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EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR PROPERTY

A meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee for Property was held on Wednesday 8 April 2026.

PRESENT: Mayor C Cooke (Chair) and Councillors I Blades, T Furness, P Gavigan, L Henman, J Rostron and N Walker

OFFICERS: A Bates, C Benjamin, S Bonner, H Dalby, G Field, A Glover, L Grabham, R Horniman, E Scollay and R Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors J Ryles and P Storey

24/21 **WELCOME AND FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Mayor welcomed all those present to the meeting and described the fire evacuation procedure.

24/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Name of Member	Type of Interest	Item/ Nature of Interest
Cllr Ian Blades	Non-Pecuniary	Item 7 Members Small Scheme Allocations 2026/27 – Submitted bid for wards.
Cllr Theo Furness	Non-Pecuniary	Item 7 Members Small Scheme Allocations 2026/27 – Submitted bid for wards.
Cllr Luke Henman	Non-Pecuniary	Item 7 Members Small Scheme Allocations 2026/27 – Submitted bid for wards.
Cllr Julia Rostron	Non-Pecuniary	Item 7 Members Small Scheme Allocations 2026/27 – Submitted bid for wards.

24/23 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

None.

24/24 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (IF ANY)**

None.

24/25 **QUESTIONS FROM ELECTED MEMBERS (IF ANY)**

None.

24/26 **MEMBERS SMALL SCHEME ALLOCATIONS 2026/27**

The Executive Member for Finance submitted a report for the Executive Sub-Committee's consideration.

The purpose of the report was to present the updated position regarding applications submitted by Elected Members for the Members' Small Schemes Allocation 2026/27. The approved annual allocation totalled £143,590, enabling Members to apply for up to £15,000 per ward to deliver local environmental and highways improvements. Match funding from relevant service areas could be sought where project costs exceeded this limit.

Members noted that ten applications had been submitted across eligible wards, including Acklam, Ayresome, Berwick Hills and Pallister, Brookfield, Hemlington, Linthorpe, Marton West, Newport, Nunthorpe, and Park. The submissions had been assessed by Council Officers to determine suitability, affordability, and deliverability.

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The Sub-Committee heard that the total value of funding requested was £143,590, with £80,000 requested in match funding from service areas. Where match funding had been required, confirmation had been provided by the relevant services. The approved schemes therefore remained within the funding allocation set aside in the Council's Capital Programme.

Members noted that the supported applications included traffic calming measures in Linthorpe and Park wards, zebra crossings in Hemlington and Berwick Hills and Pallister, CCTV and environmental improvements in Ayresome and Nunthorpe, and a range of local amenity enhancements including benches, bins, decorative lighting, and play area equipment across several wards.

These schemes were detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and were deemed deliverable with available resources.

The Executive Member proposed an amendment to the report to include the words 'as amended' when referring to Members Small Scheme project allocations.

It was confirmed that, once approved, the recommended schemes would proceed to design (where appropriate) and be scheduled for implementation at the earliest opportunity. Any expenditure not incurred during 2026/27 would be carried forward to 2027/28.

OPTIONS

The Council had the option not to approve the funding; however, this was not recommended, as the proposals had been fully assessed by Officers and were considered suitable, affordable, and deliverable within the available allocation. Declining all schemes was also not recommended, as the submissions met the relevant criteria.

ORDERED that the Executive Sub-Committee for Property:

- 1. Approved the proposed amendment to the report.**
- 2. Approved the eligible Members' Small Schemes project allocations, following applications from Members and assessment by Council Officers; and**
- 3. Approved the allocation of funding to deliver the approved projects.**

REASONS

The recommendations ensured the appropriate use of the Members' Small Schemes funding by supporting localised improvements that enhanced accessibility, safety, and the environment across wards. The approved schemes confirmed that the overall budget remained within limits and empowered Members to deliver meaningful improvements within their communities. The structured application and assessment process also enabled officers to programme work with sufficient notice and ensured match funding requirements were met where necessary.

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ANY OTHER URGENT ITEMS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, MAY BE CONSIDERED.

None.

The decision(s) will come into force after five working days following the day the decision(s) was/ were published unless the decision(s) become subject to the call in procedures