was revised to £125 in order to support as many events as possible. Any road closure fees relating to street parties were met by the Council.

2.11 Street parties, lunches and events organised by residents and community groups across all five wards of the constituency were awarded a grant:

| Ward | Location |
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| Greasby, Frankby and Irby | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brookdale Avenue North, Greasby ▪ Irby Methodist Church ▪ Hall Drive, Greasby ▪ Penrhyd Road, Irby |
| Hoylake and Meols | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carr Lane Recreation Area, Hoylake ▪ Fellowship House, Hoylake ▪ Queens Park |
| Pensby and Thingwall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elmwood Drive, Pensby ▪ Nelson Drive, Pensby ▪ The Hope Centre, Pensby ▪ Thingwall Recreation Centre ▪ Whitfield Business Services and local community, Pensby |

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| Upton and Woodchurch | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Salacre Allotments, Upton ▪ St Mary's Church, Upton ▪ Upton Victory Hall |
| West Kirby and Thurstaston | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abbey Road, West Kirby ▪ Burlingham Avenue, West Kirby ▪ Cholmondeley Road, West Kirby ▪ Dawpool Primary School, Thurstaston ▪ Gleggside, West Kirby ▪ Newton Guides |

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (2015-16 ASB allocation)

- 2.12 As previously reported to the Committee, the Council's February 2015 budget made provision for dedicated funding for Constituency Committees to identify actions for tackling issues of ASB.
- 2.13 The Constituency Committee resolved in July 2015 that an ASB Panel would be established (with representation from one member per ward, to be determined by the Committee) to make recommendations about the use of the Committee's budget. The Committee delegated decision-making in respect of this budget to the ASB Panel in conjunction with the Chair of the Committee and agreed that, given that Woodchurch is the constituency hotspot for ASB, the majority of funding (i.e. £10,000) should be utilised in Upton ward but with each ward having some resource to be deployed as necessary (i.e. £5,000 split between the remaining 4 wards).
- 2.14 The Panel met in September 2015 reached a broad agreement on a number of proposals for utilising the Committee's ASB which were set out in the Constituency Manager's report in November last year. A number of projects are now well underway:

Promoting Neighbourhood Watch in Wirral West

- 2.15 The ASB Panel was keen to support the further development of Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the constituency. The constituency team have been working closely with Merseyside Police and the Wirral Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator to take this forward and have supported the delivery of an event at Woodchurch High aimed at community members currently acting as Neighbourhood Watch leaders across Wirral, and anyone interested in becoming a scheme leader. This will now be followed up with a constituency campaign to encourage new schemes and target particular areas and neighbourhoods, taking into account the differences in local circumstances and communities.

Youth Engagement in Woodchurch

- 2.16 In December 2015, the Panel agreed to use £1,200 of the Woodchurch ASB budget to support diversionary activities delivered by the Council's Sports Development team at the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in response to reports of ASB issues around the Carr Bridge Road area. A total of 12 sessions took place across the months of January – March 2016 (and into the first week of April). Sports

Development used their 'sports mobile' to light the MUGA for the sessions. Youth Outreach Workers (working on foot on the estate) signposted young people to the sessions.

- 2.17 The key points of feedback from Sports Development as to the young people who engaging in the sessions are that:
- The age range of young people engaged was 14-19, both male and female;
 - Different groups of young people were evident from week to week, with well over 100 young people engaged in total;
 - Whilst some engaged in the sports activities on offer, many used the session as an opportunity to gather together and socialise;
 - No risk-taking behaviour was observed during the sessions.
- 2.18 Merseyside Police data analysed by the Council's ASB team showed that reports of ASB within the Woodchurch catchment area for the period during which the activities took place were lower than for the same period in 2015. Although no definitive conclusions can be drawn from this initial analysis in terms of the impact of the diversionary activity funded by the Committee, the comparative data and anecdotal feedback from agencies as to the impact on low level ASB on the estate is positive. A business case to fund similar activities over the summer months is therefore being developed for the ASB Panel. The Constituency Manager is also working with community stakeholders and partner agencies to explore other possible diversionary activities which could be delivered at the MUGA location and to develop a plan for this asset in the longer term.

Little Brothers Project

- 2.19 On the basis of the Panel's agreement to use up to a maximum of £5,000 from the ASB budget for early intervention work by children in years 5 and 6 at risk of becoming engaged in ASB / criminal damage and ending up on the police 'radar', the Woodchurch Community Hub at Fender Primary School has developed the Little Brothers Project. The project will be delivered by 4 activity leaders or 'big brothers'. The activity leaders have strong links to the school community and experience of working with young people through sport. These leaders will act as role models - developing positive relationships with male pupils at risk of engaging in ASB, inspiring involvement in a range of health and fitness and learning activities and providing guidance and support.
- 2.20 The Committee's ASB funding will be used for a programme of activities to be delivered on a sessional basis outside of core school hours. The programme will include:
- Health, fitness and well-being – e.g. Box Clever, team building, football including referee training, gym and circuit training, badminton, tennis, volleyball, tag rugby and hockey;
 - Learning linked to the national curriculum;
 - Community weeks in conjunction with Merseyside Police, e.g. clean ups, fundraising and intergenerational activities involving older people.
- 2.21 The project will be underpinned by a strong focus on respect, choices, managing anger and behaviour and will involve parents throughout. It is anticipated that up to

20 pupils will be engaged in the programme, with the average participation being between 12-16 pupils per session. Appropriate incentives and rewards linked to progress and achievement will be identified to take place over the summer holiday period, supported by the activity leaders and delivered at limited cost given the leaders' links to sports clubs and facilities, e.g. Saturday boxing club and attendance at local league football matches. It is also planned to introduce a friend night as part of the programme and hold tournaments in order to encourage positive relationships and behaviours with a wider cohort of young people.

Environmental Budget (2015-16 allocation)

- 2.22 As reported previously to the Committee, at its meeting on 24th February 2015 Council allocated £40,000 to support communities to help clean up their neighbourhoods (£10,000 for each constituency area). It was agreed at the last meeting of the Constituency Committee that an Environmental Panel should be established (on the basis of one member per ward) and given delegated authority in conjunction with the Chair of the Committee to agree expenditure relating to action to address hotspots in the constituency and/or to encourage community involvement in environmental initiatives. It was also agreed that £2,000 of this budget would be ring-fenced to meet the delivery costs of the Special Places budget should this be required, leaving £8,000 available to allocate to environmental initiatives.
- 2.23 Given that it has not been possible to convene the Environmental Panel to date, it is suggested that the Constituency Manager consults with members of the Committee on developing a proposal to use the budget for a Wirral West 'Neat Streets' project focused on the constituency's key shopping / retail areas (i.e. West Kirby Town Centre, Upton Village, Irby Village, Greasby Village, Market Street, Hoylake, Pensby Road and Woodchurch – Hoole Road / Eltham Green). The aims of the project would be to:
- Work with local businesses and community groups to engage them in the campaign, with a focus on the use of social media;
 - Undertake an audit of environmental issues at these locations and work with the Waste and Recycling team to tackle these using the budget available and any additional resources secured through working with local businesses and other partners and;
 - As part of the campaign, to identify and introduce localised, small scale behaviour change initiatives where possible.

Road Safety Budget

- 2.24 A detailed report to the Committee in November 2015 set out the position in respect of the Constituency Committee's 2015-16 Integrated Transport Block (road safety) budget allocation (including 2014-15 underspend). The Committee resolved that the Road Safety Panel established in 2014 to make recommendations about the 2014-15 allocation should reconvene to identify how the funding available might be allocated to local schemes and that decision making in respect of the budget should be delegated to the Panel in conjunction with the Chair of the Committee.
- 2.25 Following a meeting of the Road Safety Panel on 26th January 2016, work has been ongoing with colleagues in Regeneration and Environment to collate the information

requested by the Panel in respect of a 'shortlist' of schemes. The Panel will meet as soon as practicably possible to agree its recommendations as to which schemes should be funded using the remaining road safety budget (amounting to £40,879).

3.0 RISKS

3.1 A detailed risk assessment has been developed to support the constituency working approach.

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4.1 This report sets out activities undertaken in relation to actions agreed by the Committee, all of which have been progressed with due consideration to a range of options.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 Consultation is undertaken with the members of the Constituency Committee as to the development and operation of the Committee. Ongoing consultation with the local community as to issues for the area is a clear objective of the constituency working approach.

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6.1 The constituency working approach has positive implications for voluntary, community and faith groups in Wirral West.

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7.1 The activities set out in this report are being delivered via existing resources and utilising the constituency budget as determined by the Committee.

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8.1 There are no legal implications relating to the activities set out in this report.

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9.1 An impact review relating to neighbourhood working can be found at the link below: <http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/community-and-living/equality-diversity-cohesion/equality-impact-assessments/eias-2010/chief-executives>

10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no direct carbon reduction implications relating to this report.

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no direct planning and community safety implications relating to this report.

12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the progress and updates set out in the Constituency Manager's report.

13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 In order to ensure that actions requested by the Committee are being progressed as required.

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CONSTITUENCY MANAGER'S PROGRESS REPORT - APPENDIX 1

WIRRAL WEST COMMUNITY FUND 2016

GRANT AWARDS – GREASBY, FRANKBY AND IRBY

| Ranking (based on votes from Greasby, Frankby and Irby residents) | Project | Grant Award |
|--|---|--------------------|
| 1st | Coronation Park Playground Improvements (Greasby Association: Friends of Coronation Park Playground) | £1,000.00 |
| 2nd | Greasby Christmas Lights (Greasby Community Association) | £1,000.00 |
| 3rd | Green and Blooming Greasby Environmental Upkeep (Greasby Community Association) | £750.00 |
| 4th | Green and Blooming Greasby New Planters (Greasby Community Association) | £900.00 |
| 5th | The Greasby Messenger (Greasby Community Association) | £1,000.00 |
| 6th | Irby Library Improvements (Friends of Irby Library) | £1,000.00 |
| 7th | Celebrate Greasby Day (Greasby Community Association) | £1,000.00 |
| 8th | Greasby Allotments Improvements (Greasby Allotment Holders and Gardeners Association) | £1,000.00 |
| 9th | Irby Cricket Club Improvements | £600.00 |

WIRRAL WEST COMMUNITY FUND 2016

GRANT AWARDS – HOYLAKES AND MEOLS

| Ranking (based on votes from Hoylake and Meols residents) | Project | Grant Award |
|---|---|-------------|
| 1 st | Hoylake and Meols in Bloom Events Equipment | £963.51 |
| 2 nd | Decorating Hoylake JFC's Pavilion | £1,000.00 |
| 3 rd | A Garden at the Parade | £1,000.00 |
| 4 th | Parade Gardens Seaside 'Grasses Bed' Wall Renovation (Hoylake and Meols in Bloom) | £400.00 |
| 5 th | Lighting the Parade | £500.00 |
| 6 th | Heating the Melrose Club | £1,000.00 |
| 7 th | St Hildeburgh's War Memorial and Community Woodland Walk | £1,000.00 |
| 8 th | St Luke's Food and Friends Lunch Club | £1,000.00 |
| 9 th | Festival of Firsts Community Participation Project, Hoylake Carnival Parade | £1,000.00 |
| 10 th | Hilbre Scout Group HQ Improvements | £975.00 |
| 11 th | Young at Heart at St John the Baptist | £829.97 |
| 12 th | Parade Gardens Replacement Murals (Hoylake and Meols in Bloom) | - |
| 13 th | Queens Park Seating Improvements (HAWK Bowling Club) | £500.00 |
| 14 th | Festival of Firsts Community Participation Project, Children's Festival | - |
| 15 th | Queens Park Bowling Green Picket Fence (HAWK) | - |
| 16 th | Shelter for Hoylake Marine Bowls Club | £500.00 |
| 17 th | Hoylake Summer Beach Volleyball | £418.00 |
| 18 th | The Iris Programme Equipment | £200.00 |
| 19 th | Advertising for Hoylake Model Boat Club | £300.00 |

WIRRAL WEST COMMUNITY FUND 2016

GRANT AWARDS – PENSBY AND THINGWALL

| Ranking (based on votes from Pensby and Thingwall residents) | Project | Grant Award |
|---|--|--------------------|
| 1st | Pensby Library Volunteers | £989.37 |
| 2nd | Pensby Community Christmas Meal (Pioneer People) | £500.00 |
| 3rd | Pensby Recreational Centre Refurbishment | £1,000.00 |
| 4th | Pensby Library Audio Book Project (Friends of Pensby Library) | £1,000.00 |
| 5th | Comfortable Seating for Pensby Library (Friends of Pensby Library) | £996.00 |
| 6th | Thingwall Recreation Centre Electrical Repairs and Refurbishment | £220.00 |
| 7th | Training, Experience and Awareness Around Children's Mental Health (the TEACH Programme) – Sunrise Play Therapy | £1,000.00 |
| 8th | Carers Get Together Outings | £901.00 |
| 9th | Pensby Family Funday (Pioneer People) | £500.00 |
| 10th | Shedheads Community Workshop Equipment (Pioneer People) | £1,000.00 |
| 11th | Carers Get Together Christmas Party | £350.00 |
| 12th | Barnstondale Centre Sports Equipment | £1,000.00 |
| 13th | Thingwall Bowling Club Irrigation Project | £500.00 |

WIRRAL WEST COMMUNITY FUND 2016

GRANT AWARDS – UPTON

| Ranking (based on votes from Upton residents) | Project | Grant Award |
|--|---|--------------------|
| 1st | Holy Cross Parish Church Cooker and Dry Rot Repairs | £1,000.00 |
| 2nd | Holy Cross Parish Church Jubilee Rooms Refreshment | £1,000.00 |
| 3rd | Young Farmers Experience (Woodchurch High School Farm) | £783.00 |
| 4th | Upton Victory Hall Kitchen Refurbishment | £1,000.00 |
| 5th | Upton Victory Hall Room 1 Project | £500.00 |
| 6th | Growing 4 Life (Woodchurch High School Farm) | £1,000.00 |
| 7th | Upton Victory Hall Storage Improvements | - |
| 8th | Upton and Woodchurch Community Coaching Hub (Metaneo CIC) | £880.00 |
| 9th | Upton Victory Hall Chairs | - |
| 10th | Mucky Business at Salacre Allotments | £200.00 |
| 11th | Making Friends and Changing Lives (Woodchurch Community Hub based at Fender Primary) | £1,000.00 |
| 12th | HYPE on Tour | £1,000.00 |
| 13th | Salacre Spills the Beans (Salacre Allotments) | £342.00 |
| 14th | Gearing up for Crafts (Upton craft oriented group) | £600.00 |
| 15th | Flourish @ Ford Way (Ford Way Project) | £600.00 |

WIRRAL WEST COMMUNITY FUND 2016

GRANT AWARDS – WEST KIRBY AND THURSTASTON

| Ranking (based on votes from West Kirby and Thurstaston residents) | Project | Grant Award |
|---|---|--------------------|
| 1st | West Kirby Christmas Lights | £1,000.00 |
| 2nd | Ashton Park Interpretative Boards | £1,000.00 |
| 3rd | Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Manikins (Calday Grange Swimming Pool Trust) | £452.00 |
| 4th | Autism Together New Surfaced Trail at Wirral Country Park | £984.95 |
| 5th | West Kirby Messenger Community Magazine | £1,000.00 |
| 6th | Beyond Recovery Group (Wirral West Voices) at West Kirby United Reformed Church | £1,000.00 |
| 7th | West Kirby Methodist Church Community Activities IT Support | £800.00 |
| 8th | West Kirby Arts Centre Community Event Resources | £958.00 |
| 9th | Autism Together Woodland Oasis at Wirral Country Park | £1,000.00 |
| 10th | West Kirby and Wasps FC Fun For All Football Festivals | £1,000.00 |
| 11th | Wirral Community Orchestra Percussion Project | £400.00 |

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

30TH JUNE 2016

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| SUBJECT: | CONSTITUENCY BUDGET 2016-17 |
| WARD/S AFFECTED: | WARDS WITHIN THE WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GREASBY, FRANKBY AND IRBY ▪ HOYLAKE AND MEOLS ▪ PENSBY AND THINGWALL ▪ WEST KIRBY AND THURSTASTON ▪ UPTON |
| REPORT OF: | CONSTITUENCY MANAGER (WIRRAL WEST) |
| RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER: | CABINET MEMBER – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT |
| KEY DECISION? | NO |

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

1.1 This report sets out considerations in respect of taking forward the Committee’s core budget for 2016-17, i.e. assessing the impact of the Committee’s core budget (Community Fund) to date. The report also makes suggestions for further improving the Community Fund should the Committee agree to again allocate its core budget on the same basis.

2.0 ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF THE COMMUNITY FUND

2.1 For the first 3 years of its operation, the Constituency Committee has invested its core budget of £50,000 into small grants for local groups and organisations to deliver quality of life improvements in each ward, with a maximum grant award of £1,000 for each project. Whilst it is recognised that sustaining and developing the work of larger voluntary organisations through the use of small grants presents challenges, much of the activity which has been funded by the Committee adds value to the core work of smaller community groups. The Community Fund has helped to extend the reach and scope of community organisations and provides an important mechanism for local networks to maximise their resources.

2.2 When groups and organisations apply for a grant from the Community Fund, they are asked to provide information about the total cost of their project. In Year 3, the estimated total cost of all projects equates to £100,000, i.e. double the total amount of Community Fund investment at just under £50,000. This effectively represents a 100% financial return on the Committee’s investment. This does not factor in the social value of the investment, which would help us to further understand the outcomes achieved by groups and organisations using the Committee’s funding.

2.3 To start to demonstrate the impact of the Committee's investment in a way that can be widely shared, it is proposed that a short film is produced (within existing resources) and presented to the next meeting of the Committee and that the opportunity to get involved in making this film is extended to local schools. This will also include the impact of Your Wirral grants awarded in October 2014 and October 2015.

3.0 PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY FUND

3.1 **Timetable** – to ensure that the networking event(s) can take place and that there is sufficient time for consultation and promotion, it is proposed that the timetable is brought forward and that the Fund re-opens in July 2016, with decisions by November 2016. Subject to agreement by the Committee as to this proposal, a detailed timetable will be circulated and published on the Council's website prior to the Fund being launched.

3.2 **Raising awareness of the Committee's contribution** – it is proposed that the Constituency Manager investigates how best to ensure that the contribution of the Committee via the Community Fund is recognised and that this is done within existing resources;

3.3 **Increasing scope for groups and organisations to apply for projects which will take place across ward boundaries** - it is noted that, in respect of the funding allocated on a ward by ward basis, for example Hoylake and Meols and West Kirby and Thurstaston wards where the ward boundary effectively runs through West Kirby centre town, that some projects work across ward boundaries and or benefit residents from neighbouring wards. It is therefore proposed that groups and organisations are allowed to apply across ward boundaries (i.e. to select 2 or more wards as part of the application process) and that the proportionate funding split between wards is calculated accordingly (retaining the maximum allocation of £10,000 for each ward and no more than £1,000 for each project). To mitigate against multiple applications, it is also proposed that, as a general principle, groups will only be eligible to apply for a maximum of 2 projects but with discretion to increase this where there are umbrella organisations in existence which oversee a range of groups and activities;

3.4 **Evaluating the impact** – it is proposed that more thought is given to how the social value of the Community Fund can be evaluated, over and above the individual progress reports that groups and organisations are asked to submit. This can be tested in respect of 2015 Community Funds which have now submitted their project reports, alongside the proposal to develop a short film as set out in 2.3 above, and reported to the next meeting of the Committee in October 2016.

4.0 RISKS

4.1 A detailed risk assessment has been developed to support the constituency working approach.

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13.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended:

13.1 That the Committee agrees to continue with the broad framework now established in respect of the Community Fund, i.e. £10,000 per ward allocated through small grants with an opportunity for residents and communities to show their support for project applications;

13.2 That, in line with the Committee's aspiration of continuous improvement, the process for allocating the Community Fund is improved as set out in Section 3 of this report.

13.3 That any remaining monies from the Community Fund continue to be allocated to local improvements at the discretion of ward councillors, supported by the Constituency Manager.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 In order to ensure that actions requested by the Committee are being progressed as required.

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