

West Devon Overview and Scrutiny Committee



West Devon
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Council

Title:	Agenda														
Date:	Tuesday, 4th August, 2020														
Time:	2.00 pm														
Venue:	Remote Meeting -Skype														
Full Members:	<p style="text-align: center;">Chairman Cllr Ewings Vice Chairman Cllr Kimber</p> <p><i>Members:</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Cllr Bolton</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Cllr Moyse</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Coulson</td> <td>Cllr Musgrave</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Crozier</td> <td>Cllr Ratcliffe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Daniel</td> <td>Cllr Southcott</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Heyworth</td> <td>Cllr Spettigue</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Hipsey</td> <td>Cllr Wood</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Kemp</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Cllr Bolton	Cllr Moyse	Cllr Coulson	Cllr Musgrave	Cllr Crozier	Cllr Ratcliffe	Cllr Daniel	Cllr Southcott	Cllr Heyworth	Cllr Spettigue	Cllr Hipsey	Cllr Wood	Cllr Kemp	
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Interests – Declaration and Restriction on Participation:	Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest not entered in the Authority's register or local non pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda (subject to the exception for sensitive information) and to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on an item in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.														
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- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes** **1 - 6**
Committee Meeting held on 23 June 2020
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
Members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting.

If Councillors have any questions relating to predetermination, bias or interests in items on this Agenda, then please contact the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.
- 4. Items Requiring Urgent Attention**
To consider those items which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered by the Meeting as matters of urgency
- 5. Public Forum** **7 - 8**
A period of up to 15 minutes is available to deal with issues raised by the public.
- 6. Hub Committee Forward Plan** **9 - 14**
If any Member seeks further clarity, or wishes to raise issues regarding any future Hub Committee agenda item, please contact Member Services before **5.00pm on Thursday, 30 July 2020** to ensure that the lead officer(s) are aware of this request in advance of the meeting.
- 7. A386 Transport Infrastructure - Verbal Update**
- 8. Rural Broadband Provision - Verbal Update**
- 9. Member Locality Fund Review** **15 - 22**
- 10. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/20**
- 11. Task and Finish Group Updates (if any)**
- 12. Draft Annual Work Programme 2020/21** **23 - 24**

13. Member Learning and Development Opportunities Arising from this Meeting

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Agenda Item 2

At a Meeting of the **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Kilworthy Park, Drake Road, **TAVISTOCK** on **TUESDAY** the **23rd** day of **JUNE 2020** at **12 noon**.

Present: Cllr M Ewings – Chairman
Cllr P Kimber – Vice-Chairman

Cllr T Bolton	Cllr A Coulson
Cllr P Crozier	Cllr L Daniel
Cllr S Hipsey	Cllr C Kemp
Cllr D Moyse	Cllr R Musgrave
Cllr B Ratcliffe	Cllr T Southcott
Cllr J Spettigue	Cllr L Wood

Strategic Leadership Team
Head of Strategy and Projects
Head of Housing, Revenue & Benefits
Monitoring Officer
Head of Communications
Business Manager (Case Management)
Democratic Services Manager

Also in Attendance: Cllrs R Cheadle, C Edmonds, N Jory, T Leech, J Moody, C Mott, T Pearce, L Samuel and J Yelland

***O&S 88 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

In light of the recent changes in the political composition of the Council (Minute CM 95 refers), the Chairman wished to welcome Cllrs Crozier and Hipsey to their first meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee since their respective appointments. In addition, the Chairman wished to thank Cllrs Ball and Ridgers for their service and contributions to the Committee prior to becoming Members of the Audit Committee.

***O&S 89 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence for this meeting were received from Cllr N Heyworth

***O&S 90 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 25 February 2020 were confirmed by the Meeting as a true and correct record.

***O&S 91 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members and officers were invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of this meeting but there were none made.

***O&S 92 PUBLIC FORUM**

The Chairman informed that no formal requests had been received in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

***O&S 93 DRAFT HUB COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN**

It was noted that no prior requests had been received for updates on any future Hub Committee agenda items at this meeting.

***O&S 94 DRAFT ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21**

The Committee considered its draft Annual Work Programme for 2020/21 and, in discussion, reference was made to an additional Committee meeting. The Chairman advised that, since the next scheduled Committee meeting (to be held on 1 September) would be focusing on the Draft Recovery and Renewal Plan and the Draft Amended Budget 2020/21, she had requested that an additional Committee meeting be scheduled to be held on 4 August 2020.

In terms of agenda items to be considered at the additional meeting, it was agreed that the following should be included:

- an update on rural broadband provision. At the request of the Committee, it was agreed that a meeting of the Rural Broadband Working Group would be held in the upcoming weeks, with the outcome of this meeting being reported to the next Committee meeting;
- an update on the A386 Transport infrastructure provision; and
- the Committee draft Annual Report for 2019/20.

O&S 95 CORONAVIRUS (COVID – 19) RESPONSE AND DRAFT RENEWAL AND RECOVERY PLAN

The Committee was presented with a report that summarised the work undertaken by the Council in delivering a highly effective response to the challenges of the Covid-19 Pandemic. In addition, the report also outlined some initial thoughts with regard to the challenges that the Council would face and provide an initial opportunity for Members to input to the way forward.

At this point, the Chairman informed that it was her intention for the meeting to first consider the Response element of the agenda item before then providing some initial thoughts on the draft Renewal and Recovery Plan.

(a) Response

In the ensuing debate, the following points were raised:

- (i) A number of Members commended the work of the Community Response Team that had been formed in response to the Pandemic. Members found the initiative to have been very useful and a model that could be adapted in the draft Renewal and Recovery Plan, with town and parish council representatives also becoming involved.

In respect of the relationship between town and parish councils and the Borough Council, it was acknowledged that this had been varied during the Pandemic. Whilst some town and parish councils had been heavily engaged with the Borough Council, other councils had unfortunately been very passive and this had been to the detriment of their local communities. In such instances, it was recognised that local Ward Members had a key role to play in ensuring that all town and parish councils were engaged with the Borough Council;

- (ii) With regard to the £69,000 that had been secured from Devon County Council (DCC) towards the provision of emergency financial assistance to residents, officers committed to circulating a copy of the DCC Policy that set out the criteria for funding to be allocated;
- (iii) A Member referred back to the earlier request for the Committee to receive an update on Rural Broadband provision (Minute *O&S 94 above refers) and emphasised the importance of good connectivity (e.g. mobile phone signal and Broadband provision) during these difficult times;
- (iv) A number of tributes were paid to the work of the Council and its officers and Members during the Pandemic. Several examples of officers and Members going the extra mile to maintain service delivery were highlighted to the meeting and particular credit was paid to those officers who had been involved in the payment of Discretionary Grants to local businesses;
- (v) By way of an update, it was noted that an all Member Leisure Briefing was to be held at the Informal Council session to be held on 1 June 2020;
- (vi) The meeting was informed that the Council operated a very flexible way of working and those staff with school aged children could use the flexitime scheme to help manage their caring responsibilities during the school holidays;
- (vii) The Section 151 Officer provided an update on the financial position and made specific reference to:

- a. the decision-making cycle for an amended Budget for 2020/21. Members were informed of the intention for a draft Budget setting Workshop to be held during August, before a draft amended Budget was then considered by:
 - the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting to be held on 1 September 2020;
 - the Hub Committee meeting to be held on 15 September 2020; and
 - the Full Council meeting to be held on 22 September 2020;
- b. Central Government listening to the financial plight being faced by District Councils and the latest information being that a comprehensive package was to be announced imminently; and
- c. the latest financial situation for the Council being set out in the Budget Monitoring Report that was to be presented to the Hub Committee meeting on 30 June 2020.

(b) Draft Recovery and Renewal Plan

In providing some initial thoughts on the draft Renewal and Recovery Plan, the Committee made particular reference to:

General Thoughts:

- There was a need to recognise that Health and Wellbeing underpinned each of the Plan Themes and should be given significant prominence in the Plan;
- A Member questioned whether climate and environmental factors were so significant that they merited their own standalone theme; and
- The view was also expressed that the Plan needed to anticipate the potential for a 'Local Lockdown'.

Residents Theme:

- Members highlighted the need to identify those vulnerable persons who may have been missed or overlooked during the Pandemic. As a potential solution, the ability to create a Register for vulnerable persons to sign up to was questioned;
- The role of the Council in supporting Food Banks was stated; and
- The importance of information sharing across partner organisation(s) was also recognised.

Business Theme:

- A number of Members emphasised the importance of the Plan reflecting a renewed urgency to improve the Borough's poor Broadband and Mobile Phone coverage; and
- It was felt that the Plan needed to reflect the anticipated increase in unemployment across the Borough.

Community and Partnerships Theme:

- The Committee reiterated that the Pandemic had presented a unique opportunity for the Council to build strong relationships with its partners (including town and parish councils) and the community;
- The importance of the ability to harness the funding streams that had presented themselves during the Pandemic being reflected in the Plan was recognised;
- Some Members considered there to be a need for proper meaningful funding to be allocated to local Community Groups;
- The view was expressed that the Plan needed to take into account that there were varying levels of capability and capacity within town and parish councils;
- Members considered there to be potential to expand upon the work of the Community Response Team concept. Moreover, the importance of Outreach was highlighted and there was felt to be scope to build upon the role of local Ward Members as community leaders;
- The meeting was of the view that the importance of the Tavistock / Bere Alston rail link and current and future Section 106 projects that supported 'greener' solutions should be reflected in the Plan; and
- Some Members questioned whether the Council's Link Committees should be given added emphasis and/or decision-making powers.

Financial Stability Theme:

- Members stated that the format of previous Budget Setting Workshops had been very well received.

Communications Theme:

- The meeting felt that there was a need to consider improving Public Participation at the formal Member meetings of the Council.

Governance Theme:

- The Committee made reference to the increased number of remote meetings being held and highlighted the potential impact on the future use of Kilworthy Park; and
- There would be a need to review Member IT provision to reflect the change in working processes.

Service Recovery Theme:

- Members were of the view that the 'Build Back Better' concept must be more environmentally sustainable; and
- The need to promote the benefits of the Locality Service were recognised.

It was then **RECOMMENDED** that the Hub Committee be **RECOMMENDED** to:

1. note and endorse the Councils response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic to date and thank and congratulate the Town and Parish Councils and other Community Groups for their response and actions to the COVID-19 Pandemic;
2. request that Officers develop a Recovery and Renewal Plan in-line with the Framework and Objectives that are outlined in Appendix 1 of the presented agenda report;
3. take into account the conclusions of the meeting on the priority areas for the Strategic Framework for Recovery and Renewal (as summarised in the detailed minutes below); and
4. request that an update on progress against development of the Plan be presented back to a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 1 September 2020.

(The meeting terminated at 3.35 pm)

Chairman

PUBLIC FORUM PROCEDURES

(a) General

Members of the public may raise issues and ask questions at meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This session will last for up to fifteen minutes at the beginning of each meeting, with any individual speaker having a maximum of three minutes to address the Committee.

(b) Notice of Questions

An issue or question may only be raised by a member of the public provided that they have given written notice (which may be by electronic mail) to Darryl White (darryl.white@swdevon.gov.uk) by 5.00pm on the Thursday, prior to the relevant meeting.

(c) Scope of Questions

An issue may be rejected by the Monitoring Officer if:

- it relates to a matter within the functions of the Planning and Licensing Committee;
- it is not about a matter for which the local authority has a responsibility or which affects the district;
- it is offensive, frivolous or defamatory;
- it is substantially the same as a question which has previously been put in the past six months; or
- it requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.

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WEST DEVON BOROUGH COUNCIL: HUB COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN

This is the provisional forward plan for the four months starting July 2020. It provides an indicative date for matters to be considered by the Hub Committee. Where possible, the Hub Committee will keep to the dates shown in the plan. However, it may be necessary for some items to be rescheduled and other items added.

The forward plan is published to publicise consultation dates and enable dialogue between the Hub Committee and all councillors, the public and other stakeholders. It will also assist the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee in planning their contribution to policy development and holding the Hub Committee to account.

The Plan is published on the Council's website (www.westdevon.gov.uk)

The Hub Committee consists of nine Councillors. Each has responsibility for a particular area of the Council's work.

Leader – Cllr Neil Jory

Deputy Leader – Cllr Lois Samuel

Lead Member for Environment – Cllr Caroline Mott

Lead Member for Health and Wellbeing – Cllr Tony Leech

Lead Member for Enterprise – Cllr Ric Cheadle

Lead Member for Communities – Cllr Terry Pearce

Lead Member for Customer First – Cllr Jeff Moody

Lead Member for Resources and Performance – Cllr Chris Edmonds

Lead Member for Homes – Cllr Debo Sellis

Further information on the workings of the Hub Committee, including latest information on agenda items, can be obtained by contacting the Democratic Services Section by e-mail to democratic.services@westdevon.gov.uk

All items listed in this Forward Plan will be discussed in public at the relevant meeting, unless otherwise indicated

Portfolio Area	Report Title and Summary	Lead Member / Officer	Documents to be considered in making decision	Date of Meeting	Consultees and means of consultation
Council	<p>Title: Revenue Budget Monitoring for April, May, and June 2020</p> <p>Purpose: A revenue budget monitoring report to monitor income and expenditure variations against the approved revenue budget for 2020/21 for April, May, and June 2020.</p>	Cllr Edmonds / Lisa Buckle	Report of S151 Officer	28 July 2020	
Homes	<p>Title: Homeless Strategy year 4 Action Plan</p> <p>Purpose: To provide to Members an update on the Homeless Strategy Action Plan</p>	Cllr Sellis / Isabel Blake	Report of Head of Housing, Revenues, and Benefits Practice	28 July 2020	
Council	<p>Title: Devon Districts Procurement Strategy</p> <p>Purpose of Report: To seek adoption of Devon procurement strategy</p>	Cllr Pearce / Rosie Wilson	Report of Corporate Procurement Officer	15 September 2020	South Hams, Teignbridge, Torridge, Exeter, Mid, and North Devon Councils
Council	<p>Title: Recovery Plan to the Covid-19 Crisis</p> <p>Purpose: to consider the recommendations of the Joint Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel and Development Management Committee on the draft Recovery Plan</p>	Cllr Jory / Drew Powell	Report of the Director of Governance and Assurance	15 Sept 2020	To be considered at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 1 Sept 2020
Council	<p>Title: Amended Draft Budget 2020/21</p> <p>Purpose: To consider a report that presents an amended budget for 2020/21 in light of the impact of Covid-19</p>	Cllr Jory / Lisa Buckle	Report of the Section 151 Officer	15 Sept 2020	To be considered at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 1 Sept 2020

Portfolio Area	Report Title and Summary	Lead Member / Officer	Documents to be considered in making decision	Date of Meeting	Consultees and means of consultation
Council	Title: Commercial Investments Update Purpose: to update the Council on any commercial investment opportunities	Cllr Jory / Chris Brook	Report of Director of Place and Enterprise	15 September 2020	
Strategic Planning / Environment	Title: Coastal Concordat Purpose of report: To outline to Members the protocol for formal processes where these are shared across administrative boundaries / responsibilities	Cllr Mott / Rob Sekula	Report of Head of Place Making Practice	15 September 2020	
Homes	Title: Empty Homes Premium Purpose of report: To consider an increase to the Council Tax premium on properties that have been empty for over two years	Cllr Sellis / Steve Henstock	Report of the Senior Specialist of Housing, Revenues and Benefits, and Customer First	15 September 2020	Consultation with various Heads of Practice
Council	Title: Write Off Report for Quarter 4 2019/2020 Purpose of report: The Council is responsible for the collection of: Housing Rents, Sundry Debts including Housing Benefit Overpayments, Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rates. The report informs members of the debt written off for these revenue streams.	Cllr Edmonds / Lisa Buckle	Report of S151 Officer	15 September 2020	
Strategy	Title: Housing Strategy Purpose of report: To recommend to Members the adoption of a revised Housing Strategy	Cllr Sellis / Chris Brook	Report of the Director of Place and Enterprise	15 September 2020	

Environment	Title: 3 weekly waste update Purpose: To provide Members with an update on the 3 weekly waste trial	Cllr Mott / Jane Savage	Report of Head of Contracts and Commissioning	15 September 2020	
Council	Title: Revenue Budget Monitoring up to August 2020 Purpose of report: A revenue budget monitoring report to monitor income and expenditure variations against the approved revenue budget for 2020/21 up to August 2020	Cllr Edmonds / Lisa Buckle	Report of S151 Officer	15 September 2020	
Council	Title: Capital Budget Monitoring Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 Purpose of report: The report advises Members of the progress on individual schemes within the approved capital programme for 2020/21, including an assessment of their financial position	Cllr Edmonds / Lisa Buckle	Report of S151 Officer	20 October 2020	
Council	Medium Term Financial Strategy for the five years 2021/22 to 2025/26 Purpose of the report: To set the strategic intention for all of the different strands of funding available to the Council. This brings together all known factors affecting the Council's financial position and its financial sustainability, to provide a long term financial forecast.	Cllr Jory / Lisa Buckle	Report of S151 Officer	20 October 2020	
Homes	Title: Springhill update Purpose: To provide Members with an update on Springhill	Cllr Sellis / Dan Field	Report of Senior Specialist (Assets)	20 October 2020	

Council	<p>Title: Revenue Budget Monitoring up to September 2020</p> <p>Purpose of report: A revenue budget monitoring report to monitor income and expenditure variations against the approved revenue budget for 2020/21 up to August 2020</p>	Cllr Edmonds / Lisa Buckle	Report of S151 Officer	20 October 2020	
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Report to: **Overview and Scrutiny**

Date: **4 August 2020**

Title: **Community Funding Schemes**

Portfolio Area: **Cllr Terry Pearce**
Communities

Wards Affected: **All**

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y**

Date next steps can be taken:

Author: **Neil Hawke** Role: **Head of Strategy & Projects**

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

- 1. note the success of community funding schemes during 2019/20; and**
- 2. recommend to officers any opportunities for improving the effectiveness and accessibility of the Locality Fund, Seamoor Lotto and Crowdfunding Schemes.**

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 The Council provides a number of schemes to enable community groups to access funding for local projects, activities and events.
- 1.2 Together, the schemes have contributed over £20,000 to community led schemes through a mix of grants, match funding and ticket sales from our community lottery.
- 1.3 This report considers the progress of the three main schemes and seeks Member views on the effectiveness of them to date and any proposals for changes to the schemes.

2. Background

- 2.1 West Devon Borough Council has made a number of funding sources available to support our community groups to deliver new projects or to contribute to the cost of existing schemes.

- 2.2 Each scheme has a different criteria and a different approach to fundraising.

Member Locality Funds

- 2.3 On 12th February 2019, the Hub Committee approved provision within its budget for 2019-20 for a total of £15,500 to enable each Councillor to award grants to local voluntary and community groups. Each Councillor has £500 for each year of this Council term. Where there is a multi-member ward, or where a scheme covers more areas, Members could decide to join together their funding to support larger schemes.
- 2.4 During 2019/20, £9,310 was awarded and paid throughout the year to 19 voluntary and community schemes and 7 Parish Council led schemes.
- 2.5 The schemes funded include:-
- Contribution to youth sessions
 - Contribution to Food Festivals
 - Refurbishment and increased access to Woods
 - A voluntary group supporting Dads
 - Art workshops
 - Local information resources
 - Contribution to a Community defibrillator installation
- 2.6 The average award to each scheme was £294 – although they do range from £30 up to £800 (as more than one Member can award to a scheme)
- 2.7 At the end of the 2019-20 financial year, £6,190 was unallocated by Members. The remaining funding has been carried forward to 2020/21 for those Members to consider any future grant applications.
- 2.8 Each Member also has a new allocation of £500 for the financial year 2020/21
- 2.9 Members' Locality Fund balances as at 1st April 2020 are set out in Appendix A, these figures include any unspent balance carried forward from 2019/20 of £6,190.

Seamoor Lotto

- 2.10 In 2018 the Council launched a community lottery called Seamoor Lotto. Under the scheme, any voluntary or community sector organisation is able to apply and raise funds by encouraging supporters to buy lotto tickets.
- 2.11 Tickets cost £1 a week with the community group receiving 50p from every sale with the remainder going towards prizes and operating costs.
- 2.12 Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize each week – ranging from a free entry to the next draw up to the jackpot of £25,000
- 2.13 To date it is encouraging to see that 22 schemes based or operating in West Devon have been able to raise almost £9,000 towards their cause.

Crowdfund Devon

- 2.14 Also in 2018, we launched a West Devon Crowdfund initiative as part of the overall Devon Crowdfund platform.
- 2.15 This platform enables organisations to raise funding for community projects with the Council matching private pledges from individuals, businesses or other public bodies such as Devon County Council.
- 2.16 West Devon have set a number of criteria that projects must meet in order for us to match fund:-
- a. At least 75% of the people benefiting from projects should live in West Devon and any projects must:
 - b. Projects should commit to an aspect of building local capacity
 - c. Projects should help to support a reduction in demand for Council services
 - d. The project should align to one of the Council's Corporate Strategy themes
- 2.17 Any scheme must also set a clear target for how much it wishes to raise. Once a scheme has reached 25% of its target, the Council is asked if it would like to offer a contribution of up to 50% of the overall scheme value (up to a maximum of £2,500)
- 2.18 When a scheme has reached its fundraising target, our contribution is released. If the target is not reached, no funding is provided – all schemes are 'All or nothing'
- 2.19 Since its launch in 2018, we have supported three crowdfund schemes:-
- £2,500 towards a 15 seater minibus for Ring and Ride Okehampton
 - £110 towards Teaching children about ocean plastics by Wildlife in Plymouth
 - £500 towards new shower facilities for Weir Quay Hub Club
- 2.20 Uptake has been low and the Council still has £14,500 remaining to match fund future schemes.

3. Outcomes/outputs

- 3.1 The funding schemes in this report have so far contributed £20,000 to community schemes since the start of the Council team. Members are asked to consider if we should do more to highlight the availability of the schemes to our Voluntary and Community Sector.
- 3.2 Clearly we need to balance promotion of funding schemes with the limited amounts of funding. We would not want to over promote schemes and then have to turn them down as funding has been fully committed but at the same time, it is important that voluntary and community groups are aware of support available to them.
- 3.3 It is therefore proposed that we take the action as set out below
- 3.4 Member Locality Funds
- 3.5 Rather than actively promote the availability of these funds, we can provide quarterly reports to members to let them know how much funding they have remaining. Our localities team can also provide this information on request.

- 3.6 Members will be aware of upcoming schemes through their community work and can support schemes where they wish.
- 3.7 We will continue to carry forward unspent funding each year until the end of this council term with an annual update report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Seamoor Lotto

- 3.8 While the Council can promote the Seamoor Lotto as a whole, it is down to the community groups to encourage people to support their individual cause.
- 3.9 We have previously worked with Gatherwell (the provider of the lotter platform) to provide interested groups with training in how to advertise their scheme within the lottery. This session was well attended but was over two years ago.
- 3.10 There are steps we can take to more actively promote the Seamoor Lotto. We currently have a social media campaign running with any players entered in to a draw for gift vouchers at the end of the summer. We will work with Gatherwell (the organisation that delivers the lottery platform) to develop similar promotions for the rest of the year.
- 3.11 We will also look to develop a short webinar for organisations to find out more about joining the lottery with some helpful hints and tips to encourage individuals to buy tickets to support their scheme.

3.12 Crowdfund Platform

- 3.13 The Crowdfund platform is a positive way for communities to encourage individuals to contribute to schemes with the Council providing a contribution where we consider it meets our criteria.
- 3.14 Uptake has been low to date and as a Council we haven't actively promoted the Crowdfund in the past 12 months so this is an area for development. Over the coming months we will be:
 - a. Reviewing the criteria to include examples of the type of schemes we might support
 - b. Arranging webinars for interested parties to ask questions about how the Crowdfund works
 - c. Highlighting successful schemes through our Social Media and other channels to encourage others to participate

4. Options available and consideration of risk

- 4.1 While no decision is required by Committee, Members' views are sought on the effectiveness and accessibility of each of the above funding schemes. Members work closely with a wide range of organisations within their communities and it would be helpful for any feedback on these schemes and any potential blockers to accessing them.

5. Proposed Way Forward

- 5.1 Members should consider the effectiveness and accessibility of these schemes and make any recommendations to officers in order that the schemes are as effective as possible.

- 5.2 Quarterly updates will be provided to Members on the balances of their individual locality funds
- 5.3 Officers will develop a plan to promote both the Seamoor Lotto and the Crowdfund platform for the next 12 months as two schemes that enable our voluntary and community groups
- 5.4 A further review of these schemes be brought to Overview and Scrutiny in Spring 2021 in order to consider the success of the schemes and if we need to consider refocusing some of the funding (particularly the crowdfunding earmarked funding)

6. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance	N	None
Financial implications to include reference to value for money		<p>The Council has a duty to demonstrate an efficient use of public funding.</p> <p>During 2019/20, £9,310 was awarded and paid throughout the year to 19 voluntary and community schemes and 7 Parish Council led schemes.</p> <p>An amount of £6,190 of the budget for 2019/20 of £15,500 is unspent and this will be carried forward to 2020/21 for Members to allocate to schemes.</p> <p>The schemes referenced within this report providing funding to community projects that support the Council's Corporate Strategy Aims and Objectives.</p>
Risk		The most significant risk is the over-promotion of funding schemes. We need to balance the promotion of them with the funding available to us. This will be managed so as to not overcommit.
Supporting Corporate Strategy		The funding schemes in this report are central to our Strong and Empowered Communities Corporate Strategy theme.
Climate Change - Carbon / Biodiversity Impact		We will actively encourage funding applications from climate change / biodiversity schemes

Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications		
Equality and Diversity		Funding awarded to schemes based on merit and meeting of criteria
Safeguarding		We will not fund schemes that increase risk to our residents and communities
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder		None
Health, Safety and Wellbeing		None
Other implications		None

Supporting Information

Appendices:

Appendix A – Localities Balances at 1st April 2020

Background Papers:

19 June 2020 – Hub Committee Member Locality Fund

Member Locality Fund Balances – 1st April 2020.

Councillor	Balance at 1st April 2020 (Funding remaining from 19/20 Financial Year PLUS this year's £500 allocation for each Member)
Ball	£750
Bolton	£1,000
Bridgewater	£500
Cheadle	£900
Coulson	£500
Crozier	£500
Daniel	£550
Davies	£700
Edmonds	£700
Ewings	£500
Heyworth	£500
Hipsey	£500
Jory	£1,000
Kemp	£1,000
Kimber	£1,000
Leech	£600
Moody	£500
Mott	£525
Moyse	£1,000
Musgrave	£1,000
Pearce	£640
Ratcliffe	£1,000
Renders	£1,000
Ridgers	£500
Samuel	£500
Sellis	£500
Southcott	£525
Spettigue	£500
Vachon	£750
Wood	£900
Yelland	£650
TOTAL	£21,690

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DRAFT ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME – 2020/21

Date of Meeting	Report	Lead Officer
1 September 2020	Task and Finish Group Updates (if any)	
	Hub Committee Forward Plan	Janice Young
	COVID-19 Crisis: Draft Recovery Plan	Drew Powell
	Revised Draft Budget 2020/21	Lisa Buckle
6 October 2020	Task and Finish Group Updates (if any)	
	Hub Committee Forward Plan	Janice Young
	Joint Local Plan Update	Richard Grant
	Update from the Financial Stability Review Group (<i>standing agenda item</i>)	Lisa Buckle
	Ombudsman Annual Letter	Neil Hawke
	Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000 Report	Neil Hawke
	Hub Committee Forward Plan	Janice Young
23 November 2020	Task and Finish Group Updates (if any)	
	Hub Committee Forward Plan	Janice Young
	Update from the Financial Stability Review Group (<i>standing agenda item</i>)	Lisa Buckle
	Community Safety Partnership – Annual Report	Louisa Daley
	Locality Service – Annual Report	Sarah Moody
	Safeguarding – Annual Update	Louisa Daley
19 January 2021	Task and Finish Group Updates (if any)	
	Hub Committee Forward Plan	Janice Young
	Update from the Financial Stability Review Group (<i>standing agenda item</i>)	Lisa Buckle
	Draft Budget Proposals 2021/22	Lisa Buckle
2 March 2021	Task and Finish Group Updates (if any)	
	Hub Committee Forward Plan	Janice Young
	Fusion Leisure – Annual Report and Presentation	Jon Parkinson
	Update from the Financial Stability Review Group (<i>standing agenda item</i>)	Lisa Buckle

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13 April 2021	Task and Finish Group Updates (if any)	
	Hub Committee Forward Plan	Janice Young
	Update from the Financial Stability Review Group (<i>standing agenda item</i>)	Lisa Buckle

Future Item(s) to be programmed:

- Peer Review Action Plan: Progress Update;
- Planning Enforcement: Verbal Update (*Hub Committee request*); and
- IT Platform Project Update.