

Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item No.
Councillor Peter Gibson, Leader of the Council and Garry Payne, Chief Executive	Cabinet	30 July 2014	7

Shaping Your Neighbourhood – Funding for Community Projects 2014/15

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To determine the award of Shaping Your Neighbourhood funding to support community projects delivering priorities identified in the Locality Plans.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Better engagement with our residents and communities.
- 2.2 Community led projects delivering real benefits for our communities.

3. Recommendation/s

- 3.1 That the award of Shaping Your Neighbourhood funding be agreed as listed at Appendix 1.

4. Background

- 4.1 The Shaping Your Neighbourhood initiative was originally approved by Council in April 2012. The purpose of the initiative was for communities to be involved in shaping future service delivery so that it better meets their local needs.

- 4.2 Wyre has been split into six neighbourhood areas:-

- Fleetwood
- Thornton
- Cleveleys
- Poulton
- Rural West
- Rural East

- 4.3** The project is led by six Neighbourhood Lead Members who work across their area to identify local issues and priorities that matter most to their communities. Each area has developed a locality plan which has been agreed by Cabinet. Progress against the key issues and priorities is reported to Council on a six monthly basis. Each area has already received Performance Reward Grant (PRG) funding in excess of £50,000 to deliver a range of community projects that met key criteria. A number of these community projects have now been delivered and more information is available on the council website http://www.wyre.gov.uk/info/200216/shaping_your_neighbourhood.
- 4.4** In January 2014, Cabinet approved the Shaping Your Neighbourhood funding for 2014/15 and agreed to provide each area with £10,000, funded by the remaining Performance Reward Grant (PRG).

5. Key Issues and Proposals

- 5.1** Applications for the Shaping Your Neighbourhood funding were invited from community groups during April and May 2014. In total 55 bids were received.
- 5.2** The Neighbourhood Lead Members have been responsible for determining which community projects are recommended for funding based on community consultation and evaluation against the following key criteria:-
- Benefits one or more of our neighbourhood areas
 - Is a key priority in the Locality Plans
 - Has support and buy in from the local community
 - Delivers a benefit to the community and or the Council
 - Is sustainable in the long term without reliance on the Council
- 5.3** A number of the projects didn't meet all of the key criteria and therefore were not considered further. As the interest for the funding was very high, only those projects that met all of the criteria and scored above an agreed threshold have been recommended for funding. Those organisations / groups who have been unsuccessful have since been notified.
- 5.4** A number of projects scored well but required significant additional funding in order to deliver the schemes and for that reason have not been recommended for funding. These include:
- Jean Stansfield Vicarage Park Improvements – Phase 2 / Junior play area for 6-14 year olds
 - Pilling 2020 project
 - Stalmine New Playground
 - Burn Naze Youth Shelter
 - Under 8's Play Area, Memorial Park
 - Pied Piper 2 Youth Project (Club2Go)

- 5.5 Appendix 1 lists the projects recommended for funding together with the rationale for the decision and the level of funding proposed.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	Shaping Your Neighbourhood has been funded by the Performance Reward Initiatives Reserve of which £60,000 has been set aside in 2014/15. The aggregate recommendations in Appendix 1 is that £56,831 be allocated to specific schemes which excluding any first quarter Capital Programme review changes (see separate Agenda report) would result in the Reserve having an unallocated balance of £40,746.
Legal	There are none.

OTHER RISKS/IMPLICATIONS: CHECKLIST

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

Implications	✓ / x
Community Safety	X
Equality and Diversity	X
Sustainability	X
Health and Safety	X

Risks/Implications	✓ / x
Asset Management	X
Climate Change	X
Data Protection	X

Declaration of Interest

In the spirit of transparency the Councillors mentioned below declared an interest in the following projects:

- Thornton Gala project - Councillor MacNaughton is a committee member of the Thornton Gala Committee (as registered on the Declaration of Interests)
- Fleetwood Community TV Project - Councillor Treece-Birch is the nephew of the project owner Mr Greenall.

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LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix One – Community Projects recommended for Shaping Your
Neighbourhood funding 2014/15

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Community Projects recommended for Shaping Your Neighbourhood funding 2014/15

Poulton

Project and Brief Description	Which Priority it relates to	Project Owner	Project Total Costs	Funding Requested	Rationale for recommendation	Funding recommended
Farnham Way playground refurbishment – improvements to playground including new equipment and safer surfacing	Shortfall of parks and gardens, allotments and natural green space	Cllr Lesley McKay	£34,465	£10,000	This project has been allocated £14,965 from the Council's 2013/14 capital pot and potentially a further £15,000 from the 2014/15 capital allocation. The funding will be used to upgrade the existing playground within the existing footprint of the fencing. The scheme will be subject to consultation with local children on the design of the equipment. Works proposed to start after the school holidays. A contribution is recommended towards this scheme.	£4,500
Refurbishment of Poulton Bowling Club Pavilion and surrounding green – funding to pay for decorating and new benches	Shortfall of parks and gardens, allotments and natural green space, Addressing the needs of the ageing population	Linda Jenkinson – Poulton Bowling Club	£4,000	£3,500	A good community project which is recommended for funding. The amount of funding recommended would be enough to fund the cost of decorating and the installation of 2 new benches.	£1,500
Edible Flower Garden in Poulton town centre	Shortfall of parks and gardens, allotments and natural green space; Air Quality; Town Centre improvements	Carol Woolley – Poulton in Bloom	£500	£500	This project will allow Poulton in Bloom to transform a neglected area of Poulton Town Centre and look to engage the community in gardening and raise interest around foraging and baking.	£500

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<p>Vicarage Park Community Centre (former St Chads Church Hall) - funding to reopen the centre and undertake mandatory gas and electrical safety and an energy audit.</p>	<p>Town Centre improvements; Addressing the ageing needs of the population</p>	<p>Chris Gannon – Vicarage Park Community Centre</p>	<p>£100,000 estimate</p>	<p>£3,500</p>	<p>This funding will be used to help make the building safe to allow it to be reopened for public use. The money will be used to undertake mandatory gas and electrical safety certification as well as implementing additional fire safety measures recommend by the Fire Service and to carry out an energy audit which can then enable the community centre to qualify for grants. Community Futures are supporting the project and helping bid for further funding to deliver the wider programme of improvements. This project is well supported by the community and is recommended for funding.</p>	<p>£3,500</p>
<p>Total for Poulton</p>						<p>£10,000</p>

Rural West

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Preesall Park Improvement Plan Phase 2 BMX Track	Provision of improved play facilities / equipment for children living in rural areas	Phil Orme – Friends of Preesall Park	£12,840	£5,000	This project has strong community support and buy in and has previously received funding from other sources including Section 106 and LCC. The BMX track is the next phase of the improvement plan. Other funding is being explored to ensure this project is delivered within this financial year. It is recommended that a contribution is provided to this project.	£3,500
Bob Williamson Park in Hambleton – purchase and installation of 4 picnic benches	Provision of improved play facilities / equipment for children living in rural areas; Rural Isolation	Kath Coleman – Hambleton Parish Council	£1,922	£1,500	This park was funded through the previous round of Shaping Your Neighbourhood funding. Benches would enhance the park especially as there are currently no seating areas. This project is recommended for funding but at a reduced amount of £500.	£500
Celebration of LS Lowry - arts project to increase visitors to the area and the use of the Fleetwood to Knott End ferry	Improvements to Knott End to Fleetwood Ferry Slip	Councillor Gordon McCann – Preesall Town Council	£20,000	£2,000	This project will look to improve the footfall in Knott End and increase the usage of the Knott End ferry. This project meets all the criteria and is recommended for funding pending confirmation that the project can be delivered without the full £20,000.	£2,000
Longview Community Garden - development of a community garden area in Stalmine (RSPCA animal centre site)	Rural Isolation; tackling dog fouling; lack of provision of allotments; health and wellbeing	Martyn Tetchener – RSPCA Blackpool and North Lancashire	£25,000	£8,000	This project will provide a community garden, meeting point and area for walking dogs. The funding is requested for trees, shrubs, nesting boxes, picnic benches and decking. The project will still progress without the full £8,000 requested and it is therefore recommended that a contribution is made to this scheme.	£4,000
Total for Rural West						£10,000

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Supporting the psychological wellbeing of people affected by cancer in Wyre – to provide a mindfulness based cognitive therapy programme (an intervention in cancer care) and a monthly cancer-related bereavement support group and to resource transport to access support services at Croston House, Garstang.	Health and Rural Isolation	Ruth Hornsby – Cancer Help (Preston) Ltd – Croston House	£4,000	£4,000	This project reduces isolation, provides peer-to-peer support and improves well-being for people affected by cancer across Wyre. This also reduces demand on existing health services and enables people to continue to work or return to work. Health, and in particular higher than average cancer mortality, is a key priority in Rural East.	£4,000
Commemorating our Heroes, Celebrating our Blooms – to provide a permanent sculpture to mark 100 years since World War I and 50 years of the Royal Horticultural Society	Meeting Places	Norah Hoyles – Garstang in Bloom	£5,100	£2,000	This project has support from local groups and businesses and is also linked to a Youth Council project to improve the area surrounding the War Memorial. Funding is recommended on the basis that the total project costs are raised, ensuring that a permanent sculpture is provided.	£2,000
Children's Play Area Equipment at Forton Village Hall and Recreation Ground – to enhance the play area with additional play equipment	Open Spaces and Rural Isolation	Joy Oliver – Forton Village Hall and Recreation Ground	£30,000	£10,000	This project has strong local support. The current play equipment needs updating and support has been sought to apply for additional funding to further enhance the play area.	£4,000
Total for Rural East						£10,000

Cleveleys

Project and Brief Description	Which Priority it relates to	Project Owner	Project Total Costs	Funding Requested	Rationale for recommendation	Funding recommended
Restoration of the clock in the seafront shelter at the top of Victoria Road – to repair or replace the clocks in the shelter, as part of a wider restoration of the seafront shelter.	Improvement/Regeneration, High Overall Crime Rate	Jane Littlewood – Save Our Clock Shelter/ Visit Cleveleys	£10,000	£5,000	This project has strong community support, enhances the improvements made to the promenade at Cleveleys and preserves an original feature of the seaside resort. Time, materials and labour have been pledged by individuals and businesses to carry out the wider restoration work of the shelter and crowdfunding/ fundraising will be sought for the remaining funds.	£5,000
Improvements to Pheasant Wood – to produce a wood-carved bench with artist, ranger service and local residents/ schools; to provide interpretation panels for nature trail; and to contribute to resurfacing paths	Amenity greenspace/ provision for children and teenagers	David Hutton – Friends of Pheasant Wood	£8,500	£5,000	This project enhances the local area, increases the use of the area as an open space and further develops the community-led project by Friends of Pheasant Wood. Community fundraising events, membership fees for Friends of Pheasant Wood and additional funding applications will be used to raise the remaining funds.	£5,000
Total for Cleveleys						£10,000

Thornton

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Cycle Racks Wyre Estuary Park - to install 8 cycle racks at the Estuary Park	Development of Cycling Pathways	Cllr Julia Anderson	£800	£800	A viable project that aims to increase the Estuary as a cycle destination. It encourages healthy activity and security for people who like to cycle and supports the Cycle Wyre programme.	£800
Cycle Racks - playground area adjacent to Church Road Medical Centre, Thornton - to install 2 cycle racks along the proposed corridor	Development of Cycling Pathways	Cllr Julia Anderson	£200	£200	This project is extending the idea of the cycle pathway across Thornton to encourage cycling.	£200
Thornton Gala – provision of equipment	Leisure Provision for young people	Elaine Midgley, Thornton Gala Committee	£5,000	£1,481	The Committee wish to invest in extra radios and headsets as well as gazebos to ensure that the gala continues under the required health and safety agenda.	£1,481
CHAT Carer and Bereavement support group – Thornton Medical Centre - this group runs weekly sessions and activities including advice and support for its members. They also run a tea bar at the medical centre.	Community support services and meeting places for older people	Patricia Bonnar, CHAT	£600	£600	An established group already raising funds to benefit its target clients. The group has the support of the medical staff at the centre and the group receive GP referrals for their support. They aim to purchase equipment which includes a bingo machine, pots/crockery to service the tea bar in order to sustain their fundraising events and the longevity of the support group.	£600
Thornton Community Corridor – to improve the physical environment and access from Thornton Medical Centre to Marsh Mill.	Open Space / Greenbelt provision	Peter Tarrant Thornton Action Group (TAG)	£100,000 (approximation for a 3 phased project which runs from	£10,000	A good long term project with a view to establishing a park community management group. The project idea is supported by Parks & Open Spaces with a view to the opportunity of future development and improvement of the area (possible S106 investment from new developer) The Thornton Action Group (TAG)	£3,750

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			the Medical Centre to Thornton Little Theatre)		want to develop a pleasant and safe walk through and as part of a wider vision for the open space around the Marsh Mill centre. The funding recommended for the initial phase will cover a footpath extension and a hard-standing seating area, the installation of 2 seats (plus a further 2 seats funded by LCC) a litter-bin and the clearing of weeds and detritus along the railings along with resurfacing the existing footpath and ramp near play area (Wyre Council land). It is recommended that if TAG receive funding it is on the proviso that they work with the Open Spaces team on the location and installation.	
Total for Thornton						£6,831

Fleetwood

Project and Brief Description	Which Priority it relates to	Project Owner	Project Total Costs	Funding Requested	Rationale for recommendation	Funding recommended
Fleetwood Community TV – Engaging local people in media skills to deliver promotional videos about Fleetwood and provides ongoing opportunity to be a part of community TV shows. Includes a crime scene investigation project linked with the Police and schools involving young people and skilling them to become presenters, film crew etc.	Tourism – Crime and ASB	George Greenall, Fleetwood Plus Community Interest Company	£6190	£6190	A good project offering alternative activity /interest for all ages with elements focused on up-skilling young people for future media careers and working with those involved to promote activities and events in the Fleetwood area and wider. The funding recommended will enable the essential equipment to be purchased including the hosting for the web based TV channel which will feature local people and events.	£2,950
Willow Garden Project – to develop an outdoor sensory garden for people with mental health issues.	Healthier Lifestyles	Pamela Laird, Willow Garden Project Group	£91,250	£11,750	A robust project that has already secured £79,500 is operational and has won awards. The project works more specifically with people that have mental health issues and learning disabilities to develop new skills and gain confidence through therapeutic horticultural work. The project also supports the wider community and sustainability through sales of local produce and by donation to the Food Bank. The amount recommended contributes to a sensory garden music gazebo.	£3,000
Young People Hearing Voices - support service run by young people that helps 12-18 year olds who suffer from mental health issues especially psychosis	Healthier Lifestyles, Crime & ASB	Shaun Martin, Young People Hearing Voices Group	£500	£500	This young person has been awarded a grant from the O2 Think Big Project to pursue his project along with backing from Eric Ollerenshaw, M.P. and Wyre & Fylde CCG. A good project dealing with mental health of young people- a target population that is increasingly highlighted as in need of support.	£500

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Mount Crest – to lay a permanent crest display on the Mount	Tourism	Margaret Lund, Mount Heritage Crest Group	£20,400 (incl. VAT)	£10,000	The project will reduce substantial annual planting and associated costs of maintaining that area of the Mount (15 year guarantee, 25 years expected lifespan of crest). Further, it seeks to enhance the project work enabled through Coastal Communities Funding. There is community buy in for the project and an indication that the Town Council are prepared to contribute. As the Crest is designed to be longstanding it is recommended (based on the low number of people consulted i.e. 48 out of 50 in favour of the design) that if funding is granted the group conduct further consultation with residents.	£2,800
Joyful Chorus – Choral group that deliver entertainment to care homes and residential homes across Wyre	Healthier Lifestyles	Joyce Nutter, Joyful Chorus	£250	£250	Music and sing-a-longs have been identified as powerful therapy for those suffering Alzheimer's and Dementia. This project requires a portable keyboard to enable them to visit more homes.	£250
Building Brownies, Larkholme - Providing a safe space for girls between 7 and 11 providing activities, skills and knowledge supporting a healthy lifestyle and community cohesion.	Healthier Lifestyles, Crime & ASB	Kathryn Dodgson, 20 th Fleetwood (St David's) Brownies	No amount specified	£500	Identified as a worthy project in the Larkholme area the year old brownie group wish to further provide high quality activities and training for adult members (volunteer development) so that they can expand the group and do more fundraising to sustain the group.	£500
Total for Fleetwood						£10,000