

SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AGENDA



Wednesday 11th March 2015

at 10.00am

**in Committee Room B,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM:

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher, Barclay, Brash, Clark, Cranney, Gibbon, Hall, Hargreaves, James, Lauderdale, Lilley, Loynes, Martin-Wells, Morris, Richardson, Simmons and Sirs

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 4. MINUTES**
 - 4.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2015
 - 4.2 Matters arising.
- 5. ASK THE POLICY CHAIRS**
- 6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME and WARD ISSUES (maximum of 30 minutes)**
- 7. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION**

None



8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR INFORMATION

- 8.1 Hartlepool Power Station Update – *Station Director*
- 8.2 Consultation on the Housing Strategy 2015-2020 – *Assistant Director (Regeneration)*

9. WARD MEMBER BUDGETS

- 9.1 Ward Member Budgets – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

11. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed



SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINUTES

14th January 2015

The meeting commenced at 2pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Chair: Councillor Kevin Cranney - Foggy Furze

Vice Chair: Councillor Alan Clark - Fens and Rossmere

Councillor Alan Barclay - Manor House
Councillor Ged Hall - Burn Valley
Councillor Marjorie James - Manor House
Councillor John Lauderdale - Burn Valley
Councillor Brenda Loynes - Rural West
Councillor George Morris - Rural West
Councillor Chris Simmons - Victoria
Councillor Kaylee Sirs - Foggy Furze

Public: A Bauer, Mary Diver, Bob Farrow, Ian Ferguson, W R Hall, Fran Johnson, Gordon & Stella Johnson, Peter Joyce, Yousuf Khan, Evelyn Leck, Jim Lindridge, Ray Pocklington, A Richardson and G Stamper

Police Representatives:

Inspector Carl Broughton

Officers:

Clare Clark, Community Safety and Engagement Manager
Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
Kate Ainger, Environmental Projects Officer
Irene Cross, Neighbourhood Development Officer (Central)
Tara Davison, Neighbourhood Development Officer (South and Central)
Tracy Rowe, Community Regeneration Officer
Steve Thomas, Planning and Implementation Officer
Jo Stubbs, Democratic Services Officer

22. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Christopher Akers-Belcher, Stephen Akers-Belcher and Carl Richardson

23. Declarations of Interest

None

24. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2014

Approved

25. Matters Arising

Rural West – Quarry Farm Planning Application – As previously discussed had Northumbrian Water been invited to a joint meeting? The Chair advised that officers were still trying to contact the relevant people. A resident advised that she had contact details which she would pass on to officers. Reference was made to the withdrawal of the Local Plan and the impact this had had on the Quarry Farm and Tunstall Farm applications. A Councillor clarified that the Local Plan had not been adopted rather than being withdrawn adding that had the Local Plan been adopted both sites had been included by the Planning Inspector and therefore these applications would have been approved automatically. Residents reiterated their concerns around flooding and sewerage in these areas and across the town.

Burn Valley – Rubbish / Grass cutting – The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator confirmed that mechanical sweepers were used each week. The convoy system used for grass cutting was simply a result of the vehicles all working on the same area and therefore leaving at the same time.

Burn Valley – Burn Valley Gardens/Blakelock Gardens – Problems with visibility on this corner were re-iterated. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator to schedule a site visit to the area.

Manor House – Masefield Road – A Kipling Road resident made reference to a letter having been sent residents regards parking on grass verges, commenting that they had not received any letter. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator indicated that residents at the top of Masefield Road had received letters and Kipling Road was a different area. A resident commented that cars would cut across the dropped kerb on Kipling Road and an email showing vehicles doing this had been sent to the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator. They were not aware of an email having been sent.

Burn Valley – Dropped Kerbs – This work had been completed following contributions for 2 ward members.

A resident had previously suggested that the trims on the Civic Centre

steps be changed from black to white to aid people with sight problems. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator advised that this would not be happening.

26. Ask the Policy Chairs

Councillors Christopher Akers-Belcher (Chair of Finance and Policy Committee) and Carl Richardson (Chair of Adult Services Committee) submitted their apologies for the meeting. Councillors Marjorie James (Chair of Neighbourhood Services Committee) and Chris Simmons (Chair of Children's Services Committee) were in attendance.

Neighbourhood Services

A resident criticised the lack of communication to allotment holders from HBC, citing in particular concerns at the state of the allotments at Throston and the nearby bridle path which was used by parents taking their children to Throston Primary School. The Chair of Neighbourhood Services Committee advised that a consultation exercise with allotment holders was currently underway. In the meantime she would be happy to visit the site being discussed. A resident criticised HBC's allotments team and the Leader of the Council saying that responses to queries were not being sent out and a promise that all allotments would be visited had not been adhered to. The previous year a new rule book had been issued without warning or consultation and no help had been given to allotment holders to make the necessary adaptations. The Chair and Councillors reacted strongly to this attack on Council officers and indicated that the rule book changes had been negotiated with allotment representatives prior to implementation. This should have been passed on to members of the allotment associations by their representative. Anyone who was not a member of an allotment association had been contacted directly prior to implementation. A resident commented that he was the secretary of an allotment association and had not been aware. References were made to a 'clique' of allotment holders who received information at the expense of others. However another allotment holder disputed this saying he was a member of the 'clique' but meetings were open to all allotment holders and if they chose not to attend that was their choice. A request was made that information on forthcoming meetings and contact details be posted to the notice boards at allotments.

A query was made as to the details of the recent amnesty. The Chair of Neighbourhood Services Committee advised that allotment holders who had been subletting their allotments to other tenants on an ad hoc basis had been given 3 months to formalise these arrangements and pass on ownership officially to the tenant. HBC would then deal with the new tenant. The only conditions were that the rules imposed on all allotment holders be adhered to. The Chair asked that all those concerned leave their details with the Chair of Neighbourhood Services Committee to enable her to respond appropriately.

27. Public Question Time and Ward Issues

Rural West

Ward Jackson Park

There had been references via social media to a culling of parrots in the park. The Chair of Neighbourhood Services Committee would investigate.

Children were regularly riding their bikes in the Park despite byelaws forbidding this with the result that an old lady had recently been knocked down by secondary school children. Would it be possible to erect signage similar to that used for dog fouling. Noted by the Neighbourhood Co-Ordinator. The Ward Councillor would ask the head of High Tunstall to make an announcement to the children and would possibly attend herself regards this issue.

Burn Valley

Recycling

Contents of the grey bins were regularly being left on the pavement by the recycling operatives. Residents should contact the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator regarding this.

Cyclists

Bikes were being ridden on the pavement rather than roads. Inspector Broughton confirmed that this was illegal.

Drug dealer

Appeared to be a new drug dealer in the area and PCSOs had indicated they were unable to move them out. The Chair confirmed that there had been a problem with needles in the back alley.

HBC Contact Centre

A resident had phoned to report a faulty pelican crossing and been given a message about Christmas tree recycling. She asked the receptionist to put her straight through and the receptionist argued with her before eventually transferring her call as requested. Noted by the Chair.

Burn Valley beck

Community payback was expected to be utilised to clean it up.

Selective Licensing

This issue was due to be considered by Regeneration Services Committee the following day. A lot of residents had raised opinions which the ward councillor intended to bring forward to the meeting.

Camerons Social Club

This vacant building could be a potential target for vandalism. A Councillor confirmed that the snooker centre which had previously burned down would be moving into the building.

Fens

Brierton Lane

Problems with cars speeding and parking outside allotments. Officers would investigate the speeding problems. It was noted that stationary cars would slow speeding traffic down.

C Block

The pavements had been repaved at different times meaning the paving stones were different colours. Who made the decision to repave areas? The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator advised that red tarmac needed to be purchased in large amounts so defects and repairs were always carried out using black tarmac. Pavements were regularly inspected.

Grit bins

Could additional grit bins be situated in response to resident requests? The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator indicated that there were strict criteria for the placement of grit bins but he would be happy to look at specific areas.

Rossmere Primary School

A resident praised an event which had taken place at the school earlier that day for the school's diamond jubilee.

Rossmere Park

The park had recently been locked whilst an elderly resident was still inside. NES were reminded of the need to check the park before locking the gates.

B block

The Vice-Chair intended to arrange a walkabout of the area following resident concerns about the condition of the footpath in order to identify any necessary repairs.

Rossmere Masterplan

The Vice-Chair indicated that an announcement on the proposed implementation was expected in the near future.

Foggy Furze

Ashgrove Avenue / Windermere Road

Concerns were raised. The Chair advised that plans were still being submitted and were expected to be considered by the Planning Committee on 18th February.

Drug dealing

This was becoming a problem in Kendal Street and Borrowdale Street. The ward councillor had organised a meeting regarding these issues.

Dog fouling

A resident suggested that officers publicise the number of fines issued for dog fouling. The Community Safety and Engagement Officer advised that this hardly happened but acknowledged that more could be done. A ward councillor for Manor House commented that signage on dog fouling would be installed in Manor House ward following a ward budget contribution by councillors. It was also noted that 2 dog foul bins had been removed from Rossmere Park and not yet replaced. Concerns were also raised that the signage on the dog foul bins in Ward Jackson Park was confusing and deterred dog owners from using them.

Catcote Road / Chaucer Avenue

Vehicles were regularly driving across the grass verge. Budgets had already been allocated to rectify this problem.

Manor House

Credit card charges

A resident had been levied an additional 90p on a fine for paying by credit card. This was due the Government charging a percentage on all credit card payments albeit the Government were planning to scrap this charge.

Marlowe Field

When would the bonfire ashes be cleaned away? The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator thought this work had already been carried out.

Vehicles were continuing to drive onto the field and a request was made for a barrier to be erected. Noted by the Chair, officers would investigate.

Victoria

Civic Centre ramp

Four paving stones were loose. Officers would investigate.

28. Cleveland Police Update

Inspector Carl Broughton gave a brief presentation on the work of Cleveland Police, specifically Hartlepool's Integrated Neighbourhood Team. Figures showed that there had been a slight decrease in non-domestic burglary between October and December 2014 when compared to the same period in 2013. However there had been increases in domestic burglary, criminal damage & arson, theft and anti-social behaviour. Details of individual crime figures by ward were also provided. Inspector Broughton highlighted increases in specific areas and the reasons behind these while generally noting the recent loss of 400 officers had impacted upon these figures. A 16% increase in crime was being projected but this information needed to be weighed against crime reducing year on year for the previous decade and the relatively small numbers involved. Inspector Broughton also gave details on the team's core responsibilities and policing priorities which included anti-social behaviour and retail crime. The number of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) had reduced considerably over the previous 12 months but the Police and Crime Commissioner had recently announced plans to recruit more PCSOs in 2015. In addition 24 police officers had recently been recruited and were currently undergoing training with further recruitment drives expected in the near future. Members were also advised that a Police Constable for the Victoria Ward, Steph Button, had been named the National Neighbourhood Police Officer of the Year.

The following issues were then raised by those present:

Crime figures

At a recent Safer Hartlepool Partnership meeting the Leader of the Council had announced that crime had reduced. The Community Safety and Engagement Manager advised that this had been based on the yearly figures whereas these figures were based on a 3-month period when compared to the 3 months the previous year. The figures the Leader had previously quoted were accurate at the time of quoting.

Headland and Harbour

Why was there such a large increase in criminal damage and arson in this ward? Inspector Broughton was unable to answer as Headland and Harbour was part of the North and Coastal area.

Retail crime

Why were police officers patrolling Middleton Grange Shopping Centre? What about the town's other shopping areas? Inspector Broughton advised that there were no officers there only 2 PCSOs. 25% of all crime in Hartlepool was retail theft and it was ultimately the responsibility of the police to prevent crime. If officers were not present instances of shop lifting would rise and officers would have to spend time taking statements. Prevention was the preferred option in this case. A resident commented that PCSOs tended to remain in the central area rather than moving around the entrances and exits. Inspector Broughton advised that PCSOs should be patrolling Middleton Grange and would check that this is what was happening.

PCSOs recruitment

The Police and Crime Commissioner had recently referred to a trial period when more PCSOs would be recruited. Inspector Broughton indicated that this had not yet happened.

Austerity

What impact had austerity had on crime over the last 12 months, particularly the types of crime? Inspector Broughton commented that criminal activity had increased due to austerity but the types of crime had not really changed. Shoplifters for example would still use the same shop and weren't diversifying into burglary or drug dealing.

Rogue traders

There appeared to be an increase in certain areas. Inspector Broughton asked that residents pass any concerns on to the police.

Estate crime

There was a perception that all the previous good work with regards to crime moving from the estates into the town centre had been reversed with the loss of PCSOs. Crime and fear of crime on estates was increasing and elderly residents felt unable to go to their local shops on afternoons or evenings. Inspector Broughton disputed this saying the numbers of PCSOs on estates had not reduced and that PCSOs based on estates had not been moved into the town centre. However residents asserted that PCSOs were not as visible as they had been previously.

Crime Prevention Panel

The Neighbourhood Development Officer for the South and Central areas advised that they were looking for new members for Hartlepool's Crime Prevention Panel. This was a voluntary group which met monthly. Recently they had helped the residents association at Belle Vue with an initiative to prevent shed burglaries in that area, providing shed alarms, bike alarms and locks. Anyone who was interested was asked to speak to the Neighbourhood Development Officer at the end of the meeting.

The Chair thanked Inspector Broughton for attending the meeting and answering questions.

29. Raising Awareness of Dementia (*Director of Child and Adult Services*)

The Planning and Implementation Officer gave a brief presentation on the concept of 'Dementia friendly Hartlepool'. This was an ideal whereby people with dementia would be understood, respected and supported and made confident that they could contribute to community life in Hartlepool. A report on this had previously been considered by the Adult Services Committee. Increased life expectancy meant that more people were expected to reach older age and would therefore be at risk of developing dementia. It was calculated that the number of people over 65 with dementia would increase by approximately 1,000 by 2030 leaving traditional support systems unable to cope. Details were given of the National Dementia Declaration and the proposed foundation criteria for any dementia friendly project as set by the National 'Dementia Friendly Communities' organisation. So far an action plan, steering group, working party and information group had all been established in Hartlepool. Awareness raising was taking place across a range of organisations, several new Dementia Friends Champions had been trained and enquiries made into funding for a dedicated support and development officer for the project. People with dementia and their carers would be asked for their views as to what the priorities should be and groups and organisations asked to pledge their support and ask what they would be prepared to do to create a dementia friendly community. So far a large number of organisations had pledged their support including Age UK Teesside, Alzheimer's Society, Mind, TBI and various Council departments including Child & Adult Services and the Library Service.

The following issues were then raised by those present:

Alzheimers and Dementia

What was the difference? Dementia was a group term for a number of conditions, one of which was alzheimers.

Possible dementia

If you suspect a stranger has dementia should you approach them? If you feel they are at risk you could telephone the police. However in a dementia friendly community it was more likely that someone would know them.

A number of anecdotal examples of residents helping those with dementia in their areas were highlighted. It was also suggested that activities could be arranged at Ward Jackson Park. The Planning and Implementation Officer confirmed that there were formal services available for people with dementia including tracking devices but local knowledge was a valuable tool.

The Chair thanked the Planning and Implementation Officer for attending the meeting and answering questions.

30. Ward Member Budgets (*Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*)

Members were informed of the current position relating to Ward Member Budget in the North and Coastal Neighbourhood Forum area. In April 2012 members had been allocated £5,500 each by Cabinet to be used for the benefit of the community in their wards. A further £5,000 had been approved by Council in February 2013 and February 2014, however the latter approval was top sliced by 20% to allow the continuation of the Environmental Apprenticeship Scheme for a year, leaving £4,000 available to each member. All submissions were subject to delegated approval by the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods. In February 2014 Council had agreed that any unspent funds from the 2012/13 and 2013/14 allocations be set aside and utilised to continue the Ward Member budget programme post 2014/15. Appendices were attached giving a breakdown of the current spend to date and the current running total for each ward member with remaining budgets.

The Burn Valley ward councillors were asked to contribute to a mirror for the bottom of Burn Valley gardens which would enable pedestrians to see the oncoming traffic. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator would speak to highways regarding this issue.

Decision

That the report be noted

The meeting concluded at 4.15pm.

CHAIR

South & Central Neighbourhood Forum

14 January 2015

Issues Raised / Action Sheet

<p>Manor House</p>		
<p>Marlowe road remains of bonfires still on field.</p>	<p>Are to be inspected and all debris to be removed.</p>	<p>G Jones</p>
<p>Masefield road Vehicles parking on grassed area.</p>	<p>Site visit has taken place and options to alleviate the problem are still been discussed.</p>	<p>G Jones</p>
<p>Burn Valley</p>		
<p>Overgrown shrubs and sight line issues, Stockton. Road</p>	<p>A site meeting has taken place to look to address all issues.</p>	<p>G Jones</p>
<p>Foggy Furze</p>		
<p>Vehicles overriding play area at top of oxford road</p>	<p>A full consultation with residents has taken place and it has been agreed that raised grass mounds with be constructed along the play area field to prevent vehicles overriding the area.</p>	<p>G Jones</p>
<p>Fens & Rossmere</p>		
<p>Elderly resident being locked in Rossmere park</p>	<p>There is an NES signs on all exit gates with a 24 hours Security number displayed on both sides of the gate. Where there is an isolated incident with a person unfortunate enough to be 'locked in' they could ring the number displayed and security would return to open the gate.</p>	<p>G Jones</p>

<p>Speeding issues on Brierton Lane.</p>	<p>The guard drives around the park with a beacon lights flashing. This protocol has been followed for over 10 years. Security cannot 100% guarantee all users leave the park but they do park vehicle for a few minutes to make sure anyone left in has enough time to exit the park.</p> <p>Highways to carry out a traffic Survey</p>	<p>P Hepburn</p>
<p>Rural West</p> <p>Residents concerned about a cull of parrots in the area.</p> <p>Problems with mainly school children cycling though ward Jackson park.</p> <p>Victoria Ward</p> <p>Damaged footpath outside Civic Centre entrance Overgrown shrubs obscuring sight lines</p>	<p>Deffra have identified an issue with Quaker parrots that are causing problem in areas in the southern part of the country, The species that we have in the ward Jackson park area are not a problem therefore there is no programme to cull in this area.</p> <p>Options to improve signage in the area to be investigated</p> <p>Order placed for repairs to be carried out.(Complete)</p>	<p>G Jones</p> <p>G Jones</p> <p>G Jones</p>

SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

11 March 2015



Report of: Assistant Director (Regeneration)

Subject: CONSULTATION ON THE HOUSING STRATEGY
FOR 2015-2020

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 For information only.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 This report is to update the Forum with the details about how the new Housing Strategy for Hartlepool is being developed and consulted on.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 In October 2014 the Forum was informed about how the new Housing Strategy for 2015-2020 is being developed and was advised about the public questionnaire which was available on-line and in paper format from mid October 2014 to 10th January 2015.

4. CONSULTATION TIMETABLE

4.1 As previously advised, consultation on the new Housing Strategy is being undertaken in various stages.

4.2 **Stage 1** - During September 2014, 3 consultation workshops were held at the Civic Centre and these were attended by Members, the Housing Partnership, Council Officers, Registered Providers, Private Landlords, Developers and the voluntary sector. The aim of the workshops was to identify themes and issues affecting housing across all tenures.

4.3 **Stage 2** – Public consultation took place between mid October 2014 and January 2015. Residents in Hartlepool were asked to complete a questionnaire giving them the opportunity to prioritise the issues that are important to them.

- 4.4 **Stage 3** - The results from the 3 workshops and the on-line public consultation has been used to develop the 1st draft of the Housing Strategy for 2015–2020. This will be formally consulted on during March and April 2015 with all Members, the Housing Partnership, workshop attendees, Council Officers, residents and external partners.
- 4.5 **Stage 4** – following the consultation stages outlined above the 2nd draft of the Housing Strategy and an Action Plan for delivery will be developed during May 2015 and is expected to be presented to Committee for approval in June 2015. The final Strategy will reflect the formal feedback received and the views, suggestions and issues that are raised at public events.

5. CONSULTATION RESULTS

- 5.1 In total, 273 people completed the on-line questionnaire. Of which, 46% were female and 54% male.
- 5.2 The majority of respondents were between 45 and 64 (59%) and 99.54% indicated their ethnicity to be white with 0.46% mixed race.
- 5.3 Responses were received from people living in all wards in Hartlepool, although the majority were received from people living in Rural West (20%), Fens and Rossmere (13%), Burn valley (12%), Hart (12%) and Seaton (11%)
- 5.4 85% of respondents said that they own their own home, 4% are living in the private rented sector, 10% rent from a social landlord and 1% part rent, part own their home.
- 5.5 13% of respondents considered themselves to have a disability.
- 5.6 The questionnaire asked respondents to prioritise all the issues identified at the 3 workshops and the results for each objective are as follows:

Objective 1 – New Homes / New & Sustainable Communities

The top 5 priorities that were identified were:

- Need to tackle social problems in low demand and declining neighbourhoods
- Use local employment and local suppliers in new developments
- Look at the impact of new builds on empty properties and on housing in low demand 'central' areas of the town
- Build new affordable housing
- Cater for the needs of an ageing population including the aspiration for bungalows

Objective 2 – Existing Homes / Ensuring Sustainable Communities

The top 4 priorities that were identified were:

- Deal with difficulties with enforcing against anti social behaviour
- Need to manage social issues and people's behaviour adopting a Neighbourhood Management approach
- Deal with disrepair and poor condition with owner occupation
- Work with landlords with low expectations in areas of deprivation

Objective 3 – Meeting Specific Needs

This was divided into 3 parts and people were asked to identify their priorities for homelessness, independent living and BME housing needs.

The top priorities that were identified for homelessness were:

- Multi agency approach to homelessness
- Lack of single person accommodation
- Improve information sharing between agencies
- Impact of Welfare Reform

The top priorities that were identified for independent living were:

- Best model for dementia care – accommodation and facilities
- Deal with lack of substantially adapted houses
- Sustain investment in adaptations through Disabled Facilities Grant and housing providers' funding

The top priorities that were identified for BME housing needs were:

- Need to build relationships and engagement with communities
- Deal with possible creation of communities within communities

5.7 The 1st draft of the new Housing Strategy has considered the priorities that have been identified through the consultation to date. Five new objectives have been proposed for the new strategy:

Objective 1 – Delivering suitable new homes, including affordable homes and older person accommodation;

Objective 2 - Making the best use of existing homes; improving quality, conditions and the environment

Objective 3 - Bringing long-term empty homes back into use

Objective 4 - Improving health and wellbeing; promoting sustainability by supporting people with specific housing needs

Objective 5 - Preventing homelessness and providing options

- 5.8 Outcomes for the delivery of these objectives have been developed with consideration to the priorities raised through the consultation to date. The following outcomes have been proposed for the new strategy:

2015-2020 Housing Strategy 1st draft priorities and outcomes
<p>Delivering suitable new homes, including affordable homes and older person accommodation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver new homes that will meet current and future housing needs • Ensure new affordable homes are high quality with good standards of design and construction • Support employment through development
<p>Making the best use of existing homes; improving quality, conditions and the environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve management standards, housing quality and choice in the private rented sector • Improve management standards, housing quality and choice in the social rented sector • Improve energy efficiency and tackle fuel poverty across tenures • Improve neighbourhoods and the environment • Assist owner occupiers to maintain and improve their homes
<p>Bringing long-term empty homes back into use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to reduce the number of long-term empty homes • Prevent homes from becoming long-term empty • Work with partners to explore and access funding opportunities
<p>Improving health and wellbeing; promoting sustainability by supporting people with specific housing needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners to facilitate independent living and improve housing options for people with disabilities • Increase supported housing options for vulnerable people, including the provision for older people and people with dementia • Understand the needs and aspirations of the minority ethnic groups and ensure services are responsive to their needs
<p>Preventing homelessness and providing options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a multi agency approach to homeless prevention • Prevent homelessness wherever possible through high quality advice and assistance • Minimise the impact of welfare reform on residents

- Improve and promote access to social housing

- 5.9 The 1st draft of the Housing Strategy for 2015–2020 will be consulted on with all Members, the Housing Partnership, workshop attendees, Council Officers, residents and external partners. A hard copy of the draft will be made available upon request.

6. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Council has housing responsibilities that provide opportunities to improve the town and our resident's lives and there are risks associated if the Council does not manage housing strategically. Funding and regulatory frameworks reinforce the need to have a robust Housing Strategy. Without a Strategy that has been agreed with the Council's partners, funding and support from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) will not be achievable. Without a clear vision it will be more difficult to attract developers and funding; tackle homelessness; tackle empty properties and improve housing quality. Without a Housing Strategy and a clear approach to strategic housing the Council will be restricted from identifying opportunities and responding quickly to initiatives.

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The Consultation will comply with all equality and diversity considerations and every effort will be made to consult with all residents in Hartlepool.

8. SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 Consultation on the new Housing Strategy will be undertaken with the reduction of crime and anti social behaviour in mind. The existing Housing Strategy aims to “develop and maintain successful communities where people want to live, by meeting the housing needs of our residents now and in the future”.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The South and Central Neighbourhood Forum are asked to note the contents of the report and to respond to the 1st draft consultation questionnaire.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

11 March 2015



Report of: Director of Regeneration & Neighbourhoods

Subject: WARD MEMBER BUDGETS

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 For information only.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To inform the Forum of the current position in relation to Ward Member Budgets in the South and Central Neighbourhood Forum area, encompassing Burn Valley, Fens and Rossmere, Foggy Furze, Manor House, Rural West and Victoria wards.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Ward Member budgets and the associated application and approval framework were approved by Members in April 2012. The budgets are not available for individuals, or intended to be expended on services provided by the Local Authority or other public agencies, unless the purpose is to enhance or supplement what is being delivered. Ward Members are expected to consult with each other to ensure that there is no duplication in expenditure and projects supported must be lawful, and cannot undermine the Council or partners' priorities or service delivery.

3.2 Procedural arrangements have been implemented to ensure accountability and transparency, with all Ward Member budget submissions being subject to an approval process under delegated authority of the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods (in conjunction with Legal and Finance Departments). Progress on Ward Member budgets is reported on a quarterly basis to the Neighbourhood Forums and is published online. In addition to this, an annual report is taken to Neighbourhood Services Committee for information.

4. APPROVED SCHEMES

- 4.1 Attached at **Appendix A** is a breakdown of spend to date in relation to each of the Ward Members budgets in 2014/15. Attached at **Appendix B** is a running total of Ward Councillors' budgets to date for 2014/15.

5. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Through the implementation of the application and approval framework, a robust and transparent process has been put in place to ensure that the expenditure of Ward Member budgets is for the purpose for which it is intended. In addition to this, consultation with other Ward Members, the community, and key partners is required through the application process to guarantee that monies are not used adversely and that projects and / or schemes are responding to local need.
- 5.2 In addition to quarterly reporting to the Neighbourhood Forums, an annual report is taken to Neighbourhood Services Committee for consideration. All expenditure related information associated with Ward Member Budgets is also available online.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 On 14 February 2013, Council approved a recommendation from Members (4 February 2013) allocating a total of £165,000 for 2013/2014 for Ward Member budgets, equating to £5,000 per Elected Member. As part of this decision, it was also outlined that any underspend remaining from the 2012/2013 allocation would be carried forward by each individual Ward Councillor for their use in the new financial year.
- 6.2 On 19 September 2013, as part of the 2014/15 budget proposals, Finance and Policy Committee recommended allocating £165,000 from the reserves review to continue Ward Member budgets in 2014/15 (i.e. £5,000 per Member). It was subsequently recommended by Finance and Policy Committee on 19 December 2013 that the Ward Member budget allocation for 2014/15 be top sliced by 20% (£1,000 per Ward Member) for the continuation of the Environmental Apprenticeship Scheme, and that any unspent funds from the 2012/13 and 2013/14 allocations be set aside and utilised to continue the Ward Member budget programme post 2014/15. This was agreed by Full Council on 6 February 2014.
- 6.3 On 24 November 2014, Finance and Policy Committee recommended that members receive a budget of £4,000 each for 2015/16, in line with previous years and this was subsequently approved by Council at its meeting on 18 December 2014. However in line with previous years there is a limit placed on the level of expenditure for each ward member prior to the election in May ie all members will only be allowed to spend 1/12th of their 2015/16 budget

between 1st April 2015 and the election. In addition, where members carry over funds from the current financial year into 2015/16 the same 1/12th restriction will apply.

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 Within the original decision on 30 April 2012 to approve Ward Member Budgets, it was agreed that a delegation of powers to the Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services)¹ be awarded; this was facilitated through 'executive arrangements' outlined within the Local Government Act 2000 which enables decision making powers to be delegated by the executive, individual Portfolio Holders, or through an Officer.
- 7.2 Ward Members budgets must be used for purposes which originally fell within the 'well being powers' enshrined in the Local Government Act 2000. The well being powers as far as they relate to England have now been repealed under Schedule 1 of the Localism Act 2011 which provides for the 'broader power of competence'. This gives local authorities an explicit freedom to act in the best interests of the community, unless the local authority is prevented from taking that action by common law, specific legislation or statutory guidance. As such, the power of competence can be applied to working in the best interests of Hartlepool Borough Council's Ward Member Budgets.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 There are no direct equality and diversity considerations in relation to Ward Member Budgets.

9. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 There are no staff considerations for the Forum's attention in this case.

10. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 10.1 Asset management considerations are not applicable in this instance.

11. SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 There are no Section 17 implications.

¹ From December 2012, this power has fallen to the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 The South and Central Neighbourhood Forum is asked to note the contents of the report outlining Ward Member Budget spend to date.

13. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13.1 On 30 April 2012, Ward Member Budgets and the associated application framework were approved by Cabinet. As part of this decision, it was agreed that expenditure be reported to the relevant Neighbourhood Forum on a quarterly basis.

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APPENDIX A

Ward Member Budget Spend 2014/15

Ward Councillor	Nature of Scheme	Date Approved	Funding Approved
Burn Valley			
Councillor Jonathan Brash	St Matthew's Hall Contribution (Roof Repair Scheme)	18.06.14	£500
	Countryside Wardens (Bulb Planting in Burn Valley Gardens with Eldon Grove School pupils)	07.11.14	£500
	Hartlepool Youth Services Holocaust Memorial Group (Holocaust Memorial Project)	07.11.14	£300
	Contribution towards the dropped kerbs scheme in the Oxford Street area	17.12.14	£500
	Hartlepool Families First (Transport Costs)	23.01.15	£500
	Burn Valley Ladies Bowling Club (Social Activities)	05.02.15	£590
Councillor Ged Hall	Hartlepool Youth Ministry (Outdoor Education Project)	13.05.14	£250
	West View Advice & Resource Centre (Macmillan Benefits Advice Service)	13.05.14	£400
	Stranton Centre (Cooking Project)	30.05.14	£200
	New Welfare Group (Community Gymnasium)	07.10.14	£300
	Dropped kerbs scheme in the Oxford Street area	03.11.14	£500
	Friends of Stranton Centre (Christmas Wreath Making Project)	03.11.14	£300
	Hartlepool Town Pastors (Running Costs)	09.12.14	£300
	Hartlepool Chinese Association (Chinese New Year Celebrations 2015)	19.01.15	£250
	Burn Valley Ladies Bowling Club (Social Activities)	05.02.15	£300
Councillor John Lauderdale	New Welfare Group (Community Gymnasium – New Sports Equipment)	09.09.14	£400
	ORB Youth Project (Activity Programme)	03.10.14	£200
	St. Matthew's Community Centre (New Roof)	03.10.14	£200
	Hartlepool Town Pastors (Project Costs)	03.10.14	£200

	Stranton Senior Group (Christmas Meal)	30.10.14	£200
	Dropped kerbs scheme in the Oxford Street area	03.11.14	£500
	Friends of Stranton Centre (Christmas Wreath Making Project)	03.11.14	£200
	Rossmere Primary School (Forest School Project - Equipment)	03.11.14	£200
	4th Hartlepool Boys Brigade (Badminton Activity)	05.11.14	£200
	Hartlepool Fairtrade Town Steering Group (Publicity)	05.11.14	£50
	Hartlepool Youth Services Holocaust Memorial Group (Holocaust Memorial Project)	05.11.14	£100
	ORB Centre (New Seating)	05.11.14	£400
	Burn Valley Allotment Association (Electricity costs for Security Lighting)	03.02.15	£300
	Hartlepool Families First (Transport Costs)	03.02.15	£250
	Hartlepool Hawks Cheerleading Academy (Running Costs)	03.02.15	£100
	HVDA (Running Costs)	03.02.15	£250
	Friends of Hartlepool Wild Green Spaces (Summerhill Countryside Festival)	11.02.15	£250
Fens and Rossmere			
Councillor Alan Clark	Brierton Lodge Nursing Home (Garden Scheme)	17.06.14	£300
	Hartlepool Elite Boxing Academy (Running Costs)	28.08.14	£500
	Belle Vue Community Sports & Youth Centre (Fens Cool Project)	22.09.14	£500
	Rossmere Primary School (Forest School Project – Equipment)	22.09.14	£400
	Friends of Wild Green Spaces (two bulb planting projects)	30.09.14	£137
	Friends of Wild Green Spaces (3 replacement benches in Rossmere Park)	03.11.14	£480
	Red Dreams (employment extension of 3 interns for 6 months)	03.11.14	£250
	Rossmere Friday Club (Activities / Outings)	04.11.14	£150
	Friends of Wild Green Spaces (Coast & Countryside Festival, replacement bench & bulb planting in Rossmere Park)	26.02.15	£400

	Hart Gables (2 Annual Events)	26.02.15	£217
	Hartlepool Families First (Community Transport, Furniture, Over 50's Luncheon Club)	26.02.15	£500
	St. Francis Junior Football Club (Transport Costs)	26.02.15	£166
Councillor Steve Gibbon	Hartlepool People Centre (Core Costs)	17.07.14	£100
	Monday Friendship Group (Christmas Party)	25.07.14	£150
	Belle Vue Community Sports & Youth Centre (Fens Cool project)	22.09.14	£500
	Rossmere Primary School (Forest School Project – Equipment)	22.09.14	£400
	Friends of Wild Green Spaces (two bulb planting projects)	30.09.14	£137
	Friends of Wild Green Spaces (3 replacement benches in Rossmere Park)	03.11.14	£480
	Red Dreams (employment extension of 3 interns for 6 months)	03.11.14	£250
	Rossmere Friday Club (Activities / Outings)	04.11.14	£150
	Hartlepool Credit Union (Banking Facility Upgrade)	09.12.14	£250
	Friends of Wild Green Spaces (Coast & Countryside Festival, replacement bench & bulb planting in Rossmere Park)	26.02.15	£600
	Hart Gables (2 Annual Events)	26.02.15	£254
	Hartlepool Families First (Community Transport, Furniture, Over 50's Luncheon Club)	26.02.15	£500
	St. Francis Junior Football Club (Transport Costs)	26.02.15	£229
	Councillor Geoff Lilley	Monday Friendship Group (Christmas Party)	25.07.14
Hartlepool People Centre (Core Costs)		17.07.14	£100
Belle Vue Community Sports & Youth Centre (Fens Cool project)		22.09.14	£500
Rossmere Primary School (Forest School Project – Equipment)		22.09.14	£400
Friends of Wild Green Spaces (two bulb planting projects)		30.09.14	£137
Greatham Primary School (Ukulele Instruments)		30.10.14	£500
Friends of Wild Green Spaces (3 replacement benches in Rossmere		03.11.14	£480

	Park)		
	Red Dreams (employment extension of 3 interns for 6 months)	03.11.14	£250
	Rossmere Friday Club (Activities / Outings)	04.11.14	£150
	Hartlepool Credit Union (Banking Facility Upgrade)	09.12.14	£250
	Hart Gables (2 Annual Events)	26.02.15	£16
	Hartlepool Families First (Community Transport, Furniture, Over 50's Luncheon Club)	26.02.15	£900
	Rossmere School (Forest School Project) - Medlar Fruit Tree	26.02.15	£61
	St. Francis Junior Football Club (Transport Costs)	26.02.15	£106
Foggy Furze			
Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	Belle Vue Centre Breakfast Club	12.06.14	£500
	Headland Heritage Festival	12.06.14	£100
	St Cuthbert's Parish Friendship Group (Social Outing)	12.06.14	£150
	St Luke's Infant Welfare Mothers Club (Christmas Party)	12.06.14	£100
	Hartlepool Voluntary Wheels (Running Costs)	12.06.14	£200
	Hartlepool Peoples Centre (Running Costs)	12.06.14	£150
	Haswell Avenue Allotment Association (Environmental Pond)	12.06.14	£167
	Kev's Klub (Social Outing)	12.06.14	£100
	BloominArt Northeast Group (Discover Arts' Award Programme)	12.06.14	£400
	St Cuthbert's Family Fun Club	12.06.14	£32
	Hartlepool Survival Group (Summer Outdoor Activities)	12.06.14	£167
	Frensham Drive Tree Works	16.09.14	£1,740
	Friends of Stranton Centre (Christmas Wreath Making Project)	04.11.14	£194
Councillor Kevin Cranney	Belle Vue Centre Breakfast Club	12.06.14	£500
	Headland Heritage Festival	12.06.14	£100
	St Cuthbert's Parish Friendship Group (Social Outing)	12.06.14	£150
	St Luke's Infant Welfare Mothers Club (Christmas Party)	12.06.14	£100
	Hartlepool Voluntary Wheels (Running Costs)	12.06.14	£200
	Hartlepool Peoples Centre (Running Costs)	12.06.14	£150
	Haswell Avenue Allotment Association (Environmental Pond)	12.06.14	£167

	BloominArt Northeast Group (Discover Arts' Award Programme)	12.06.14	£400
	St Cuthbert's Family Fun Club	12.06.14	£32
	Hartlepool Survival Group (Summer Outdoor Activities)	12.06.14	£167
	Boys Brigade Summer Camp	23.06.14	£500
	Family Funday Contribution	01.07.14	£750
	St. Cuthbert's Area Resident Association (Halloween Party)	30.09.14	£495
	Friends of Stranton Centre (Christmas Wreath Making Project)	04.11.14	£150
Councillor Kaylee Sirs	Belle Vue Centre Breakfast Club	12.06.14	£500
	Headland Heritage Festival	12.06.14	£100
	St Cuthbert's Parish Friendship Group (Social Outing)	12.06.14	£150
	St Luke's Infant Welfare Mothers Club (Christmas Party)	12.06.14	£100
	Hartlepool Voluntary Wheels (Running Costs)	12.06.14	£200
	Hartlepool Peoples Centre (Running Costs)	12.06.14	£150
	Haswell Avenue Allotment Association (Environmental Pond)	12.06.14	£167
	Hartlepool Youth Ministry (Outdoor Education Project)	13.05.14	£225
	BloominArt Northeast Group (Discover Arts' Award Programme)	12.06.14	£400
	St Cuthbert's Family Fun Club	12.06.14	£32
	Hartlepool Survival Group (Summer Outdoor Activities)	12.06.14	£167
	Family Funday Contribution	01.07.14	£750
	To allocate £394 to Marmion Estate Resident Association (£394)	05.10.14	£394
	Friends of Stranton Centre (Christmas Wreath Making Project)	04.11.14	£200
	Hartlepool Chinese Association (Chinese New Year Celebrations 2015)	19.01.15	£215
Manor House			
Councillor Stephen Akers- Belcher	The Rifty Youth Project Fun Day	03.07.14	£200
	Golden Flatts Junior FC (Equipment)	22.09.14	£150
	Hartlepool Catholic Club (over 40's) FC (Pitch Fees for 2014/15 season)	22.09.14	£122
	Hartlepool Fairtrade Town Steering Group (Publicity)	04.11.14	£50
	Swinburne Road Bulb & Ornamental Tree Planting Scheme	12.12.14	£146
	Modern Apprentice Salary Costs (Kilmarnock Road Resource Centre)	12.12.14	£210

	Scott Grove Tree and Shrubbery Removal	12.12.14	£400
	Room Hire - Masefield Centre (Provision of a Benefits Advisor)	12.12.14	£9
	Friends of Heriot Grange Group (Sports Equipment)	12.12.14	£81
	Room Hire – Owton Manor Community Centre (Provision of a Benefits Advisor)	15.01.15	£9
	Room Hire – Owton Manor Community Centre (Provision of a Benefits Advisor)	06.02.15	£9
	Hartlepool Hawks Cheerleading Academy (Running Costs)	19.02.15	£100
	Dog Foul Signage	19.02.15	£131
	Rubbish Amnesty	23.02.15	£786
Councillor Allan Barclay	Owton Manor Primary School (Garden Project)	24.04.14	£200
	The Rifty Youth Project Fun Day	03.07.14	£200
	Golden Flatts Junior FC (Equipment)	22.09.14	£150
	Hartlepool Catholic Club (over 40's) FC (Pitch Fees for 2014/15 season)	22.09.14	£122
	Hartlepool Fairtrade Town Steering Group (Publicity)	04.11.14	£50
	Swinburne Road Bulb & Ornamental Tree Planting Scheme	12.12.14	£146
	Modern Apprentice Salary Costs (Kilmarnock Road Resource Centre)	12.12.14	£210
	Scott Grove Tree and Shrubbery Removal	12.12.14	£200
	Friends of Heriot Grange Group (Sports Equipment)	12.12.14	£81
	Hartlepool Hawks Cheerleading Academy (Running Costs)	19.02.15	£100
	Dog Foul Signage	19.02.15	£131
	Rubbish Amnesty	23.02.15	£787
	Councillor Marjorie James	Owton Manor Primary School (Garden Project)	24.04.14
The Rifty Youth Project Fun Day		03.07.14	£200
Golden Flatts Junior FC (Equipment)		22.09.14	£150
Hartlepool Catholic Club (over 40's) FC (Pitch Fees for 2014/15 season)		22.09.14	£122
Hartlepool Fairtrade Town Steering Group (Publicity)		04.11.14	£50
Swinburne Road Bulb & Ornamental Tree Planting Scheme		12.12.14	£146
Modern Apprentice Salary Costs (Kilmarnock Road Resource Centre)		12.12.14	£210
Scott Grove Tree and Shrubbery		12.12.14	£200

	Removal		
	Friends of Heriot Grange Group (Sports Equipment)	12.12.14	£81
	Hartlepool Hawks Cheerleading Academy (Running Costs)	19.02.15	£100
	Dog Foul Signage	19.02.15	£131
	Rubbish Amnesty	23.02.15	£787
Rural West			
Councillor Brenda Loynes	Elwick Parish Council Computer Course	16.09.14	£133
	Wild Green Spaces Country Fair	16.09.14	£50
	Seaton Carew Football Club - Rural West Youth Team (Running Costs)	09.10.14	£333
	Tunstall Hall Lane Sign	09.10.14	£17
	Greatham Residents Association (Website)	19.12.14	£167
	Greatham Parish Council - Village Hall Refurbishment	23.01.15	£1,000
	High Tunstall College of Science - Life Centre Gymnasium (Equipment)	23.01.15	£1,196
Councillor George Morris	Elwick Parish Council Computer Course	16.09.14	£133
	Wild Green Spaces Country Fair	16.09.14	£50
	Seaton Carew Football Club - Rural West Youth Team (Running Costs)	09.10.14	£333
	Tunstall Hall Lane Sign	09.10.14	£17
	Greatham Residents Association (Website)	19.12.14	£167
	Greatham Parish Council - Village Hall Refurbishment	23.01.15	£1,000
	High Tunstall College of Science - Life Centre Gymnasium (Equipment)	23.01.15	£1,196
Councillor Ray Martin-Wells	Elwick Parish Council Computer Course	16.09.14	£133
	Wild Green Spaces Country Fair	16.09.14	£50
	Seaton Carew Football Club - Rural West Youth Team (Running Costs)	09.10.14	£333
	Tunstall Hall Lane Sign	09.10.14	£17
	Greatham Residents Association (Website)	19.12.14	£167
	Greatham Parish Council - Village Hall Refurbishment	23.01.15	£1,000
	High Tunstall College of Science - Life Centre Gymnasium (Equipment)	23.01.15	£1,196
Victoria			
All Ward Councillors	PROP (Cooking Project)	24.04.14	£500
	Hartlepool Youth Ministry (Outdoor Education Project)	24.04.14	£225
	Lynnfield Ladies (Room Hire)	24.04.14	£250

Lynnfield Centre (Cooking Project)	24.04.14	£500
ME Support Group (Donation)	24.04.14	£110
Asylum Seeker and Refugee Group (Advice Worker)	05.08.14	£500
Hartlepool Survival School Contribution	05.08.14	£200
3rd Hartlepool Boys Brigade and Girls Association (Camping Facilities)	05.08.14	£900
Carer Echoes Drama Group (Room Hire and Insurance Costs)	06.10.14	£300
Friends of St Joseph's Court (Christmas Lunch)	06.10.14	£396
Hope 4 NF (Launch Event)	06.10.14	£100
Cobden Area Resident Association (Activities & Outings)	06.10.14	£300
St. Luke's Mother's Welfare (Christmas Activities)	06.10.14	£300
West View Advice & Resource Centre (MacMillan Service)	06.10.14	£600
Saxon Juniors FC (Storage Container)	06.10.14	£150
Lynnfield Community Learning Centre (Christmas Wreath Making & Play House for Joy's Garden)	22.11.14	£1,380
Salaam Community Centre (New Play Equipment)	22.11.14	£500
Thornton & Mitchell Street Area Residents Association (Children's Christmas Party)	22.11.14	£250
Hartlepool Chinese Association (Chinese New Year Celebrations 2015)	20.01.15	£240
Hartlepool Fairtrade Town Steering Group (Publicity)	20.01.15	£150
St. George's United Reformed Church Pilots Group (Transport Costs - National Event 2015)	20.01.15	£150
Hartlepool Town Pastors (Running Costs)	20.01.15	£150

APPENDIX B

Ward Member Budget Overview 2014/15

Ward Councillor	Funding Available 14/15	Funding Approved 14/15	Total Funding Remaining
Burn Valley			
Councillor Jonathan Brash	£4,000	£2,890	£1,110
Councillor Ged Hall	£4,000	£2,800	£1,200
Councillor John Lauderdale	£4,000	£4,000	£0
Fens and Rossmere			
Councillor Alan Clark	£4,000	£4,000	£0
Councillor Steve Gibbon	£4,000	£4,000	£0
Councillor Geoff Lilley	£4,000	£4,000	£0
Foggy Furze			
Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	£4,000	£4,000	£0
Councillor Kevin Cranney	£4,000	£3,861	£139
Councillor Kaylee Sirs	£4,000	£3,750	£250
Manor House			
Councillor Stephen Akers-Belcher	£4,000	£2,403	£1,597
Councillor Allan Barclay	£4,000	£2,377	£1,623
Councillor Marjorie James	£4,000	£2,377	£1,623
Rural West			
Councillor George Morris	£4,000	£2,896	£1,104
Councillor Brenda Loynes	£4,000	£2,896	£1,104
Councillor Ray Wells	£4,000	£2,896	£1,104
Victoria			
Councillor Pamela Hargreaves	£4,000	£2,717	£1,283
Councillor Carl Richardson	£4,000	£2,717	£1,283
Councillor Chris Simmons	£4,000	£2,717	£1,283
TOTAL	£72,000	£57,297	£14,703

Please note that as outlined in Section 6.2, 20% of the total Ward Member Budget allocation was ringfenced for the delivery of the Environmental Apprenticeship Scheme in 2014/15; this leaves £4,000 per Ward Member available for expenditure this financial year.