

Supplementary Agenda

Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Board

Date: Wednesday, 25 January 2017

Time: 09:30

Venue: Committee Room 3,
Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton

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Dear Member

With reference to the agenda for the above meeting which was issued on 17 January, please find attached Agenda Item **9. COMMUNITY BUDGETING**, which was not available at that time.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive

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Mr Tony McGale, Scottish Government Location Director Support
Mr Steve Dunlop, Chief Executive, Scottish Canals
Mr Gordon Watson, Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park
Ms Audrey Cumberland, Principal, West College Scotland
Mr John Anderson, Manager, West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust
Ms Linda Murray, Scottish Enterprise
Mr Nick Allan, Dunbartonshire Chamber of Commerce
Mr David Abernethy, Scottish Prison Service

Date of Issue: 19 January 2017



Report by the Strategic Director of Transformation & Public Service Reform

Management Group

Wednesday 25th January 2017

Subject: Community Budgeting

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to update CPWD members on plans to implement stage 2 of community budgeting in West Dunbartonshire

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** Members are asked to note the content of the report

3. Background

- 3.1** As has previously been reported to CPWD, West Dunbartonshire Council allocated £1m of capital investment in February 2016 to support delivery of Your Community across West Dunbartonshire. It was agreed that a proportion of this money would be used to fund an approach to participatory budgeting in the area. £425,000 was allocated to participatory budgeting, with the remaining £575,000 allocated for improvement activities. Following discussion in October 2016 Council allocated a further £60,000 of revenue funding to support participatory budgeting.

- 3.2** The first round of participatory budgeting was delivered over November 2016. As previously reported £25,000 was available in each your community area, with bids of up to £2,000 per bid accepted. 87 applications were received and 76 individual project ideas were presented over 8 local voting evenings held in November. Around 350 residents came along to the events to support local activity in their area and participated in the allocation of almost £100,000 of funding (split equally between capital and revenue allocation).

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** Time has been taken since the first round of community budgeting closed in November 2016 to review the process and evaluate feedback from participants. This has informed a revision of the approach to be taken for round two of community budgeting. Community organisations have been notified that further community budgeting activity is planned over the spring, with the application process opening at the end of January. As a result of feedback and review the process will be longer and more support will be provided to groups in the development of their bids.
- 4.2** A number of useful points were highlighted during and after round one of community budgeting. Informed by this there are some key changes being implemented for phase two of the community budgeting work locally.
- Many participants and other stakeholders reported concern at the £2,000 cap on bids as this didn't allow much scope for the large capital projects that community organisations were keen to develop. The low cap has been acknowledged as a barrier to application and will be increased to up to £10,000 per bid for phase two. This allows for larger projects to be presented but also ensures that there is scope for funding of more than one idea per area.
 - A number of initial bids in phase one were not eligible as they related to a wider area or were West Dunbartonshire wide, which does not fit within the criteria for community budgeting. The advice surgeries planned for phase two allow groups to come forward with ideas for discussion and signposting. This allows other funding routes and opportunities to be worked through for wider area projects.
 - Many participants in phase one felt that timescales were tight for application and for preparing to present at community voting evenings. We understand that many individuals were anxious about presenting ideas to an audience and that more time is required to help groups prepare for this and to develop robust bids. The process has been extended at each stage for phase two to allow for this.
 - Although the communities team and partners undertook a wide spread programme of advertisement for phase one, both for applications and events, feedback received was that this process was not widely known about in the community. To combat this information drop in events will be held from the end of January, communities' team members and partners will contact all known community organisations to highlight phase two, information cascades will be carried out through Community Alliance, Community Council Forum, WDTRO and other wider umbrella forums.
- 4.3** Phase two advertising and awareness raising will begin week commencing 30th January 2017, with the application window open until the end of March 2017. Voting events will then be planned based on the geographical spread and volume of applications. Local voting events will take place in May 2017, allowing time for a phase three is not all budget is allocated. Appendix 1 shows the capital budget remaining in each of the 17 neighbourhoods. In addition to this a further £60,000 of revenue funding has been made available

for 2017/18, this will be used to supplement any capital projects with a small revenue requirement.

5. People Implications

5.1 None, all activity is delivered through existing team and partner capacity.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 The capital and revenue allocations for Your Community will be utilised to support phase two of community budgeting. There will be no additional implications beyond this budget allocation.

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 As outlined previously there is an increasing drive nationally for community planning partners to work at an increased pace to deliver outcomes for communities. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act sets a clear direction for involvement of communities in the design and delivery of services.

7.2 Community budgeting allows the partnership to work with communities to build capacity and resilience.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 An EIA is not required as this is a progress update on existing activities.

9 Consultation

9.1 This is an update on areas of work. Consultation has been carried out to inform this approach.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 Progressing work as outlined in this report ensures CPWD can deliver on the outcomes set in the Single Outcome Agreement.

Communication Bulletin

Community Planning West Dunbartonshire were pleased to note plans for phase two of community budgeting following the successful allocation of almost £100,000 through phase one and looks forward to supporting more community ambitions through this approach.

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Appendices: Community Budgeting – remaining funding

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All

Capital Allocation by Area

Area	Capital Allocated in Phase One	Capital Remaining
Alexandria	4550	20450
Balloch & Haldane	1800	23200
Bonhill & Dalmonach	2560	22440
Bowling & Milton	3190	21810
Clydebank East	0	25000
Dalmuir & Mountblow	570	24430
Dumbarton East & Central	5405	19595
Dumbarton North	5300	19700
Dumbarton West	1065	23935
Duntocher & Hardgate	1675	23325
Faifley	0	25000
Kilmaronock	2500	22500
Linnvale & Drumry	0	25000
Old Kilpatrick	8310	16690
Parkhall, North Kilbowie & Central	4000	21000
Renton	7495	17505
Silvertoun & Overtoun	0	25000
TOTAL	48420	376580