
Report to: Southport Area Committee

Date of Meeting: 27 March 2013

Subject: Budget Monitoring Report

Report of: Director Corporate Commissioning **Wards Affected:** Ainsdale, Birkdale, Cambridge, Dukes, Kew, Meols and Norwood

Is this a Key Decision? No

Is it included in the Forward Plan?
No

Exempt/Confidential

No

Purpose/Summary

To update Southport Area Committee on available resources for the Area Committee area and progress to date on those items previously agreed.

Recommendation(s)

That the Area Committee:

- (i) note the Ward budgets for 2012/2013
- (ii) note the ongoing issues from 2010/2011 and 2011/12

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		✓	
3	Environmental Sustainability	✓		
4	Health and Well-Being	✓		
5	Children and Young People	✓		
6	Creating Safe Communities	✓		
7	Creating Inclusive Communities	✓		
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy		✓	

Reasons for the Recommendation:

Report is to inform Members of their current Area Committee budget allocation.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

Area Committee budgets for 2012/13 were agreed by Cabinet and Council in March 2012 as part of the Neighbourhoods Review. This report provides an update on spend within the agreed amount.

(A) Revenue Costs

(B) Capital Costs

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Legal Any enquiries or activities that generate the need for legal advice or information will be noted on the individual activity as appropriate.
Human Resources There are no implications
Equality 1. No Equality Implication <input type="text" value="None"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated <input type="text"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains <input type="text"/>

Impact on Service Delivery:

Area Committee budgets allocations must be spent on additional services that benefit the wider community.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT has been consulted and has no comments on this report. **FD 2178/13**

The Head of Corporate Legal Services have been consulted and as no comments on this report **LD 1494/13**

Are there any other options available for consideration?

No alternative options available

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee/Council/Working Group meeting.

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Background Papers:

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 In 2002/03 the Council allocated funds to Area Committees for expenditure on local priorities that would not otherwise be funded from Council budgets. Each Area Committee receives an amount each year and then decides how best to split it across the wards and whether or not to hold a central budget.
- 1.2 At the Area Committee meeting on 9th September 2009 it was agreed to allocate the balance of the Southport Area Committee Ward budgets to the Neighbourhoods Division, to be used in accordance with Ward priorities as defined through area management approaches. Any approvals made against the ward budgets will be subject to agreement by all three Ward Councillors. This will enable the budget to be used in a responsive way to tackle any pertinent ward issues.

2. Current Budget Position

- 2.1 The following sets out the 2012/2013 budget and the amounts available to spend in each area, as well as commitments made in this year. The amount for street name plates and litter bins has been incorporated within budget amount available.

	Balance b/f £	2012/13 Budget £	2012/13 Available £	2012/13 Commitments £	Balance Available £
Wards					
Ainsdale	4,969.92	8,159.00	13,128.92	4,752.87	8,376.05
Birkdale	19,102.61	8,159.00	27,261.61	147.00	27,114.61
Cambridge	14,739.41	8,159.00	22,898.41	3,400.00	19,498.41
Dukes	16,313.83	8,159.00	24,472.83	9,928.80	14,544.03
Kew	14,826.37	8,159.00	22,985.37	6,738.00	16,247.37
Meols	11,812.31	8,159.00	19,971.31	7,562.20	12,409.11
Norwood	18,372.92	8,159.00	26,531.92	19,900.23	6,631.69
Town-wide provision	9,989.25	6,781.00	16,770.25	2,250.00	14,520.25
Total	110,126.62	63,894.00	174,020.62	54,679.10	119,341.52

Please note the following underspend/overspend from 2010/11 and carried over into Balance b/f for 2012/13.

For information only – Allocations made during 2012/13:

Ainsdale Ward

	2012/13 Commitments	Date Approved	Cost £	Action Status
1	Contribution towards new tree and guard for Liverpool Road	03/08/12	200.00	Complete
2	Jubilee Trees Project, 5 trees Ainsdale Village Park	30/08/12	100.00	Complete
3	Street name plate on legs - Newby Close	02/10/12	92.57	Ongoing
4	New Bench for Jim's Path	09/10/12	200.00	Ongoing
5	Re-flag the yellow flags off Yellow Brick Road	22/11/12	1,067.30	Complete
6	St. Johns Church roof refurbishment	07/12/12	2,500.00	Ongoing
7	Benches for Ainsdale Village Park	23/1/13	500.00	Ongoing
8	Sandbrook Road nameplate	28/1/13	93.00	Ongoing
			4,752.87	

Birkdale Ward

	2012/13 Commitments	Date Approved	Cost £	Action Status
1	Chicanes for Onslow Crescent/Liverpool Road	08/02/13	147.00	Ongoing
			147.00	

Cambridge Ward

	2012/13 Commitments	Date Approved	Cost £	Action Status
1	Two street name plates on legs for Fleetwoods Lane	13/07/12	225.49	complete
2	2,500 plants for Hesketh Park beds planted by volunteers	11/07/12	400.00	Complete
3	Contribution to YMCA	23/08/12	250.00	Complete
4	Hesketh Drive Trees	01/11/12	840.00	complete
5	Street name plates Elswick Green	08/11/12	92.25	Complete
6	Steps and Handrails for path Fleetwood Road	05/11/12	1,500.00	Complete
7	Roe Park Mews nameplates	22/11/12	92.26	Complete
			3,400.00	

Dukes Ward

	2012/13 Commitments	Date Approved	Cost £	Action Status
1	Wesley Street traders Hanging Baskets contribution	27/7/12	500.00	Complete
2	Lord Street seats repair and maintenance	10/07/12	8,678.80	Ongoing
3	Contribution to YMCA	23/08/12	250.00	Complete
4	Southport Contemporary Arts contribution	10/09/12	500.00	Ongoing
			9,928.80	

Kew Ward

	2012/13 Commitments	Date Approved	Cost £	Action Status
1	Streetname plate on legs - Sangness Drive	08/10/12	93.00	Ongoing
2	10 week course providing LDD social opportunities	07/11/12	495.00	Complete
3	Various equipment for Town Green Community Woodland area	27/11/12	6,150.00	Ongoing
			6,738.00	

Meols Ward

	2012/13 Commitments	Date Approved	Cost £	Action Status
1	Purchase of metal container to house garden equipment	25/06/12	500.00	Complete
2	Ben Gautrey Memorial Bench	14/05/12	669.20	Complete
3	Crossens Bowling Club kitchen refurbishment	08/05/12	1000.00	Complete
4	Merseyside Police Young People's BBQ	28/05/12	100.00	Complete
5	Botanic Gardens Community Association	26/07/12	500.00	Complete
6	No Balls Games sign The Causeway	28/5/12	49.00	Complete
7	Contribution to YMCA	23/08/12	250.00	Complete
8	New nameplate on legs and remove existing one Mallee Crescent	28/5/12	123.00	Ongoing
9	2 x street name plate on legs for Mill Lane Crescent	23/08/12	287.00	Ongoing
10	New Victoria Cricket Club line-marker & lawn mower	08/01/13	1,500	Ongoing
11	Crossens Community Association security lighting	14/01/13	834.00	Ongoing
12	St Cuthberts 62nd Scout Group Fire Alarm System	17/01/13	1,000.00	Ongoing

13	Contribution to signage for the aviary	21/01/13	750.00	Ongoing
			7,562.20	

Norwood Ward

	2012/13 Commitments	Date Approved	Cost £	Action Status
1	Nameplate on legs Montgomery Avenue	05/08/12	92.25	complete
2	Old Park Lane Vehicle Actuated signs x2 contribution	24/09/12	10,500	ongoing
3	Land Registry Search Devonshire Road	25/09/12	4.00	ongoing
4	Russell Road Rec, Norwood Phoenix Football Club	05/10/12	1,646.00	ongoing
5	New slide – Canning Road Rec	10/10/12	3,039.60	ongoing
6	10 week course providing LDD social opportunities	07/11/12	500.00	ongoing
7	Re-erect old nameplate on new backing board - Pitts House Lane	15/11/12	35.88	ongoing
8	Lawnmower for Friends of Meols Cop Station	28/11/12	432.50	ongoing
9	Wooden gazebo Bishop David Sheppard School	13/12/12	1,700.00	ongoing
10	Southport Sea Cadets - various equipment	14/01/13	1,950.00	ongoing
			19,900.23	

Town Wide Budget

	2012/13 Commitments	Date Approved	Cost £	Action Status
1	YMCA contribution to 'Youthy'	25/09/12	250.00	Complete
2	Xmas Shelter Contribution – Light for Life	21/11/12	2,000.00	Complete
			2,250.00	

Ongoing issues from 2011/12

For information only – Allocations made during 2011/12

Ainsdale Ward

	2011/12 Commitments	Date Approved	Cost £	Action Status
1	Contribution towards replacement benches on Village Green	15/11/11	500.00	Ongoing
2	Contribution towards promotion of self defence classes at Woodvale community centre	23/1/12	200.00	Ongoing

3	Contribution to support Merefield School in creating a Sensory Garden	6/2/12	100.00	Ongoing
4	Contribution to Ainsdale Civic Society to refurb the War Memorial	21/2/12	800.00	Ongoing
5	Contribution to Ainsdale Horticultural Society to refurb the War Memorial	21/2/12	800.00	Ongoing
6	Contribution towards Squad Kits, Balls, Cones and Training equipment for Ainsdale Juniors under-7's	29/3/12	250.00	Ongoing
7	Relocation of religious statue and refurbishment at Sacred Heart School	05/05/12	400.00	Ongoing

Birkdale Ward

	2011/12 Commitments	Date Approved	Cost £	Action Status
1	Planters on Sandon Road	25/1/12	155.00	Ongoing

Meols Ward

	2011/12 Commitments	Date Approved	Cost £	Action Status
1	North Meols Fog Bell Civic Society Project	1/12/11	1,000.00	Ongoing

2.2 Ongoing issues from 2010/11

For information only – Allocations made during 2010/11:

Dukes Ward

	2010/11 Commitments	Date Approved	Cost £	Action Status
1	Replacement Street Sign for Cromer Road	March 2011	45.00	Ongoing

Please note that actions marked as ongoing may have been completed, but are still awaiting requests for payment from the beneficiary.

Recommendations

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