

CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE (DIF)
Agenda

Date Thursday 28 March 2013

Time 4.30 pm

Venue Crompton Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1NL

Notes

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 Steven Garratt in advance of the meeting.
2. CONTACT OFFICER for this Agenda is Steven Garratt Tel. 0161 770 5151 or email steven.garratt@oldham.gov.uk
3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS - Any member of the public wishing to ask a question at the above meeting can do so only if a written copy of the question is submitted to the contact officer by 12 noon, Monday, 25 March 2013.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE (DIF) IS AS FOLLOWS:

Councillors Alcock, Jabbar, McMahon and Stretton

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 Declarations of Interest

To Receive Declarations of Interest in any Contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting.

4 Urgent Business

Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair

5 Public Question Time

To receive Questions from the Public, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

6 Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 2)



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The Minutes of the District Investment Fund Sub-Committee held on 24th October 2013 are attached for approval.

7 District Investment Fund Update (Pages 3 - 10)

CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE (DIF)

24/10/2012 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillors Alcock, Jabbar, McMahon and Stretton

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Akhtar be appointed Chair for the remainder of the 2012/2013 Municipal year.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

6 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd January 2012 be approved as a correct record.

7 **DISTRICT INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE**

The Cabinet Sub-Committee gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director, Neighbourhoods which provided Members with a progress update on the various projects against the actions agreed at the meeting on the 23rd January 2012. The Committee were provided with details of each project as of 24th October 2012.

It was reported that six of the projects had yet to start or have work commissioned. The projects were:

1. Chadderton – Rugby MUGA Playing Fields
2. West Oldham Berriesfield Children's play area
3. West Oldham – Holts Village Community Allotments
4. Saddleworth and Less – Community Allotments
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Members expressed concern at the delay with the listed projects and wanted assurances from each District Partnership that each project would be completed this financial year or the funding would be withdrawn and reallocated.

It was further reported the Street Scene and Public Realm department may not have the capacity to undertake some of the projects due the majority of all projects relating to parks and Open spaces. An assessment would be made and if required, works would be commissioned if the 'in house' teams did not have the capacity.

Options/Alternatives Considered

None

RESOLVED: That

- 1. Each District Partnership would be contacted and advised that 1st April 2013 was the final date for project completion.**
- 2. The District Partnership funding needed to be identified and agreed for those projects where the funding had not been committed. If the contribution was not made within this financial year the District Investment Funding would expire. Each District Partnership would have the option to allocate funding from the 2012/13 budget.**
- 3. Each District Partnership was to appoint a lead Members to oversee the projects.**
- 4. Each District Partnership was to provide a work programme and feasibility assessment if required for each project and commission the works where capacity issues existed.**

The meeting started at 6.45pm and finished at 7.06pm

CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE (DIF)

DISTRICT INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE

March 2013

Officer Contacts: Colette Kelly: 3103

Purpose of report:

This is a covering report for the District Investment Fund (DIF) update. The District Investment Fund Sub-Committee is asked to note the progress of the various projects against the actions agreed at the January meeting of the DIF Committee.

Background:

In October 2013 the DIF Sub-Committee considered the progress of projects funded under the DIF. The Sub-Committee expressed concern over six projects that had, at that time, made little progress.

The projects were:

1. Chadderton – Rugby MUGA Playing Fields
2. West Oldham Berriesfield Children's play area
3. West Oldham – Holts Village Community Allotments
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Appendix 1 is a further update on the DIF projects to date, including detail around the six projects identified above.

Recommendations:

The DIF Sub-Committee are asked to consider the detail on each project and make a decision in each case whether or not funding should be recovered for reallocation.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: DIF Update

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DISTRICT INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE – March 2013

District	Name	Lead Member	Scheme Outline Costs	Brief Description of project	Resolution of DIF Sub-Committee	Funding secured to date	Project plan for completion
Failsworth and Hollinwood	Failsworth Cemetery	Cllr Mc Mahon	£150,000	The works to be undertaken are improvements to the entrance of Failsworth Cemetery, replacement and improvements to the fencing and footpath in the adjacent Public Right of Way (PRoW) and establishing an area for new graves that will accommodate approximately 600 graves. A capital bid has been submitted for £50k and the district partnership has identified £15k from 2010/11 budget and £15k from 2011/12 budget to support the work described. £70k from DIF is to complete funding.	RESOLVED: That £70,000 of District Investment funding be approved subject to confirmation of £50,000 from the Capital Improvements Programme Board and the principles agreed at Item with the exception of the revenue funding requirement from the District Partnership that would be covered through income generated through sale of plots	£70,000 DiF £30,000 DP £50,000 CPB	Public Right of Way complete Extension complete Entrance –contract documents drawn some alterations required. Works scheduled for completion this financial year.
Chadderton	Coalshaw Green Skate Park	Cllr Shuttleworth	£160,000	The purpose of this application is to seek funding to improve and update the skateboard park in Coalshaw Green park, Chadderton. The existing structure has been in the Park for over 10 years. The development of the facility will help to promote health and wellbeing and reduce anti social behaviour.	RESOLVED: That £45,000 District Investment funding be approved for the improvements and update of the Park subject to a contribution of £5,000 (10%) from the District Partnership budget and the principles agreed at Item 5 of the agenda, with the exception of the revenue funding which is covered as there was an existing facility that was being upgraded.	£45,000 DiF £5,000 DP	Chadderton District Partnership working with Full Circle – a Voluntary organisation in Chadderton have secured funding from a bid to Viridor, a company specialising in sustainability and waste management. In addition local young people who have been instrumental in the development of the project have raised funds locally through activities and events. Total project cost - £158,88.64 LCF monies - £107,384.64 Dif £45,000 DP £5,000 Awaiting a contract between Council and Full Circle to be finalised from Legal.
	Rugby MUGA Playing Fields	Cllr McClaren	£68,000	The purpose of this application is to seek funding to develop a MUGA pitch as part of the redevelopment of Melrose Playing Fields (The home of Hollinwood ARLFC). The development of the facility will help to promote health and wellbeing and reduce anti social behaviour.	RESOLVED: That £61,000 of District Investment funding be approved for the redevelopment of the playing fields subject to a contribution of £7,000 (10%) from the District Partnership budget and the principles agreed at Item 5 of the agenda.	£61,000 DIF £7,000 DP	Topographical -survey and feasibility study completed. Draft design and costs submitted The total cost of the scheme is £115,000 and the application to Sport England for £47,000 match funding. Cllr Mc Laren suggests that everything can be in place whilst awaiting the outcome of the application to Sport England. The outcome of the application will be known at the end of July 2013.  Cllr Mc Claren update - RE District Investm

Royton, Shaw and Crompton	Bullcote Green	Cllr Sykes	£50,961	Refurbishment of Bullcote Green Bowling Fields and Portacabin. Will contribute to healthy and active lifestyles and to build on events carried out in the neighbourhoods.	RESOLVED: That £46,000 of District Investment funding be approved for the refurbishment of Bullcote Green and the Portacabin subject to a contribution of £4,961 (10%) from the District Partnership budget and the principles agreed at Item 5 of the agenda.	£46,000 Dif £4,961 DP £6,872 RCCO	Complete
	Clayton Playing Fields	Cllr Larkin	£53,982	A scheme for the provision of 6 changing rooms, plus shower and toilet facilities at Clayton Playing Fields. The District Partnership make the case that this project will benefit the whole borough as there is no current provision for grassroots football anywhere else. This impacts on peoples health and well being improving the quality of life of people in Oldham as a whole.	RESOLVED: That £24,621.47 District Investment funding be approved for the changing rooms and toilet facilities, subject to the principles agreed at Item 5 of the agenda, with the exception of the revenue funding, covered by the central council budget as it was a Borough wide facility and the match funding requirement.	£24,621 DIF £29,360 s106	Completion scheduled for April 2013 but this is dependent on water connection being completed in March 2013.
	Dunwood Park Woodland Playscape	Cllr Sykes	£65,000	Dunwood Park has been awarded a 'Parks for People' HLF grant to refurbish the park and increase the number and range of users. There is, however, an identified needs gap of facilities for children and young people. This is to be filled by a woodland playscape. The proposal contributes to the provision and maintenance of high quality parks and countryside in the Royton, Shaw and Crompton district (Priority 1.2 in which Dunwood Park is a specific action).	RESOLVED: That £65,000 District Investment funding be approved for the playscape subject to the principles agreed at Item 5 of the agenda, with the exception of the revenue funding, covered by the central council fund as part of the Lottery agreement	£58,500 plus £6,500 from the DP	Completed
West Oldham	Bardsley Playing Field	Cllr Ateeq UrRehman	£60,000	To carry out drainage works at Bardsley Playing fields located adjacent to Keb Lane. Over Autumn and Winter the pitch could not be used for 6 months due to boggy conditions and had fallen into disuse for formal sports. Members were advised that preliminary investigations had been carried out and a survey undertaken with recommendations for remedying the problem the project cost of £60,000 was based on the recommendations.	RESOLVED: That £54,000 District Investment funding be approved for the drainage works, subject to a contribution of £6,000 (10%) from the District Partnership and the principles agreed at Item 5 of the agenda.	£54,000 DIF The District Partnership has not allocated the 10% match - £6,000 - once the final cost has been confirmed by the tender, the match will be sought from the Bardsley Playing Fields and Community Association who have been raising funds for this project for the past few years.	Tenders returned in February – Modern Gov report completed awaiting Finance and legal Comments. Lowest tender is £62,000. Additional funds will be allocated from DP monies clawed back from a previous project where the group has folded. There is an £11,000 revenue implication for this project that hasn't been identified. Project is at risk until a revenue stream can be identified.

Berriesfield Childrens' Play Area	Cllr Malik & Cllr Jabbar	£80,000	<p>To a bid for £80,000 in relation to Berriesfield to install a young children's play area in the well-used recreational space in Westwood. The recreational area is located in a densely populated area within the most deprived ward in Oldham.</p> <p>Members were advised that Councillors invested in new goal posts, funded football coaching, and the District Partnership funded the installation of street lighting columns and benches. This had made the park more accessible for families. There were no children's play facilities in the locality - the closest were located across the bypass at Westwood Park, however, this facility has since been decommissioned due to health and safety concerns. A play facility in this area would increase the interaction between parents and children, as well interaction between communities.</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> £63,000 of District Investment funding be approved for the children's play area, subject to £7,000 (10%) contribution from the District Partnership and the principles agreed at Item 5 of the agenda. A further £10,000 funding would need to be found by the District Partnership. If this funding was not approved within 12 months the monies would be returned to the District Investment fund. Alternatively the scheme could be reduced to £70,000. 	<p>£63,000 Agreed</p> <p>The District Partnership has <u>not</u> allocated the 10% match - £7,000 - once final costs are confirmed match could be allocated via s106 from local developments</p> <p>£70,000 approved extra £10,000 to be found elsewhere</p>	<p>Tenders returned and a Modern Governance Report has been written recommending that the tender be awarded for a total cost of £69k. (Feb 2013).</p> <p>The revenue implications will be met from S106 from local developments.</p> <p>Appoint contractor – March/April 2013 Contractor on site – April/May 2013 Complete – July 2013</p>
Holts Village Community Allotments Infrastructure works	Cllr MacDonald	£50,000	<p>Funding of £50,000 for a local community allotment site in Holts Village. Members were advised that discussions had taken place involving ward members and a preliminary scheme had been discussed with Parks. Asset management had since advertised the specified open space site (adjacent to Wildmoor Avenue) for disposal. Holts EMB were in the process of forming an Allotment Society to progress the license for the land. A planning application would need to be registered for change of use of land. This application was to fund the initial infrastructure works required for the site - landscaping, fencing, paths, and water. The project had been discussed with local services and agencies.</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That £45,000 District Investment funding be approved for the development of the allotments site subject to a contribution of £5,000 (10%) from the District Partnership, all necessary approvals and the principles agreed at Item 5 of the agenda, with the exception of the revenue funding which would be covered by the plot holders association once formed.</p>	<p>£45,000 DIF £5,000 DP</p>	<p>Proposed site is an unused and unmaintained school (St Hughs) playing field.</p> <p>Open Space disposal advertised</p> <p>All approvals and documentation in place to go forward for planning approval</p>
Tudor Street Floodlights	Cllr Akhtar & Cllr Iqbal	£35,000	<p>This project proposal is to install floodlighting at the pitch and to install an additional lighting column for the car park off Wellington Road.</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That £31,500 of District Investment funding be approved for the installation of floodlighting subject to a contribution of £3,500 (10%) from the District Partnership budget and the principles agreed at Item 5 of the agenda.</p>	<p>£31,500 DIF £3,500 DP</p>	<p>The project has been commissioned and a contractor appointed</p> <p>Payment to Electricity NorthWest held up in Agresso has led to later start..</p> <p>Contractor on site April 2013 Complete June 2013</p>

Saddleworth and Lees	Allotments	Cllr Beeley	£30,000	Funding will be used to develop the infrastructure of community allotments when sites are found.	RESOLVED: That £27,000 of District Investment funding be approved for the development of additional allotments, subject to a contribution of £3,000 (10%) from the District Partnership budget and the principles agreed at Item 5 of the agenda. The amount would be clawed back if sites had not been identified within 12 months.	£27,000 DIF £3,000 from DP	The District Partnership has now successfully completed its allotment partnership project with the Parish Council and the main allotment site identified in Uppermill has now been secured. DIF funding will be used to support the necessary infrastructure works alongside an allotment society. It is anticipated that the works will commence during the summer months. The District Partnership is also in an ongoing process of working with community groups to identify other suitable land and along with H21 to initiate allotment/gardening projects with tenants.
	Footpaths	Cllr Beeley	£30,000	The project would enable investment and improvements to be made to the minor highway network in Saddleworth and Lees including public paths and ways, unsealed roads (Green Lanes) and the linear park network. Priority would be given to those routes which meet the most demand in terms of links to wider networks or require urgent work to prevent further erosion. This is a priority for the District Plan.	RESOLVED: That £27,000 of District Investment funding be approved for footpath improvements subject to a contribution of £3,000 (10%) from the District Partnership budget and the principles agreed at Item 5 of the agenda.	£27,000 DIF £3,000 DP	The agreed programme is now nearing completion (end of March/early April 2013)
East Oldham	Beckett Meadows Play Space	Cllr Qumer	£66,398 NB – please note reduction in cost	This scheme would provide a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the Beckett Meadows area of Clarksfield. This is an area with a high number of young people, but little in terms of formal open space provision. A recent local petition has shown strong support for such a scheme.	RESOLVED: That £41,000 of District Investment funding be approved for the multi-use Games area (MUGA) subject to a contribution of £4,550 (10%) from the District Partnership budget and the principles agreed at Item 5 of the agenda.	£41,000 DIF £4,550 DP £10,700 s106 funding agreed.	The scheme has now been pared down, by taking out some unnecessary elements. The total estimated costs is now £66,398. A mix of funding has been identified, as follows: DIF allocation = £41,000 DP - original contribution to capital costs = £4,550 DP - original contribution to revenue costs, now to be used towards capital = £4,000 Section 106 contribution = £11,848 DP - funding initially allocated for Greenacres = £5,000 Total = £66,398 In addition, £11,900 S106 funding has been identified to cover maintenance costs for the site. Drawings have been completed. Initial information has been submitted to Planning, and a full application is expected to be submitted by 20 th March. The tendering of this scheme would be subject to planning approval, and an estimated start date would be mid May NB – to inform whether further progress is

	Clarksfield Pitch	Cllr Dean	£73,000	<p>Funding for £73,000 to provide a formal play space for an area lacking in such provision. This would help to reduce anti-social behaviour, by providing a safe environment in which to engage in positive activities. Members were advised that the land was a low quality kick about area and work had been underway for some time to develop proposal for a mini park in the centre of Clarksfield based at the primary school. It would also help to improve healthy lifestyles, by encouraging young people to engage in physical exercise and bring back into use a neglected area of land and to provide a kick-start for the much wider planned scheme for the site, to incorporate facilities that will cater to all sections of the community. The development of the management group will mean that there would an active role for local people in shaping the use and development of this land.</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That £65,000 of District Investment funding be approved for the mini park subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The District Partnership consulting with the community and providing evidence that there was community support in relation to the proposed site of the play area and the decommissioning of the play area at Arundul Street within 12 months. 2. A contribution of £8,000 (10%) from the District Partnership budget 3. All other funding as detailed within the report. 4. The principles agreed at Item 5 of the agenda. 	£65,000 DIF £8,000 DP	<p>made on this, a decision is needed on whether the DIF funding will remain available to allow for this to go to tender.</p> <p>Scheme currently out to tender. Expected start in April, with works taking approximately 3 – 4 weeks</p>
Greenacres Playing fields GSCA	Cllr Thompson	£360,000	<p>The project is to redevelop long neglected former rugby pitches to provide match quality facilities for football and other sports, including dancing, baseball and fishing. This will encourage healthy lifestyles and community activity and provide a hub for sports volunteering.</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That £45,000 of District Investment funding be approved for the redevelopment of the pitch subject to a contribution of £5,000 (10%) from the District Partnership budget and the principles agreed at Item 5 of the agenda.</p>	£45,000 DIF	<p>Due to the lack of progress on obtaining match funding, and the necessity to find additional funding for the Beckett Meadows scheme, the District Partnership has agreed to withdraw the DP match funding of £5,000, and reallocate to Beckett Meadows.</p>	

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