

Rural North Neighbourhood Committee	Agenda Item 5
15 December 2011	Financial Report

CAPITAL BUDGET 2011/12 ALLOCATION

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S
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 2011/12; 2. Approves which proposals will receive an allocation of the budget; 3. Agrees to amend the individual allocations should the sum of the agreed projects be over or under the £25,000 budget, to be determined by the Neighbourhood Manager in consultation with the Ward Councillors.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for allocating some of the capital budget of £25,000 for 2011/12 for the Rural North Neighbourhood Committee.
This is an amended report due to an update to the allocation of the Barnack Ward Funding.

2. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND THE SINGLE DELIVERY PLAN

- 2.1 Neighbourhood Committees should contribute to the priorities within the Single Delivery Plan. These are
1. Creating jobs through growth and improved skills and education
 2. Supporting the most vulnerable families and tackling the causes of poverty
 3. Safeguarding adults and children
 4. Helping people and organisations live more healthy and sustainable lives and reducing energy consumption
 5. Empowering people and creating cohesive communities
 6. Reducing crime and tackling anti-social behaviour

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 This capital budget represents a 7th share of the £175,000 outlined in the Medium Term Financial Plan for Peterborough City Council

Terms of Reference apply to all Neighbourhood Committees and Part 3, Section 4.1 (ix) stipulates the responsibility for any delegated funding identified by the Council and to invest that money in ways that support the priorities identified through the community planning process.

Following a series of information gathering and consultative activities with elected Members and Parish Councils, a series of options have been proposed for the allocation of budget for the Neighbourhood Committee in 2011/12. The following sets out the detail of the current proposed list of allocations which members of the Committee are now asked to consider.

The cost of each project is estimated

- Eye and Thorney Ward - £2500 contribution towards much needed improvement works to the pavement and grass verge outside the village shop. The works will include creating a continuation of the existing steps. The total cost of the project is £7,500 of which Thorney Parish Council have secured the remainder of the funds.

- Northborough Ward - £1,500 towards the creation of a disabled parking bay at Maxey Village Hall. The contribution will also assist with the installation of handrails, signage and surface treatment. The remainder will be met by the Community Association.
- Glinton and Wittering Ward - £3,500 to purchase new street name plates across the nine villages.
- Glinton and Wittering Ward - £1,500 towards the purchase of speed awareness signs for wheelie bins across all villages
- Newborough Ward - £2,500 contribution towards structural improvement works at Peakirk Village Hall. The works will help to ensure the Hall is compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act through a series of relatively easy and inexpensive modifications, identified by Peterborough Disability Forum and Cambridge ACRE, designed to help make the Hall more accessible for all members of the community.
- Newborough Ward – £2,500 contribution towards structural works to the new Community Sports Pavilion at Newborough. The whole project will provide a ‘hub’ for the community and sports groups.
- Barnack Ward – Contribution towards IT and activity equipment for young people in Wothorpe £900
- Barnack Ward – Contribution towards projection equipment for the village hall and a village permanent notice board £900
- Barnack Ward – Contribution towards fencing, gating and equipment for environmental projects lead by the Langdyke Countryside Trust for rural areas £2300

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Each of the 5 wards represented in the Rural North Neighbourhood Council area will nominate capital expenditure of up to £5000 in their ward (£25,000 across the whole Neighbourhood Committee area) which meets a priority in the Single Delivery Plan.

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

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation has been carried out with elected Members and with all Parishes who are represented by co-opted Members as part of the Rural North Neighbourhood Committee. Parishes have consulted with their members.

6. NEXT STEPS

- 6.1 If the proposals set out are agreed, the Neighbourhood Manager will be responsible for ensuring 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.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 7.1 N/A

8. APPENDICES

N/A