

Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item No.
Cllr Peter Gibson, Leader of the Council and Garry Payne, Chief Executive	Cabinet	15 January 2014	5

Shaping Your Neighbourhood – Neighbourhood Funding

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek Member approval for an extension of the 'Shaping Your Neighbourhood' initiative by providing each area with £10,000 for 2014/15, funded by the remaining Performance Reward Grant (PRG).

2. Outcomes

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

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That the 'Shaping Your Neighbourhood' funding for 2014/15 is approved.

4. Background

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

5. Key Issues and Proposals

- 5.1** The Locality Plans will be refreshed for 2014/15 and it is likely that there will be changes and additions to the key issues and priorities for our communities. In order to help progress some of these priorities and continue with the excellent work performed to date it is proposed that the SYN funding be extended into 2014/15 with each area being allocated £10,000.
- 5.2** A guidance note setting out the aim of the scheme and how it will work is attached at Appendix 1.
- 5.3** The neighbourhood lead members will be responsible for determining which projects are recommended for funding based on community consultation and scoring the bids against key criteria. The final proposals will be formally approved by Cabinet.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	The Council had earmarked £549,000 for the Shaping Your Neighbourhood project from Performance Reward Grant. Approvals to date total £465,000 which results in unspent funds of £84,000 from which the 2014/15 scheme (costing £60,000) will be funded.
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

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List of Background Papers:		
Name of Document	Date	Where available for inspection
Shaping Your Neighbourhood – Council report	26 April 2012	http://www.wyre.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/129/full_council

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix One – Guidance Note – Shaping Your Neighbourhood Funding

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Guidance Note

Shaping Your Neighbourhood Funding

Wyre has been split into 6 neighbourhood areas – Fleetwood, Cleveleys, Thornton, Poulton, Rural West and Rural East. Each of these areas will be allocated £10,000 for the financial year 2014/15. Each neighbourhood lead member will be responsible for agreeing the allocation of the £10,000 within their area, with the final decision being made by Wyre Council Cabinet. Community projects are invited that demonstrate how they will help address issues or priorities as set out in our [Locality Plans](#). All projects will be assessed against criteria to ensure that there is a fair and transparent process for allocation of funding. This guidance note provides further information and guidance.

1. What types of applications are we looking for?

We are looking for innovative and creative community projects that will address local needs and that demonstrate the project will make a difference to local people and communities. Key priorities and issues for each area are set out in locality plans which can be found here -

http://www.wyre.gov.uk/info/200216/shaping_your_neighbourhood

Your project may include any the following (this list is not exhaustive):-

- Projects to improve the environment
- Provision of equipment such as sports equipment, play equipment, computer hardware, etc.
- Community activities / events
- Repair or refurbishment of equipment or property which will benefit the community
- Activities to improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable or isolated people e.g. outings, clubs, health and fitness

2. Is there a minimum / maximum amount that can be applied for?

- No – your bid can be anything from £1 to £10,000

3. Do projects need to meet any criteria?

Yes, projects need to demonstrate that they can meet the Shaping Your Neighbourhood funding criteria as follows:-

- Benefits one or more of the 6 neighbourhood areas in Wyre
- Addresses a key priority or local issue as set out in our locality plans
- Has support and buy-in from local community
- Delivers a benefit to the community or council
- Is sustainable in the longer-term – although there may be some relaxation around this criteria with each project being considered on its own merits.

4. How to apply?

- Contact your lead member as follows:-
 - *Fleetwood* - [Councillor Paul Treece-Birch](#)
 - *Cleveleys* - [Councillor Andrea Kay](#)
 - *Thornton* - [Councillor Don MacNaughton](#)
 - *Poulton* - [Councillor David Henderson](#)
 - *Rural East* - [Councillor Lady Dulcie Atkins](#)
 - *Rural West* - [Councillor Julie Robinson](#)
- OR alternatively complete the on-line application form.

5. Timescales

- As the Council is keen to see projects delivered within the 2014/15 financial year, the 1st bidding round will open on 1st April 2014 and run until end of May 2014. Applications can be submitted throughout this 2 month period with the assessment and recommendations being made in June 2014.

6. Who will assess applications?

- Applications will be assessed for each area (including the neighbourhood lead member for each area) against the criteria set out above.
- Final proposals will be formally approved by Cabinet.

7. Once allocated, how soon does the funding need to be spent?

- All funding will need to be spent by 31 March 2015.