

**REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 26 JUNE 2023**

**REPORT ON: BUDGET INVESTMENT PROPOSALS: COMMUNITY**

**REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

**REPORT NO: 194-2023**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1. To recommend how the investment proposals, agreed in the 2023/24 Budget, will be allocated.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1. It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) agrees to the allocations and purposes for investment of £500k as set out in Appendix 1;
- (b) authorises the lead Officers indicated to take the necessary steps to implement the proposals; and
- (c) notes that a further report setting out proposals for the balance of funding will be presented to a future meeting of the committee.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1. The Council provided £1.505m in the 2023/24 revenue budget for investment. The Council approved the allocation of £905k of this funding at its meeting on 12 June 2023 and this Report sets out recommendations for a further £500k of this funding.

**4. MAIN TEXT**

4.1. As part of the 2023/24 Revenue Budget, agreed by the Council on 23 February 2023, £1.505m was included for budget investment proposals (Article II of the meeting of Policy and Resources Committee on 23 February 2023 refers).

4.2. The Appendix to this Report provides more detailed proposals to take forward £500k of these investments and these are presented to the Committee for approval.

**5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1. This report has been subject to the Pre-IIA Screening Tool and does not make any recommendations for change to strategy, policy, procedures, services or funding and so has not been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment. An appropriate senior manager has reviewed and agreed with this assessment.

**6. CONSULTATIONS**

6.1. The Council Leadership Team were consulted in the preparation of this report.

**7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1. None

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<b>1. Community Support &amp; Youth Diversionary Activities</b>			<b>£300k</b>
<p>It is proposed that the funding be used to support proposals which enhance 365 community activities for young people and provide diversionary opportunities. These are seen as being mainly targeted at P7 – 18-year-olds, with the resources focused on those communities or areas which are at most risk of anti-social/offending behavior and crime.</p> <p>All projects are expected to achieve the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an increase in opportunities for young people to participate and access support/activities in their local community;</li> <li>• increased and sustained partnership working between local communities and young people in the provision of local support to reduce anti-social behavior;</li> <li>• young people experience reduced barriers to accessing support within local communities;</li> <li>• an increased visibility of youth activities/facilities within local communities directly linked to: 365, hot spots and or LCPP activities; and</li> <li>• young people are part of the decision-making process.</li> </ul>			
1(a)	An allocation of £100,000 to support enhanced activities, reducing costs of access and reducing barriers to accessing community-based services.	Head of Community Safety and Protection	£100k
1(b)	An allocation of £200,000 to support youth diversionary activities which delivers on the outcomes noted above, this will include developing a scheme for small grants for local organisations and carrying out targeted initiatives using data and intelligence held within local communities	Head of Community Safety and Protection	£200k

2. Community Environmental Improvements			£200k
2(a)	<p>Further investment in environmental projects and initiatives that compliment ongoing work such as work to enhance biodiversity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increasing Biodiversity in parks and open spaces, for example, changing naturalised grassland to biodiversity grassland and street tree project;</li> <li>• invasive species control, for example, grey squirrel and giant hogweed;</li> <li>• improving biodiversity information, for example, interpretation at Templeton, i-tree survey, GIS story map; and</li> <li>• enhancing accessibility to biodiverse existing spaces, for example, Broughty Ferry Local Nature Reserve, boardwalk at Templeton.</li> </ul>	Head of Environment	£100k
2(b)	Funding to support additional dedicated seasonal staff to enhance the community environment.		£40k
2(c)	<p>Following well received initiatives such as those undertaken in Linlathen, the Service will explore further initiatives that removes litter and waste from our communities through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• support for Community Clean ups;</li> <li>• equipment for litter picking hubs; and</li> <li>• additional street sweeping.</li> </ul>		£60k