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CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE (LIF) ***Agenda***

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| Date | Thursday 26 October 2023 |
| Time | 11.00 am |
| Venue | Shaw Room, Civic Centre, Oldham, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1NL |
| Notes | <p>1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- If a Member requires any advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote he/she is advised to contact Paul Entwistle or Constitutional Services team in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>2. CONTACT OFFICER for this Agenda is Constitutional Services team Tel. 0161 770 5151 or email Paul.Rogers@oldham.gov.uk</p> |

Item No

- 1 Election of Chair
The Panel is asked to elect a Chair for the duration of the meeting.
- 2 Apologies For Absence
- 3 Urgent Business
Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair
- 4 Declarations of Interest
To Receive Declarations of Interest in any Contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting.
- 5 Public Question Time
To receive Questions from the Public, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.
- 6 Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)
To consider the Minutes of the Cabinet LIF Sub-Committee held 14th February 2023
- 7 Consideration of LIF Bids 2023/24 (Pages 5 - 14)



CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE (LIF)
14/02/2023 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Chadderton, Jabbar and Roberts

Also in Attendance:

J. Downs – Corporate Policy Lead

J. Bailey - Executive Policy and Research Adviser to the Leader

P. Thompson – Constitutional Services

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

As the Sub-Committee did not have full membership, the meeting was opened and adjourned until 16th February 2023, at 3.00pm.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Chadderton elected Chair for the duration of the meeting.

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RESOLVED – That Councillor Chadderton elected Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Roberts declared a personal interest in Proposal no. 18 (East) – Forest school for young children in Denshaw.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions for this meeting of the Sub-Committee to consider.

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee (LIF) held on 6th December 2022, be approved as a correct record.

**6 THE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT FUND - FEBRUARY 2023
FAST GRANT PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which sought consideration of the Local Improvement Fund (LIF) in 2022/23, that included £100,000 allocated as “fast grants” for projects of £500 - £3,500 to improve Oldham’s neighbourhoods for the benefit of local residents. After the first round, £72,428 remained available for projects.

The LIF Cabinet Sub-Committee were asked to review the final scores and comments provided by the advisory panel and to agree which applications should receive funding.

RESOLVED – That:

The following requests for funding for the Central District were considered and agreed:

1. Alt Community Improvement Project - £3,500 agreed
2. Brookfield Street alleyway improvement - £1,825 agreed
3. Trafalgar Street Green Spaces Access Improvements - £3,478 agreed
4. Westwood Cricket Club - £2,500 agreed
5. Garforth Street/Berriesfield Street Lighting Column - £3,500 agreed
6. Community Gym Equipment, Millennium Centre – application declined

The following requests for funding for the East District were considered and agreed:

7. Greenfield Primary Eco Classroom Tech – application declined
8. Greenfield Primary Reception and Year 1 Tech – application declined
9. Greenfield Primary KS2 Tech – application declined
10. Friezland Primary Forest Upgrade – application declined
11. Reaching Out - £1,300 agreed
12. Grotton Wildflower Meadow – application declined
13. Wildlife Watch Grotton – application declined
14. Greenfield Cricket Club – application declined
15. The Boarhurst Centre – application declined
16. Jellytots Greenfield - £721.50 agreed
17. Leesfield Scout Group - £3,500 agreed
18. Forest School for young children in Denshaw – application declined
19. Max Force Muay Thai Boxing – application declined
20. Stoneleigh Park growing hub renewal – application declined
21. Stoneleigh Remembrance and Contemplation – application declined
22. Westminster gardens path - £1,950 agreed
23. Uppermill Cricket Club – £1,390 agreed
24. White Tiger Jujitsu – application declined
25. Clarksfield Community Cleaning Hub - £3,000 agreed
26. Little Lights – application declined
27. St. Edward's Brownies, Lees – application declined
28. Saddleworth Cookery School – application declined
29. SASL Get Sporty – application declined
30. 10th Oldham Knolls Lane Scout Group - £2,840 agreed
31. Denshaw Village Association - £300 agreed
32. Sholver and Moorside Community Centre Accessibility - £838.85 agreed
33. Spindle Mews youth activities – application declined

The following requests for funding for the South District were considered and agreed:

- 34. Coppice Community Hub - £3,500 agreed
- 35. GMSAW – Mind at Peace - £3,500 agreed
- 36. Land at Vicarage St. clear up £3,500 agreed
- 37. Salvation Army, Fitton Hill - £3,500 agreed
- 38. Hangout Youth Club – application declined
- 39. REEL CIC Holiday Provision – application declined
- 40. GROWE Project, Failsworth - £3,000 agreed
- 41. Wildbrook Food and Growing Hub - £3,500 agreed

The following requests for funding for the North District were considered and agreed:

- 42. Lindsay’s Swimming Academy – application declined
- 43. Active through Latics – that consideration of this application for funding be deferred, pending receipt of more information about the proposed project from the applicants
- 44. Fir Bank School Learning Shed – application declined
- 45. Dunwood Park Gardening Hub – £865 agreed
- 46. Friends of Dunwood Park – application declined
- 47. Crompton FC – application declined
- 48. Bamford Street Paths - £2,962 agreed

The following requests for funding for the West District were considered and agreed:

- 49. Yuvanis Youth – that consideration of this application for funding be deferred, pending receipt of more information about the proposed administrative management costs, which were detailed in the report
- 50. Full Circle CIC - £3,500 agreed
- 51. Fullwood Forest Adventures with Two Hoots – application declined
- 52. Bringing Living History to Chadderton - £3,000 agreed

The following application was brought forward from Round 1

- 53. Dogford Park Litter Bins - £1,860 agreed

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THE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT FUND - FEBRUARY 2023 CAPITAL PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive advising Members that the Local Improvement Fund (LIF) in 2022/23 included £400,000 allocated as “capital grants” for projects of £10,000 or more to improve Oldham’s neighbourhoods for the benefit of residents. The LIF Cabinet Sub-Committee were asked to review the final scores and comments provided by the advisory panel and agree which applications should receive funding.

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RESOLVED – That:

The following requests for funding from the LIF capital grants were considered and agreed:

1. Bolton Street Muga Refurbishment - £35,000 agreed
2. Berriesfield Outdoor Gym - £29,994.30 agreed
3. Gresham Walk, Recreational Area - £12,600 agreed
4. Highfield Street Alleyway Play – application declined
5. Widdop Street Pocket Park lighting – application declined
6. Holts Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) revival - £33,750 agreed
7. Stoneleigh Park Play Area – application declined
8. Dobcross Playing Field – application declined
9. Waterhead Fruit Trail - £30,000 agreed
10. Oldham Sports Community Club Non Turf Pitch - £12,000 agreed
11. Sholver Millennium Green Trust - £30,194.20 agreed
12. Creating Comfort areas in Community Centres – application declined
13. Cooper Street road safety – application declined
14. Tackling the Rabbit Warren – application declined
15. Wendlebury Green Park – application declined
16. Shaw Skateboard Park - £37,995 agreed
17. Dogford Park Improvements – application declined
18. Queen Street Traffic Calming Measures – application declined
19. Thornham Road safety scheme – application declined
20. Royton Park Grow Hub – £12,660 agreed
21. Healthy and Active Royton South - £25,552 agreed
22. Outdoor Gym Equipment (Dogford Park, Royton) - £15,000 agreed
23. Application withdrawn
24. Pretoria Road – Speed/Traffic Calming - £10,000 agreed
25. Limeside Park Improvements - £38,650 agreed
26. Renovating Victoria Street Pocket Park – application declined
27. Werneth Park MUGA – application declined
28. Bringing Biodiversity to Young People - £10,000 agreed
29. Chadderton Hall Park Car Parking – that consideration of this application for funding be deferred pending the submission of plans, from the applicants, detailing the proposals at this location
30. Refreshing Rugby League in Oldham - £25,000 agreed

The meeting started at 3.00pm and finished at 5.40pm.



Report to CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE

The Local Improvement Fund – October 2023 Fast Grant Project Recommendations

Portfolio Holder:

Councillor Arooj Shah, Council Leader

Officer Contact: Shelley Kipling (Assistant Chief Executive)

Report Author: Jonathan Downs (Corporate Policy Lead)

26 October 2023

Reason for Decision

The Local Improvement Fund (LIF) in 2023/24 includes £100,000 allocated as “fast grants” for projects of £500 - £3,500 to improve Oldham’s neighborhoods for the benefit of residents. The LIF Cabinet Sub-Committee are asked to review the applications and agree which applications should receive funding.

Recommendation

Review the applications and agree which should receive LIF funding.

1 Background

- 1.1 The Local Improvement Fund (LIF) was established in 2019 with the aim of supporting Districts to:
- a. Encourage the active participation of residents and local organisations in improving the quality of life in the local area.
 - b. Improve community buildings, equipment and other facilities.
 - c. Engage with residents to prioritise schemes that matter to them.
- 1.2 In 2019/20 the LIF distributed £499,260 to twenty projects across Oldham that reflected the specific and diverse needs of people in our borough, ranging from an outdoor gym in St Mary’s, to making a footbridge safer in Royton, to street scene improvements in Lees.
- 1.3 The LIF was included in the Council’s budget again in 2021/22, with £500,000 made available. In 2021/22 a total of £467,807 was allocated to 18 projects across the borough, with the remaining £32,193 retained as a contingency fund to accommodate project overspend. Councillors were asked to focus on projects that would help Oldham’s residents to recover from the pandemic.
- 1.4 In 2022/23 the LIF was divided into two, with £400,000 distributed as capital grants as in previous years. The remaining £100,000 is to be used for “fast grants” of between £500 and £3,500. A total of £396,395 was allocated to 16 capital projects across the borough, while £94,938 was allocated to 37 fast grant revenue projects.
- 1.5 In 2023/24 the LIF has again been divided into two, with £400,000 distributed as capital grants and £100,000 as “fast grants” of between £500 and £3,500, distributed as revenue to support one of three key priorities:
- Supporting the Don’t Trash Oldham campaign
 - Transforming and improving Oldham’s neighbourhoods
 - Boosting Oldham’s economy by creating jobs, supporting businesses, and attracting investment
- 1.6 The first round of revenue applications closed on Friday 29th September 2023. The LIF received 50 applications, with a total potential funding value of £138,495.
- 1.7 This paper asks the Cabinet Sub-Committee to review the bids and allocate funds accordingly. Please note, there is only £100k of revenue funding available in 2023/24.
- ## **2 Options/Alternatives**
- 2.1 Do Nothing – This is not a preferable option as the funding needs to be allocated in this financial year.

2.2 Review the revenue applications and agree which should receive LIF funding.

3 Recommended Option

3.1 Review the revenue applications and agree which should receive LIF funding.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 There is a set aside of £100,000, which is a one-off revenue resource to be utilised in 2023/24 for LIF fast grants.

(Nicola Harrop – Finance Manager)

5 Legal Services Comments

5.1 Following the consideration of recommendations from the Local Improvement Fund Advisory Panel, the purpose of the Local Improvement Fund Sub-Committee is to allocate funding from the Local Improvement Fund to projects across the borough which promote and pursue the aims and objectives of the individual District Priorities.

5.2 The Sub-Committee is a constituted meeting of the Council and is subject to the Council's procedure rules, Cabinet procedure rules and the access to information procedure rules, as set out in the Council's Constitution, unless stated otherwise in the terms of reference. (Colin Brittain, Assistant Borough Solicitor).

6 Co-operative Agenda

6.1 As a co-operative council, we are committed to reforming public services and encouraging innovation, leading to better outcomes and delivery. The Local Improvement Fund will ensure that Districts are best able to meet the needs of both elected members and the residents they represent. (Jonathan Downs, Corporate Policy lead).

7 Human Resources Comments

7.1 None

8 Risk Assessments

8.1 None

9 IT Implications

9.1 None

10 Property Implications

10.1 None

11 Procurement Implications

11.1 None

12 Environmental and Health & Safety Implications

12.1 None

13 Equality, community cohesion and crime implications

13.1 None

14 Equality Impact Assessment Completed?

14.1 No

15 Key Decision

15.1 No

16 Key Decision Reference

16.1 N/A

17 Background Papers

17.1 Establishing a Local Improvement Fund for Districts – 24.06.2019

17.2 The Local Improvement Fund 2022/23 – 14.11.2022

17.3 Consideration of LIF Bids 2022/23 – 06.12.2022

18 Appendices

18.1 Appendix 1: Local Improvement Fund Fast Grants Applications

Appendix 1: Local Improvement Fund Fast Grants Applications



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| Number | Project | Ward | District | Summary | Amount |
|--------|---|----------------------|---------------|---|-----------|
| 1 | SCCP's 'Become Your Style' Community Fashion Show | Saddleworth and Lees | East District | Host a fashion show for school children | £2,050 |
| 2 | Lees RBL | Saddleworth and Lees | East District | Creation Of a community hub for RBL members and volunteers | £500 |
| 3 | Hey with Zion PTFA | Saddleworth and Lees | East District | Development of a forest school within our Hey with Zion Community for children ages 3-11 year olds to access. | £3,480 |
| 4 | Springhead AFC Development | Saddleworth and Lees | East District | Purchase of a new storage cabin | £500 |
| 5 | LSG Litter heroes | Saddleworth and Lees | East District | Supporting local litter picking group to maintain area | £1,110 |
| 6 | Afghan Park Refurbishment | St James | East District | Planting more trees to create a natural barrier for the balls being used on the MUGA | £2,800 |
| 7 | Growing Hub in The Friends of Stoneleigh Park | St James | East District | Installation of new growing hub/beds | £1,359.27 |
| 8 | Sensory garden in Stoneleigh Park | St James | East District | New sensory garden within Stoneleigh Park | £3,500 |
| 9 | Moorside Cricket and Bowling Club Bowling Green Perimeter Refurbishment | St James | East District | The refurbishment of the perimeter of the bowling green: removal of existing pathway; laying of 144m kerb adjacent to the bowling green | £2,500 |
| 10 | Community Defibrillators | Waterhead | East District | Provide 3 defibrillators at community locations across the Waterhead Ward. | £3,500 |
| 11 | Securing Waterhead Community Centre | Waterhead | East District | Provide security and safety to assist the local community in their efforts to combat anti-social conduct in the area around the Waterhead | £3,500 |

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| | | | | Community Centre and Parish Church | |
| 12 | Oldham fighting obesity | St Marys | Central District | Combatting obesity through martial arts/boxing in local area | £3,429 |
| 13 | Neighbourhood Revive by Oldham Greenhill | St Marys | Central District | Implement a project focused on improving the community through multisport activities, workshops on health, fitness, and wellbeing, and addressing anti-social behaviour through sports | £3,488 |
| Page 10 14 | Bar Gap Rd growing project and bulb planting | Coldhurst | Central District | Improvement works and growing areas - the growing area will incorporate some no dig beds, raised planters, footpaths, fruit trees and bird feeders. | £3,500 |
| 15 | Featherstall Flora | Coldhurst | Central District | Maintenance of garden, flower beds and green spaces at the Coldhurst Central Mosque | £3,500 |
| 16 | Northmoor Library new residents support and engagement | Coldhurst | Central District | Support people to access employment opportunities. | £2,500 |
| 17 | Millenium Centre Refurbishment | Coldhurst | Central District | Refurbishment of gym equipment | £1,750 |
| 18 | Holts and Alt Improvement plan | Alexandra | Central District | Support two valuable community assets within the Holts and Alt areas of our ward. | £3,500 |
| 19 | Don't Trash Hathershaw | Alexandra | Central District | To reduce fly-tipping and improve poor attitudes to recycling. | £3,500 |
| 20 | Abbey Hills Road continued improvement | Alexandra | Central District | Cutting back of conifers followed by a further alley | £3,500 |

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| | | | | clean up | |
| 21 | Establishing girls' cricket at Glodwick Cricket Club | Alexandra | Central District | Opportunity for girls and supporting cohesion | £3,495 |
| 22 | Royton Town AFC | Royton | North District | Support Royton FC to play their home league games | £1,500 |
| 23 | District Planters for Royton | Royton North | North District | Decorative planters to maintain a sense of civic pride in the historic areas | £1,770 |
| 24 | Shaw Road End Park | Royton north | North District | install 3 x new 240ltr housing with wheelie bin liner in the park | £1,860.00 |
| 25 | Heyside Community Alleyways | Royton South | North District | Installation of alleyway gates | £3,400 |
| 26 | Heyside Public Rights of Way | Royton South | North District | Maintenance of Heyside Area | £3,000 |
| 27 | Harry Street Unadopted Road | Royton South | North District | Medium-term repairs of Harry Street | £3,500 |
| 28 | Hopwood Garden Enhancements | Shaw | North District | Additional garden furniture for residents of Hopwood Court | £847.93 |
| 29 | Planting in an Urban Street | Wernerth | West District | To improve the current brick built planter on Cambridge Street which is currently overgrown with weeds. | £580 |
| 30 | Coppice and Wernerth Community Garden Project | Wernerth | West District | Maintain unadopted green space and alleyways in Coppice and Wernerth. | £3,475 |
| 31 | Improving built built planter on Cambridge Street | Wernerth | West District | Maintain local area | £580 |
| 32 | Fernhurst Allotment Society | Chadderton Central | West District | Improve the environment for residents and Fernhurst Allotment Society | £3,500 |
| 33 | Springbank Bowling Club – Fully Inclusive | Chadderton Central | West District | Removal and maintenance of trees to make Springbank | £3,240 |

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| | | | | Bowling Club more inclusive | |
| 34 | Promoting the Development of Chadderton | Chadderton Central | West District | To run public events and activities in Foxdenton Park and other venues across Chadderton, i.e Halloween | £2,000 |
| 35 | Darker Nights | throughout West district | West District | Fund and distribute crime prevention products throughout the West District alongside providing information and advice about safety during the winter | £3,481 |
| 36 | Granby Street Wetland Area | Chadderton South | West District | Maintenance of Granby Wetland Area - clear the self-sown willow and other species from the area | £3,500 |
| 37 | Chadderton Cricket Club | Chadderton South | West District | Organise training sessions and get more young people active | £3,500 |
| 38 | West youth and KICKS | Hollinwood | South District | Bid to support young people at Honeywell Lane Centre around topical issues | £3,500 |
| 39 | Avro Football Club | Hollinwood | South District | Improving car parking facilities at the Vestacare Stadium | n/a |
| 40 | Coppice Play Area | Medlock | South District | Improve Coppice play area with new equipment on the grass land area behind Coppice School | £3,500 |
| 41 | Coppice community garden | Medlock | South District | Transform alleyways of Manley Road and Gainsborough Avenue | £3,500 |
| 42 | Medlock Clean Sweep | Medlock | South District | Clean and repair alleyways in Medlock | £3,500 |
| 43 | Medlock EduNeighbourhood | Medlock | South District | Targeted educational programmes incl SIA Security | £3,500 |

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| | | | | training, digital skills | |
| 44 | Kennedy St Alleygate | Medlock | South District | Installation of gates to prevent flytipping | £3,500 |
| 45 | Festival Celebrations | Medlock | South District | Installation of lights/equipment to celebrate religious holidays | £3,400 |
| 46 | Medlock Vale Clean Up | Medlock | South District | Clean areas Medlock | £3,350 |
| 47 | Westminster Gardens | Failsworth East | South District | Repair the existing benches and install an accessible picnic bench | £3,500 |
| 48 | Lower Memorial Park, Failsworth | Failsworth | South District | Install signs around the park to allow people with little or no communication abilities to communicate using pictures. | £3,450 |
| 49 | Pocket Park – Between Beech Street and Ash Street. | Failsworth | South District | Creare a pocket park | £3,500 |
| 50 | Day Drive – Community Garden & Grow Hub Project – In conjunction with FCHO | Failsworth | South District | Creating a space for everyone in the community and surrounding area to come along and get involved with activities such as planting, gardening, growing | £3,500 |

Total

£138, 495



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