

**Community
Transition Fund –
Brunswick Youth
and Community
Centre**

Date of Issue:	6 December 2024
Date of Decision:	16 December 2024
Report to:	Cabinet Member – Communities and Partnership Engagement
Report of:	Assistant Director - Communities
Portfolio:	Communities and Partnership Engagement
Wards affected:	All
Is this a key decision:	No
Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt/confidential report:	No

Summary:

- (i) To ask Cabinet Member - Communities and Housing to agree the Community Transition Fund recommendation.
- (ii) To update Cabinet Member on financial commitments to date from the Community Transition Fund.

Recommendation(s):

To ask Cabinet Member to agree the following:

- (i) £4,000 from the Community Transition Fund to Brunswick Youth and Community

Centre, as set out in section 1.1.9

- (ii) That subject to the above recommendation being agreed, to note that the commitments against the Community Transition Fund will total £1,459,936 as set out in section 2.2

1. The Rationale and Evidence for the Recommendations

New Funding Requests

1.1 Brunswick Youth and Community Centre – Bike Storage and Safety

- 1.1.1 Brunswick Youth and Community Centre opened as the Liverpool branch of the Brunswick Boys Clubs in 1947 and moved to Bootle in 1965. Since that date they have provided support and activities for children and young people, and also families and the local community which led to the change in name. The centre in Marsh Lane provides a range of services from children's football to pensioner groups.
- 1.1.2 Through consultation with young people over the last six months, a need for more secure bicycle storage has been identified. Many of the young people who use the centre travel by bicycle and don't feel safe storing them outside or in the reception area, even when locked. They have asked for a secure area to store bicycles when using the facilities. Approximately 30-40 young people per week will access the centre via bicycle. Storing the bicycles in the reception area is also a health and safety issue.
- 1.1.3 Brunswick YCC wish to convert an old boiler space into a secure area for the storage of bicycles and other equipment such as bags, coats and helmets. They wish to install a racking system that would allow the storage of up to 24 bicycles.
- 1.1.4 £5,900 is being requested from the Community Transition Fund towards the cost of the project. Costs of the project are outlined below:

Item	Amount
Purchase of two bicycle racks @ £1200 each	£2,400
Putting up partition wall and racking storage system	£3,200
Outside lighting to make it safe to use the side door	£300
Management of project	£500
Total Amount	£6,490

- 1.1.5 The organisation have applied to other small funders but have had no success as yet. A contribution of £1,000 has been secured from local ward funds.

1.1.6 The organisation's accounts show unrestricted free reserves as at the end of March 2023 to be £127,678, which the accounts state is required to provide 6 months normal operating expenditure.

1.1.7 Fit with Council's core purpose:

Priority Area	Project contribution
Protect the most vulnerable	The organisation is based in Linacre Ward, which experiences higher than average deprivation, high rates of unemployment and young people who are NEET, and greater dependence on foodbanks and other support measures
Facilitate confident and resilient communities	Young people have been involved in identifying the need for this project, giving them involvement and ownership
Commission, broker, and provide core services	The organisation provides a range of core services for the local community
Place-leadership and influencer	The organisation is fully involved in local forums and partnerships
Drivers of change and reform	The organisation responds to change through community engagement and consultation
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity	The organisation supports a job club and other employment based initiatives
Generate income for social reinvestment	
Cleaner and Greener	This project supports the use of sustainable and green transport
Collaborative working for the benefit of Sefton's communities	The organisation provides a valued community hub for a range of activities, and engages with local partners

1.1.8 Climate Emergency Implications – It is considered that this project has a positive impact, encouraging sustainable methods of transport

1.1.9 **Recommendation – Award £4,000. Invoices to be supplied.**

1.2 **Update on Commitments**

1.2.1 The total amount of new funding recommended in this report is outlined below:

Project	Organisation	Amount
Bike Storage and Safety	Brunswick Youth and Community Centre	£4,000
	Total	£4,000

1.2.2 If the recommendations above are agreed, commitments will total £1,459,936. This would leave a further £84,316 unallocated.

1.3. **Next decision date**

1.3.1 CTF applications will now be considered on a quarterly basis so the next date for decisions is January 2025. Urgent applications will be submitted via email.

2. **Financial Implications**

This fund is a one off stand alone resource and so does not impact on other Council budgets. The Community Transition Fund is managed by staff in the Neighbourhoods team.

3. **Legal Implications**

Groups/organisations receiving grants are required to confirm that they have the appropriate policies and procedures in place to deliver the activities being funded.

4. **Corporate Risk Implications**

None

5 **Staffing HR Implications**

None

6 **Conclusion**

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Cabinet Member has agreed the criteria and process for allocating this fund.

Equality Implications:

There are no adverse equality implications. Supporting community organisations should have a positive effect on fostering good relations and advancing equality of opportunity, two of the aims of the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Organisations receiving funding must adhere to the Equalities Duty in the provision of any services or projects.

These awards will support organisations who provide activities and services across a range of protected characteristics.

Impact on Children and Young People:

The impact on children and young people of these projects is detailed in the section for each one.

Climate Emergency Implications:

The recommendations within this report will have a Positive impact.

The environmental impact of this project is detailed in the relevant sections of the report.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director Corporate Services & Commercial notes that Cabinet set aside £1m for the Community Transition Fund on 3 September 2015. The residual amount remaining from the Community Support Fund has been added to this, giving a total amount of £1,000,193. Projects will be wholly financed from this money.

A further £25,000 was returned to the fund in June 2017 due to an unspent award from the previous Community Support Fund.

Cabinet set aside a further £0.500m towards the Community Transition Fund on 6th December 2018.

A further £19,059 was transferred to the fund due to unspent ward budgets.

The Executive Director Corporate Services and Commercial (FD 7878/24) has been consulted and has no further comments on the report.

The Chief Legal & Democratic Officer has been consulted (LD 5978/24)

(B) External Consultations

Not applicable

The applicant organisations have carried out consultation and engagement with their service users as required on the continuing need for these projects and the work that they support.

Implementation Date for the Decision :

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Cabinet Member decision.

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

Appendix A is a list of past awards from the fund

Background Papers:

None

Appendix A – Approved Projects

To date the following proposals have been formally agreed by Cabinet Member:

Project	Organisation	Amount
Community Christmas activities	Various, held by Sefton MBC	£100,000
Peer group support costs	New Horizons Group	£1,000
Club refurbishment works	Sefton Amateur Boxing Club	£20,000
New boat costs [REFUNDED]	Pride of Sefton	£
Independent travel assessment costs	Crosby Cooperative Learning Trust	£15,000
Feasibility costs	Safe Regeneration	£30,711
Former Orrell library refurbishment costs	Y Kids & Venus	£50,000
Formby Library Garden Project	Formby Parish Council	£15,000
Former Litherland library refurbishment costs	SWAN Women's Centre	£40,000
Former Carnegie library refurbishment costs [WITHDRAWN]	Regenerus	£
Building repairs	Friends of Old Christ Church Waterloo	£10,000
Former Queens Road Community Centre refurbishment	Sefton Play Council	£25,000
Site improvement works	Shy Lowen Horse and Pony Sanctuary	£10,000
Training kitchen and community lounge	Netherton Feelgood Factory	£13,378
Summer holiday food provision project	Sefton MBC Nhoods with various Children's Centres	£5,040

Over 60s Bus Pass and Pre Esol Language projects	Migrant Workers Sefton Community	£4,680
Waterloo Community Centre building repairs	Waterloo Community Association	£9,720
Veteran's Project	Veterans in Sefton	£13,767
Heritage at Risk Officer	Sefton MBC Local Planning Team	£35,000
Community Resilience Project for Young People	Sefton MBC Youth Offending Team	£14,000
Summer Food Provision	Sefton MBC Neighbourhoods Team with various Children's Centres and community organisations	£25,000
Community Payback -cost of caged tipper	Community Rehabilitation Company	£7,280
Fillies Sport and Health Hub [WITHDRAWN]	Fillies Girls Football Club	£
Employment Plus Project	Salvation Army	£5,186
Heritage Project	Sefton MBC	60,000
Veterans Project	Veterans in Sefton	£3,233
Building repairs	Crosby Alchemy Y&C Centre	£1,000
Refurbishment works	The Learning Rooms	£17,643
The Fillies GFC	The Fillies GFC	£24,984
The Alt Centre	Hightown Parish Council	£5,000
Branching Out Project	The Inclusion Network	£18,470
Community Christmas Activities	Various, held by Sefton Council Communities	£100,000
Volunteering 4 Good Fund	Sefton CVS	£5,000
Building Conversion (Stationmasters House)	Birkdale Community Hub and Library	£25,000
Security Fencing	The Northern Club	£25,000
Crowdfunding project (£5k already allocated to Birkdale Community)	Sefton Crowd	£45,000

Hub)		
Hall Improvements	Syro-Malabar Catholic Church	£25,000
New Building	Marine Football Club	£9,000
Autism Hub Project	Imagine Independence	£19,777
Parent Carer Project	Sefton Carers Centre	£22,000
Hall Refurbishment	Hope Community Church Aintree	£12,767
Heating repairs	St Nicholas Church, Blundellsands	£8,450
New Building	Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club	£10,000
Additional activity room	ELIM Bootle Church	£10,000
Fit out of kitchen facilities and contribution towards building costs	Lydiate Parish Council	£7,000
Contribution towards funding pot	Sefton 4 Good	£10,000
Refurbishment and replacement of practice wickets	Hightown St Mary's CC	£4,200
Safety Fencing	Bootle CC	£19,978
Luncheon Club Project	Formby CVS	£5,000
Helpline	Migrant Workers Sefton Community	£15,791
Flat roof and hoist	Sensory Swim and Health	£15,000
Refurbishment of toilets and changing facilities	Brunswick Youth and Community Centre	£10,500
New ICT equipment	Litherland Youth and Community Centre	£13,000
Building refurbishment	St Leonard's Youth and Community Centre	£35,069
Furniture and equipment	Conquer Life CIC	£7,963
Building refurbishment and fencing repairs	Ainsdale Sports and Social Club – Bowling Section	£2,845

New hybrid pitch	Bootle FC	£25,000
Building extension	The Inclusion Network	£15,000
Disabled roundabout for Ainsdale Village Park	Ainsdale Civic Society	£14,058
New vehicle for Shoreline Foodbank	Shoreline Church	£5,000
New perimeter fencing and netting	Fleetwood Hesketh CC	£18,978
New security fencing	Formby HCSC	£7,000
Building repairs	Ince Blundell Parish Council	£6,000
Building repairs	Netherton Park Estates Sports and Social Club	£4,102
Building repairs	Waterloo ABC	£12,200
Story Project	Heartstone	£2,200
Look and Learn Project	People First Merseyside	£17,225
Big Bus Project	Marshside Primary School	£2,500
Repair works	Waterloo Community Centre	£5,000
Contribution to Sefton Platinum Jubilee Fund	Sefton CVS	£7,500
Brunswick Wellbeing Hub	Brunswick Youth and Community Centre	£10,000
District HQ Restoration	Crosby and District Scouts	£10,000
Security Cameras and Lighting	Netherton Park Neighbourhood Centre	£5,696
Free energy assessments for community groups	Sefton CVS	£9,948
Stairlift for Formby Museum	Imagine Formby	£10,160
Window Replacement	SWACA	£19,778
Community Equalities Event Fund	Council	£10,000
Contribution to Sefton Coronation Fund	Sefton CVS	£7,500
Outdoor Kitchen project	Gateway Collective CIC	£17,000
Linacre Hub Refurbishment	Conquer Life CIC	£11,200

Emergency Lighting Replacement	Lydiate Parish Council	£4,500
Keeping Us Warm project	Netherton Park Sports and Social Club	£2,500
From Seeds to Supper	Community By Nature CIC	£15,000
Halle's Warm Hub Project	Halle O'Brien CIC	£5,459
Workshop relocation	Bootle Toolshed	£13,500
Refurbishment costs	Ravenmeols Community Centre	£10,800
Project Wellbeing	Marine in the Community	£25,000
Covid Memorials	Sefton Council	£25,000
Purchase of vehicle	Litherland Youth and Community Centre	£12,500
Rigging loft renovation	Sefton Sea Cadets	£10,000
Vehicle purchase	Southport FC Community Foundation	£10,000
Mural	Waterloo Town Team	£1,200
Netherton Community Grocery	Memberships and food supplies	£5,000
Mencap Liverpool and Sefton	Project Access	£12,000
Wheels for All Litherland	Cycling Hub	£5,000
Compassion Acts	Expansion of foodbank premises	£2,000
Total		£1,455,936
Balance		£88,316