

Appendix 1: Local Improvement Fund Fast Grants Round 1 – Advisory Panel Recommendations

Date: 1st December 2022

Proposal	Funded requested	Recommendation	Notes
Central			
1. Alt Croft and Orchard	£1,997	FUND	
2. Bay Street Lighting Column	£2,500	FUND	
3. Westwood Alleygating	£3,500	FUND	
East			
4. Veg in the Park Poly Tunnel	£3,500	FUND	
5. Reaching Out	£1,300	DEFER	The advisory group noted a lack of detail regarding the travel element of the bid – it was unclear what or how many trips this would support. Officers are to seek clarification on this element. The advisory group are supportive of the rest of the bid, so if this clarification can be secured before the subcommittee meeting the advisory group recommend approval. If not the bid should return for consideration in the next round.
6. Grotton Wildflower Meadow	£1,000	FUND	The advisory group noted the apparent links between bids 6 and 8. Officers are to seek clarification as to whether the projects are linked, and if so whether both could be delivered for £2,500. If so the advisory group recommend approval.
7. Ashes Lane Playgroup	£3,380	DEFER	The advisory group noted that this bid appears to primarily benefit the customers of a private business. Officers are to seek clarification as to whether the facility would be available to other users of the community centre. If possible to secure this clarification in advance of the subcommittee meeting, the advisory group recommends approval of this project. If not the bid should return to the advisory group for consideration in the next round.
8. Wildlife Watch Grotton	£1,693	FUND	See note for project 6, above.

9. RAF Cadets Training Corps	£3,500	FUND	The advisory group noted that free software may be available for this project to enable a greater return on investment. If approved by the subcommittee, officers are to connect the project with the relevant opportunity.
10. Leesfield Preschool wildlife garden	£1,271	FUND	
11. Lees Park Eco Hub	£500	FUND	The advisory group noted that if successful this project could be extended in future through funding from Action Together or ward councillor budgets.
12. Pearly Bank Clean Up	£3,195	FUND	
13. SASL Get Sporty	£3,500	DEFER	The advisory group noted a lack of detail on how the funds will be used. Officers are requested to seek further information and return the bid for consideration in the next round.
South			
14. REEL CIC Holiday Activities	£1,000	FUND	The advisory group noted that if funded this project will deliver over the Christmas period. Given that similar projects may be proposed in the next round, it was requested that evaluation of the project be provided in advance of the next funding deadline to inform future decisions.
15. Salvation Army Fitton Hill – The Brew	£3,000	DEFER	The advisory group were unclear whether sessions would take place weekly, how the project would be staffed and whether the fund covered all staff costs of would provide a subsidy that would be supplemented elsewhere. Officers are to seek this clarification and return the project to the advisory group in the next round for consideration.
16. GMSAW – Mind@Peace	£3,500	DEFER	This project was submitted without evidence of support from ward councillors. The advisory group recommended that it be deferred until the next round, with the applicant requested to seek support from ward councillors in advance of the next deadline.
17. Coppice Community Hub	£3,500	DEFER	This project was submitted without evidence of support from ward councillors. The advisory group recommended that it be deferred until the next round, with the applicant requested to seek support from ward councillors in advance of the next deadline.
North			
18. Royton Cricket Club	£1,000	FUND	The advisory group noted that this project seeks to address challenges experienced by many sports and social clubs across Oldham. Officers are

			therefore asked to request detailed evaluation to enable lessons to be shared with other clubs in the borough.
19. Dogford Park Litter Bins	£1,860	FUND	
20. RCC Bowling Club	£1,000	FUND	The advisory group noted that the project aims to support engagement with young people and recommended that, if approved, the project is asked to provide details of the number of young people engaged and retained and evaluation of the process, to help support and inform other groups looking to achieve similar outcomes.
21. Royton South Alleyways Improvements	£2,500	FUND	The advisory group noted that this project may be (at least in part) fundable through the ongoing betterment programme. The advisory group recommend funding the project through the LIF, but suggested that additional value could be gained by aligning the work to other betterment projects due to take place in Royton.
West			
22. Chadderton Together Feb Half Term Family Meal	£1,000	FUND	

Additional Notes from Advisory Group

- Councillors noted that there was a lack of consistency in how applications were submitted, and the involvement of ward councillors in that process. Officers are requested to reinforce for councillors that in future rounds a councillor should be actively involved in the process. This can be achieved in part by amending the application form to include a box stipulating which councillors support the proposal.
- Given the speed with which some of the projects funded through the LIF will be delivered, officers are requested to provide interim reports where appropriate to inform future funding decisions.