

RURAL NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 5
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CAPITAL BUDGET ALLOCATION 2012/13

RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM: Julie Rivett, Neighbourhood Manager (North and West)
<p>That this Neighbourhood Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considers the proposals for allocation of the capital budget of £25,000 for 2012/13; 2. Approves the proposals which will receive an allocation of the budget; 3. Agrees to a reduction in the individual allocations should the approved proposals exceed the £25,000 budget, to be determined by the Neighbourhood Manager. 4. Agrees that the Neighbourhood Manager will be responsible for determining the final detail of the project in consultation with ward councillors and other relevant parties.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for allocating the remaining capital budget for 2012/13 for the Rural North Neighbourhood Committee.

2. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY, COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN AND DELEGATIONS

- 2.1 Neighbourhood Committees should contribute across the full range of Sustainable Community Strategy priorities, which are:
- Creating opportunities – tackling inequalities (Safer / Stronger)
 - Creating strong and supportive communities (Safer / Stronger)
 - Creating the country's environment capital (Greener / Cleaner)
 - Delivering substantial and sustainable growth (Safer / Stronger)
- 2.2 The proposed projects represent interventions that directly support priorities within the Community Action Plan (making Peterborough safer, cleaner, greener and stronger)
- 2.3 This report is for the committee to consider under its delegated executive function 3.13.5, 'to determine the investment of identified and delegated funding to support local priorities contained within the Community Action Plan'.

3. CAPITAL BUDGET ALLOCATION 2012/13

- 3.1 The following projects have been proposed by Members. Approval for each will be subject to the projects being costed within budget. Projects unable to be funded this year will automatically be re-prioritised within the Community Action Plan for future consideration:

The combined estimated cost of the proposed capital projects is as follows:

Glinton and Wittering Ward – Proposed by Cllr Diane Lamb and Cllr John Holdich
Ailsworth – Green Gym Project – £500

This is a grant towards the purchase of some outdoor gym equipment for Ailsworth. The project is supported by the Parish Council and will be part funded by them, Councillors Lamb and

Holdich as part of their Community Leadership fund and through this small grant. The Parish have been working on this project for sometime and the equipment will be sited in the parish's recreation ground. This will meet the needs of as many parishioners as possible from all ages and backgrounds and give access to gym equipment that isn't found anywhere else in the vicinity

Barnack Ward – Proposed by Cllr David Over

Southorpe – Purchase of cycle racks and storage – Approximately £400

A grant to Southorpe Parish Council as a contribution towards the purchase of cycle racks and storage for the use of young people at the school. This is designed to encourage more young people to cycle to school thus benefiting both their health and the environment

Southorpe – Purchase of IT equipment – £500

A grant to Southorpe Parish Council as a contribution towards the purchase IT equipment for the use of young people in the Parish that would not otherwise have access to it

Helpston - Purchase of grasscrete – Approximately £900

A grant to Helpston Parish Council as a contribution towards grasscrete for landscaping purposes. The remainder of the project is to be funded by the Parish Council and the Highways team of Peterborough City Council

Wothorpe – Purchase of IT equipment – Approximately £900

A grant to Wothorpe Parish Council as a contribution towards the purchase IT equipment for the use of young people in the Parish that would not otherwise have access to it

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The final spend recommendations have been discussed with all elected members and Parish Councils, together with relevant service areas that will take on the project management to implement once spends have been fully approved.

5. REASONS

- 5.1 The budget assigned to Neighbourhood Committees was assigned specifically to spend on projects which address priorities from the communities for each Neighbourhood Committee area. To enable the £25K to be spent within this financial year Members were asked to bring forward capital spend projects which helped to meet some of these emerging priorities. This active Member involvement ensures the money is spent on the most appropriate projects to benefit communities.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 Not to spend the money. This would lead to proposed local projects not receiving funding resulting in no benefit to the local area.

7. IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The proposed projects represent interventions that directly support priorities within the Community Action Plan (making Peterborough safer, cleaner, greener and stronger

All proposed projects relate to capital expenditure but may have revenue implications for on-going maintenance. In all cases where this applies, agreement has been made with the respective service area to absorb these costs.

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 If the proposals set out are agreed, the Neighbourhood Manager will be responsible for ensuring the project is delivered and spend is allocated in a timely manner and in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations. A regular monitoring report will be provided for Members to be able to scrutinise progress and measure the impact of the investment.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

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10. APPENDICES

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