

## ***SADDLEWORTH & LEES DISTRICT EXECUTIVE Agenda***

- Date Thursday 30 November 2017
- Time 7.00 pm or at the rise of the Saddleworth and Lees District Partnership meeting
- Venue Uppermill Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill, OL3 6AE.
- Notes
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  3. DISTRICT CO-ORDINATOR is Lisa Macdonald, tel. 0161 770 5195 or email [lisa.macdonald@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.macdonald@oldham.gov.uk)
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MEMBERSHIP OF THE SADDLEWORTH & LEES DISTRICT EXECUTIVE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Councillors A. Alexander (Chair), Harkness, Heffernan, Hewitt (Vice-Chair), Hudson, Kirkham, Klonowski, McCann and Sheldon

- 1 Apologies For Absence
- 2 Urgent Business  
Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair
- 3 Declarations of Interest  
To Receive Declarations of Interest in any Contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting.
- 4 Public Question Time  
To receive Questions from the Public, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.
- 5 Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 4)  
The Minutes of the Saddleworth and Lees District Executive held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 are attached for approval.
- 6 Saddleworth and Lees Budget Report including Appendix A and Appendix B - Funding application (Pages 5 - 16)  
To update Saddleworth and Lees District Executive with the Budget Report including Appendix A and Appendix B - Funding application
- 7 Petitions (Pages 17 - 18)  
This is a standing item related to Petitions received regarding the Saddleworth and Lees area for consideration by the District Executive in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme. There is one petition to note.
- 8 Action Update (Pages 19 - 20)
- 9 Date and Time of Next Meeting  
The date and time of the next Saddleworth and Lees District Executive meeting will be Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.00 p.m.



**Present:** Councillor A. Alexander (Chair)  
Councillors Hudson, Klonowski, McCann and Sheldon

Also in Attendance:

Lori Hughes

Constitutional Services

Lisa MacDonald

District Co-ordinator

1           **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Harkness, Councillor Heffernan, Councillor Hewitt and Councillor Kirkham.

2           **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was one item of urgent business agreed by the Chair.

The Saddleworth and Lees District Partnership Traffic and Transport Sub-Group at their meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and the District Partnership held prior to the District Executive gave consideration to two motions approved by the Saddleworth Parish Council at its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 which were as follows:

Motion One: “We strongly urge Oldham Council, with urgency to resolve the long-term flooding issues throughout Saddleworth with long-term solutions either through borrowing or from reserves.”

Motion Two: “Greater care must be given by the Planning Department about the approval of new properties on land which has a high risk of flooding.”

The District Executive agreed to write in support of the motions.

**RESOLVED that** the District Executive Chair be instructed to write on behalf of the District Executive to the relevant officers in support of the motions.

3           **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4           **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5           **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED that** the minutes of the Saddleworth and Lees District Executive held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 be approved as a correct record.

## **SADDLEWORTH AND LEES DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BUDGET REPORT**

The District Executive gave consideration to a report which outlined the expenditure to date and potential budget commitments for 2017/18.

The District Executive were provided with an update on the bus drop-off issues at the Saddleworth Leisure Centre and the proposal related to the landscaped strip between the two car parks. An update was also provided on CCTV which included deployable cameras and remote access. The District Executive were also provided an update on the skate park and the costs related to the provision of an enhanced improved facility. The District Executive were informed that permission would need to be sought for the amount of external funding required. Lighting would be linked to the longer term development.

### **RESOLVED that:**

1. The funding allocations made to date by the District Executive be noted.
2. The allocation of £1,000 revenue expenditure in support for the Satellite Sport Youth and Community Association (SSYCA) be approved.
3. The allocation of £4,085 capital expenditure for the removal of overgrown bushes/undergrowth to be replaced with ground cover at the Leisure Centre Car Park be approved.
4. Costings and accessibility for deployable CCTV be explored further and be reported back to a future meeting.
5. Exploration for external funding opportunities for an enhanced improved skate park be agreed.

## **SADDLEWORTH AND LEES DISTRICT PLAN**

The District Executive gave consideration to an update to the Saddleworth and Lees District Plan for 2017/18. The plan had been previously been approved in June 2016 and had now been updated taking into account any new and additional priorities which had been brought forward from discussions with Councillors, sub-groups, partners and the community. The updated plan was outlined at Appendix 1 to the report, set out the priorities and possible indicative budget allocations.

Members raised the issue of the discharge of water at Christ Church, Friezland and Oaklands Road which had been raised with Highways. Members requested that the issue be progressed.

### **RESOLVED that:**

1. The Saddleworth and Lees District Plan for 2017/18 be approved.

2. The flooding issue at Christ Church Friezland and Oaklands Road be progressed with Highways.



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### **PETITIONS**

The District Executive gave consideration to a petition which had been received:

- Reference 2017-13: Petition related to Saddeworth School: Stop the Delay, Find a Way (Saddeworth North Ward) received on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 with 2,135 signatures.

**RESOLVED** that the petition be noted.

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### **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the date and time of the next Saddeworth and Lees District Executive meeting to be held on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.00 p.m. be noted.

The meeting started at 7.37 pm and ended at 8.30 pm

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## Saddleworth and Lees District Executive

### Budget Report

#### Report of Maggie Kufeldt – Executive Director, Health and Wellbeing

Portfolio Responsibility: Barbara Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Co-operatives

**30 November 2017**

Officer Contact: Lisa Macdonald  
Ext. 5195

#### Purpose of Report

1. To advise the Saddleworth and Lees District Executive of the breakdown of expenditure to date and to consider potential budget commitments for 2017/18 presented to this meeting.

#### Recommendations

- That the District Executive notes the funding allocations made to date. (Appendix A)
- That the District Executive considers making funding allocations to the following projects from its remaining capital budget and/or individual councillor budgets as follows:
  - CCTV in Uppermill
  - Support for Oldham & District Riding Club
  - Support for heron sculpture in St Chads Library Gardens, Uppermill

#### 1. CURRENT POSITION

##### 1.1 District Executive Budget

The District Executive has a total allocation of £60,000 (£10,000 revenue and £10,000 capital per ward) which is available to help meet the priorities and actions across the district. (As detailed in the District Plan)  
Decisions on this budget will be made by the District Executive

## 1.2 **Individual Councillor Allowance**

Each Borough Councillor has an allowance of £5,000 on which they may take decisions. Councillors may also decide to pool their individual allowance in order to joint fund projects.

## 1.3 **Saddleworth and Lees District Plan**

Expenditure of District Executive and Councillor allowance should be accordance with priorities/actions agreed in the district plan.

## 2. **District Executive Revenue Budget**

### 2.1 **Balance of funding**

The District Executive revenue budget is now fully allocated

## 3. **District Executive Capital Budget**

3.1 The District Executive has £30,000 capital funding to allocate during 2017/18.

3.2 At the District Executive on 16 March 2017 it was agreed to carry forward the remaining £2,500 from the 2016/17 budget under the heading 'infrastructure/environmental improvement projects.' This budget is still available to spend. The total capital budget is £32,500

3.3 Following recent allocations the District Executive has £28,415 remaining

## 4. **Projects for consideration**

### 4.1 **Support for the Oldham and District Riding Club**

#### 4.2 **Background**

Oldham and District Riding Club (ODRC) are a community based, grassroots riding club affiliated to the British Riding Club and based at the Friezland Arena, off Manchester Road, Greenfield. Their membership extends to circa 100 riding members each year and they are supported by many more non-members and the local community at numerous shows, events and training activities that are run from Friezland.

They offer a range of shows from show jumping, showing and working hunter as well as dressage and cater for all levels from absolute beginners to more advanced riders. As a community based club they run activities for members and also raise money each year to support charities nominated by their members. This year these were the NW Air Ambulance, Arthritis Research, Riding for the Disabled, Christies, Cancer Research and Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary.

They also form part of the Friezland User Group (FUG) and raise money towards the upkeep of the site as they have joint responsibility through FUG for



the ongoing running and maintenance of the site through the Service Level Agreement that FUG has with the Council.

#### 4.3 **Proposed Project**

The Riding Club have two storage containers on the site which have been in situ since 1991, and they hold all their equipment such as jumps, fillers, temporary fencing, secretaries tent, tables chairs etc. These containers are in a deteriorating condition and need replacing before they get any worse as they are becoming vulnerable to the weather. The Club has been saving up hard and has raised approx. £5,000 towards the cost of replacing them. The estimated cost including purchase, delivery and installation is approximately £8,000.

The District Executive are asked to consider making an allocation from the capital budget or from individual councillor allowances to meet the shortfall of **£3,000** (or a contribution towards that amount)

### 5. **Uppermill CCTV**

#### 5.1 **Background**

Over the summer months, centrally resourced, deployable cameras have been operational along the High Street in Uppermill. The cameras have added an additional layer of security to events which have taken place, as well as helping Police to monitor the vibrant night time economy in the village. The cameras are still in position but are a Borough resource and could be moved elsewhere should the need arise.

At its last meeting on the 12 October the District Executive agreed to consider replacing these cameras with a resource exclusively for Uppermill once more detailed information was made available.

Following discussions between the Councils Response Services and the Neighbourhood Police Team, a proposal has been costed (below). Response Services have also confirmed that the cameras will have ANPR capability at no additional cost.

#### 5.2 **Costs**

3 x Deployable Camera = £18,000.00

3 x Install and remove deployable camera, including lighting jack for power = £1,230 (this cost will only apply if the cameras are moved to new lighting columns)

3 x First Response monitoring charge per camera (£500) each year = £1,500

**Cost including 1 year monitoring charge £19,500**

There would be an option to include more than one year monitoring charge as part of the project costs meaning that the District Executive would not need to top slice £1,500 from its revenue budget.

Total cost including 3 years monitoring charge = **£22,500**

### 5.3 Match Funding

Discussions have taken place with regard to match funding for the project and the Neighbourhood Police Team have agreed to look into the possibility of match funding via the Mayor of Greater Manchester who now has responsibility for Police budgets. At this point in time there is no indication as to whether a funding source may be available.

5.4 The District Executive is asked to consider making an allocation from its capital budget to support the provision of deployable cameras in Uppermill

### 6. Tree Sculpture in St Chad's Library Gardens, Uppermill

The District Executive are asked to consider making a contribution to the proposed sculpture in St Chads Library Gardens, Uppermill as discussed at the District Partnership meeting (6pm 30 November 2017) brief attached at appendix B.

Initial quotations have been received by three artists based on examples of work and experience of delivering similar projects. The most suitable of these has provided a provisional estimate of £2,500. There would be an additional cost involved for the hire of a cherry picker at a rate of £90-£100 per day.

Ideally a contribution of **£2,700** would be needed to enable the sculpture works would to go ahead. Funding for community/youth activities around the event would be sourced elsewhere.

## Appendix 1

### 2017/18 Allocations from the Saddleworth & Lees District Executive – November 2017

Date of Approval	Project/Initiative	Capital	Revenue
		<b>£30,000.00</b>	<b>£30,000.00</b>
Based	Support existing Christmas lights		2,485.00
On	Support the provision of district trees		3,010.00
Last	Refilling of additional grit bins		4,180.00
Years	Bagged salt for hand held gritters		380.00
figures	Summer/Winter planting		3,355.00
	Whit Friday Band Contest		15,000.00
	Room bookings - U/Mill Civic Centre £25 HWB 20.04.17, £25 HWB 15.11.17 £75 DE 15.06.17, £75 DE 12.10.17, £75 DE 30.11.17 £75 DE 18.01.18, £75 DE 15.03.18		492.00
	Satellite Sport Youth and Community Association		1,000.00
	Leisure Centre Car Park - landscape improvement works	4,085.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>£4,085.00</b>	<b>£30,000.00</b>
<b>Remaining (2017/18)</b>		<b>£25,915.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

### 2017/18 Allocations from the Saddleworth & Lees individual Councilors Allowance

<b>Cllr Peter Klonowski</b>	<b>Allocated: £5,000</b>
Duck Warning Signs, Church Road Uppermill	72.44
Railings at Spring Lane	127.00
Spring Lane skips - Clean up	105.00
Work at Spring Close alleyway	TBC
<b>Total</b>	<b>£304.44</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>£4,695.56</b>

<b>Cllr Adrian Alexander</b>	<b>Allocated: £5,000</b>
Old Mill House - Summer Community Event	300.00
Old Mill House - Meningitis fund raiser	500.00
Duck Warning Signs, Church Road Uppermill	72.45
Oldham Boxing Club	150.00
Above and Beyond Awards Oct 2017	250.00
Railings at Spring Lane	127.00
Springhead Football Club	1,000.00
SAS Olympic Team	200.00
Spring Lane skips - Clean up	105.00
Work at Spring Close alleyway	TBC
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,704.45</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>£2,295.55</b>

<b>Cllr Steve Hewitt</b>	<b>Allocated: £5,000</b>
Lido House - The Big Lunch	500.00
Duck Warning Signs, Church Road Uppermill	72.45
Oldham Boxing Club	150.00
Above and Beyond Awards Oct 2017	250.00

Lido House - Gazebo	200.00
Railings at Spring Lane	126.00
Grotton Brass Band	300.00
SAS Olympic Team	200.00
Spring Lane skips - Clean up	105.00
Work at Spring Close alleyway	TBC
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,903.45</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>£3,096.55</b>

<b>Cllr Nikki Kirkham</b>	<b>Allocated: £5,000</b>
Delph Community Association	100.00
Delph Flower and Vegetable show	100.00
Delph & Dobcross Cricket/Bowling Club	250.00
Saddleworth Parish Council	200.00
Duck Warning Signs, Church Road Uppermill	72.45
Oldham Boxing Club	150.00
Above and Beyond Awards Oct 2017	250.00
Scouthead & Austerlands Comm Assoc (SN Cllr funding total £1500)	500.00
Delph Youth Band	200.00
Scouthead & Austerlands Comm Assoc	500.00
Delph footpath works	120.00
Friarmere Cricket Club	200.00
Denshaw Church	500.00
Diggle Community Association	500.00
Dobcross Youth Band	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,842.45</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>£1,157.55</b>

<b>Cllr Garth Harkness</b>	<b>Allocated: £5,000</b>
Above and Beyond Awards Oct 2017	250.00
Scouthead & Austerlands Comm Assoc (SN Cllr funding total £1500)	500.00
Friarmere Cricket Club	200.00
Diggle Blues Festival	400.00
Light Up Denshaw	200.00
Wibsey Field barrier - £1200	TBC
Room booking at Civic Centre for public meeting	18.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,568.75</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>£3,431.25</b>

<b>Cllr Derek Heffernan</b>	<b>Allocated: £5,000</b>
Duck Warning Signs, Church Road Uppermill	72.45
Above and Beyond Awards Oct 2017	250.00
Scouthead & Austerlands Comm Assoc (SN Cllr funding total £1500)	500.00
Light Up Denshaw	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,022.45</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>£3,977.55</b>

<b>Cllr John McCann</b>	<b>Allocated: £5,000</b>
Duck Warning Signs, Church Road Uppermill	72.45
Streetscene Greenfield Group	900.00

Friarmere Cricket Club	200.00
Chew Valley/St Marys Crest path	300.00
Repaint of speed roundels to either side of Poplar Ave along Stockport Rd & other traffic calming	TBA
Satellite Sport Youth and Community Association	500.00
Saddleworth Musical Society	500.00
Room booking at Civic Centre for public meeting	18.75
Oaklands Road - Drainage channel	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,691.20</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>£2,308.80</b>

<b>Cllr John Hudson</b>	<b>Allocated: £5,000</b>
Above and Beyond Awards Oct 2017	250.00
Thomas Adamson garden	100.00
Satellite Sport Youth and Community Association	1,000.00
Chew Valley/St Marys Crest path	300.00
Oaklands Road - Drainage channel	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,850.00</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>£3,150.00</b>

<b>Cllr Graham Sheldon</b>	<b>Allocated: £5,000</b>
Duck Warning Signs, Church Road Uppermill	72.44
Friarmere Cricket Club	200.00
American Auto Club NW	100.00
Chew Valley/St Marys Crest path	300.00
Satellite Sport Youth and Community Association	500.00
Oaklands Road - Drainage channel	200.00
Christmas trees for businesses in Greenfield	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,472.44</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>£3,527.56</b>

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## Appendix 2

### Proposed Tree Sculpture in St Chad's Library Gardens, Uppermill

#### Background

The large cherry tree which is situated in a prominent position in the Library Gardens in Uppermill has unfortunately been in decline over recent years and following detailed discussions within the Council's Arbor and Countryside Service, the difficult decision has been reached that the tree will have to be removed.

It appears that rather than go into a slow decline over a number of years the cherry has deteriorated quite quickly, more than likely as a result of repeated attacks by various pathogens (probably due to their increased virulence as changes in climate conditions have occurred). As cherries are in the Rosaceae family the likely causes would be Fireblight and/or *Pseudomonas syringae* and most probably repeated attacks of both of these.



The Arbor and Countryside Service have said that as a bare minimum they would grind the stump out and replace the tree but have suggested that this would be an ideal opportunity to create a lasting feature in the gardens by carving the remaining trunk of the tree to create a natural sculpture.

#### Proposal

Following some preliminary discussions it was felt that it was worth exploring this unique opportunity to create an addition to the gardens. A replacement tree would still be planted but the Council would engage an artist to create a sculpture using tools to carve into the remaining trunk of the tree.

Given the proximity to the river and local wildlife the initial proposal is for a heron to be created. There have been sightings of a heron on the riverbank just near the cherry tree and the natural proportions of a heron would suit the thickness and height of the remaining trunk.

The heron also has a variety of positive meanings and symbolisms in a number of cultures, including self-determination, self-reflection, inquisitiveness, curiosity and determination along with strength and patience which would seem appropriate for the location close the library and the existing peace pole situated in the gardens.

Colleagues in the Arbor and Countryside team have spoken to 3 suitable and reputable artists in order to get an idea of the cost involved and have looked at their experience and examples of work. At this stage they have a preferred option and examples of their work are shown below

### Examples of work from the initial preferred artist



### Examples of heron sculptures





## **Timescale and Activities**

In order to plan the work if the heron sculpture is to go ahead it is proposed to carry out the project during the school Easter holidays. This would also allow for a programme of woodland/ country craft activities to take place alongside the carving of the sculpture. These activities - aimed at children, young people and families - could take place outdoors in the Library Gardens and possibly within the library itself.

## **Costs**

Initial quotations have been received by three artists based on examples of work and experience of delivering similar projects. The most suitable of these has provided a provisional estimate of £2,500. There would be an additional cost involved for the hire of a cherry picker at a rate of £90-£100 per day.

Ideally, a budget of £2,700 would be needed to enable the sculpture works to be programmed. (A funding request is included within the District Executive Budget Report).

Funding for community/youth activities around the event would be sourced elsewhere should the sculpture work be agreed.

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## Report to Saddleworth and Lees District Executive

### Petitions

**Portfolio Holder:**

Various

**Officer Contact:** Director of Legal Services

**Report Author:** Lori Hughes, Constitutional Services Officer

**Ext.** 4716

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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#### Reason for Decision

The District Executive is requested to note the petition received.

#### Petitions Received

Reference 2017-16: Access Road to Chew Valley and Tanner Business Park (Saddleworth South Ward) received on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 with 32 signatures

#### Recommendations

The District Executive is recommended to note the petition received.

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## Report to Saddleworth and Lees District Executive

### **ACTION UPDATE**

**Portfolio Holder:**

Various

**Officer Contact:** Director of Legal Services

**Report Author:** Lori Hughes, Constitutional Services Officer

**Ext.** 4716

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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#### **Reason for Decision**

The District Executive is requested to note the response provided to the support of the Saddleworth Parish Council motions that were raised at the District Executive on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

#### **Summary**

The District Executive gave consideration to two motions which were agreed by the Saddleworth Parish Council on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and supported by the District Partnership on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The two motions were:

Motion One: "We strongly urge Oldham Council, with urgency to resolve the long-term flooding issues throughout Saddleworth with long-term solutions either through borrowing or from reserves."

Motion Two: "Greater care must be given by the Planning Department about the approval of new properties on land which has a high risk of flooding."

A response was received to the two motions on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The response to each motion is as follows:

Motion 1: The Council is actively working to resolve flooding problems within Saddleworth and within the past year short to medium term scheme have been funded in Uppermill and Greenfield. Long term schemes funding are currently being sought from the Environment Agency by the Council who are currently applying for Flood Mitigation schemes located in Saddleworth. Oldham Council has built a significant database of information since the

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introduction of statutory Flood Management duties with the enactment of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA 2010). However, building the long term historical picture is ongoing. Therefore, if there are areas that require updating or refining please let us know.

Motion 2: The FWMA 2010 requires that the Lead Local Flood Authority is consulted by planners for any developments of five or more properties. This has ensured the necessary checks before any recent developments are approved especially on land which has high risk of flooding.

### **Recommendations**

The District Executive is recommended to note the response.