MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

Report of:	Executive Member for Finance and Governance: Councillor Chris Hobson Director of Environment and Community Services: Geoff Field

Submitted to:	Executive - 27 October 2020

Subject:	Members Small Scheme Allocation 2020/21

Summary

Proposed decision(s)
That Executive considers the schemes set out in this report and in respect of each scheme either: a. approves the scheme; b. rejects the scheme, or C. endorses the scheme for future consideration.

Report for:	**Key decision:**	**Confidential:**	**Is the report urgent?[1]**
Decision	Yes it affects more than two wards	No	No

Contribution to delivery of the 2018-22 Strategic Plan		
People	**Place**	**Business**
The schemes are scored against the Councils strategic objective and how they contribute to the social regeneration of the ward in question	The schemes are scored against the Councils strategic objectives and how they contribute to the physical regeneration of the ward in question.	The schemes have been scored in respect of value of money, impact on revenue budgets and any potential savings

Ward(s) affected
Park, Coulby newham, Brambles and Thorntree, Central, Acklam, Kader, Marton West, Nuthorpe, Trimdon. These are the schemes submitted by members for their respective wards.

[1] Remove for non-Executive reports

What is the purpose of this report?

2. That Executive considers the schemes set out in this report and either approves, declines or defers funding in respect of the Members Small Scheme Allocation.

Why does this report require a Member decision?

3. The proposed schemes affect more than two wards are therefore considered a key decision requiring approval by the Executive.

Report Background

4. Members have previously approved funding within the capital programme for the Members Small Scheme Allocation with an allocation of £106,000 in respect of 20/21 which is inclusive of uncommitted funds from previous years. There is currently an allocation of £60,000 for both 2021/22 and 22/23

5. Members were invited on the 3rd of December 2019 to submit bids by no later than the 19th of January 2020.

6. A total of 9 compliant bids were received within the bidding timeframe totalling £112,500.

7. The schemes received are as follows:-

- Cllr Furness, Pedestrian Crossing, The Avenue, Linthorpe, £15,000
- Cllrs Branson / Walker, Pedestrian Crossing, Newham Way, Coulby Newham, £10,000
- Cllr Wilson, Fencing / Gates, Thorntree Park, Thorntree, £15,000
- Cllr Lewis, CCTV, Saltwells Playground, Saltwells Rd, £5,000
- Cllrs Palano / Dean, Traffic Calming, Tollesby Rd, Acklam, £15,000
- Cllr Platt, Off Street Parking, The Oval, Brookfield, £15,000
- Cllr Hobson, Traffic Calming, Turnberry Way, Marton, £15,000
- Cllr Smiles, Pedestrian Crossing, Clevegate, Nunthorpe, £15,000
- Cllr McCabe, CCTV / Lighting, Stonedale Walk /Geltdale, Trimdon, £7,500

8. Based on the outcome of the scoring panel and subject to additional match funding from services the following schemes could be funded from the current 20/21 allocation of £106,000:-

- Cllrs Branson / Walker, Pedestrian Crossing, Newham Way, Coulby Newham, Score 58, £10,000 with £15,000 from service
- Cllr McCabe, CCTV / Lighting, Stonedale Walk /Geltdale, Trimdon, Score 57, £7,500
- Cllr Lewis, CCTV, Saltwells Playground, Saltwells Rd, Score 57, £5,000
- Cllr Furness, Pedestrian Crossing, The Avenue, Linthorpe, Score 56 £15,000 with £15,000 from service.
- Cllr Wilsons, Fencing / Gates, Thorntree Park, Thorntree, Score 41, £15,000.

9. This would use £52,500 of the £106,000 available from the current scheme, leaving a balance of £53,500.

10. However match funding is not currently available from the services for the remaining schemes.

11. It is proposed that Members defer the remaining schemes pending the outcome of public consultation and more detailed technical assessment regarding their individual viability and available match funding. These schemes can then be approved and funded from the 2020/21 balance (£53,500) with the remaining £6,500 coming from the 21/22 allocation (£60,000) in the event that they are deliverable and public consultation has been favourable.

- Cllr Platt, Off Street Parking, The Oval, Brookfield, Score 46, £15,000
- Cllr Smiles, Pedestrian Crossing, Clevegate, Nunthorpe, Score 44, £15,000
- Cllr Hobson, Traffic Calming, Turnberry Way, Marton, Score 43, £15,000
- Cllrs Palano / Dean, Traffic Calming, Tollesby Rd, Acklam, Score 39, £15,000

What decision(s) are being asked for?

12. That Executive considers the schemes set out in this report and in respect of each scheme either:

a. approves the scheme;
b. rejects the scheme, or
c. endorses the scheme for future consideration.

Why is this being recommended?

13. The schemes recommended for funding in 20/21 have received the highest scores when evaluated by an officer panel. The schemes were evaluated against the following criteria:-

- Councils Strategic Objectives;
- Output Benefits and Social Value.
- Savings Payback Achieved and Value for Money.
- Project Risks.

All schemes which require match funding from Highways will be subject to the available finances in 20/21 and 21/22.

Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended

14. Members could defer all of the schemes until 21/22 when a further £60,000 would be available, however schemes would be dependent on available match funding from Highways at that time.

Impact(s) of recommended decision

Legal

15. Successful schemes will be delivered by the appropriate services in accordance with any statutory requirements such as planning /building regulation approval.

Financial

16. All of the schemes have been evaluated against by an officer scoring panel in respect of value for money and future potential maintenance cost implications.

Policy Framework

17. All of the schemes have been evaluated by a scoring panel in respect of the Mayors 2025 Vision.

Equality and Diversity

18. An Impact Assessment (IA) has been completed (Appendix 1) and the proposed schemes were considered positive especially in respect of young people, the disabled and elderly.

Risk

19. The schemes contribute to reducing the Council risk in respect of health outcomes, crime, public safety and assists in mitigate the following strategic risk:-

- **02-020 Increased community tension arising from migration issues** causing ill feeling and potential unrest in local communities where different nationalities co-exist. Adverse national publicity and local flashpoints would be very damaging to the reputation and image of a multi-cultural Middlesbrough.

- This is achieved through the enhanced / improved play provision provided by a number of the schemes under consideration.

Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

20. Officers will allocate the requisite funding to the appropriate service areas who will liaise with the appropriate councillors and keep them regularly updated on progress with respect to completing the schemes in 20/21.

Appendices

21. Appendix 1 Equality Impact assessment

Background papers

22. No background papers

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