

Report To:	CABINET
Date:	31st July 2023
Heading:	FUNDING UPDATE
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Ward/s:	ALL WARDS
Key Decision:	No
Subject to Call-In:	No

Purpose of Report

To ensure that Cabinet is kept updated on funding allocations; progress of funded programmes and bids for external funding.

To add Public Open Space Section 106 contributions to the Capital Programme.

To note a potential future cost pressure for the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) programme which may require additional Council funding.

Recommendation(s)

1. To note the progress for Future High Streets Fund, Towns Fund, UKSPF and Community Safety funding programmes.
2. To note and recommend to Council, the revised Towns Fund re-profiled funding programme for the Capital Programme.
3. To note the submission of an expression of interest to the Arts Council and to recommend to Council the acceptance of grant monies and to act as the Accountable Body if the bid is successful.
4. To recommend to Council, following receipt of funds, that Section 106 monies be included on the capital programme as outlined in the report.
5. To note a potential future cost pressure in relation to the Hucknall Leisure Centre PSDS scheme which may require the allocation of additional Council funding in the future.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

1. To ensure that Cabinet is kept updated on progress with the funding programmes and submission of funding bids.
2. To ensure that projects and spend within the funding programmes are achieved within the set timeframes and programme budget envelopes.
3. To ensure that if funding bids are successful grant monies can be accepted and project delivery begun.
4. To ensure delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan and improvements to parks and green spaces with a rolling programme of investment.
5. To ensure funding streams are delivered collaboratively and effectively.
6. To ensure Members are aware as early as possible about the potential cost pressures which may require additional Council funding in the future.

Alternative Options Considered

1. Not to approve the allocation of S106 funding on the capital programme. Not allocating the funds will mean that public open space improvement projects cannot be delivered. Not recommended.
2. Not to recommend the acceptance of funding if the Arts Council bid is successful. Not accepting the funds would mean that investment in the District could not be progressed.

Detailed Information

Across the Towns Fund, Future High Streets, Levelling Up Fund and UK Shared Prosperity Fund programmes we are delivering over £102 million of direct investment in Ashfield.

1. Future High Streets Fund

1.1 Finance:

The table below sets out the approved profiled income from DLUHC (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) and associated co-funding for each project. Where projects have been delayed, it has been reported to DLUHC and the funding carried forward.

Project	RDEL/CDEL	21/22 (£)	22/23 (£)	23/24 (£)	24/25 (£)	25/26 (£)	Total (£)
FHSF Sutton Academy Theatre / Cornerstone	RDEL (Revenue)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CDEL (Capital)	48,545	143,287	2,155,287			2,347,118
		48,545	143,287	2,155,287	-	-	2,347,118
	Co-funding			100,000			100,000
TF18 Cornerstone	CDEL	-	1,496	-	498,504	-	500,000
TOTAL							2,947,118
FHSF High Pavement	RDEL						-
	CDEL	988,342	148,812	514,511			1,651,665
	Sub Total	988,342	148,812	514,511	-	-	1,651,665
	Co-funding		-	937,289			937,289
Total							2,588,954
FHSF Low Street 9-11 and No 14	RDEL						
	CDEL	86,920	1,081,310	581,770			1,750,000
	Co-funding			647,933			647,933
Total							2,397,933
FHSF Fox Street pop-up food court and car park	RDEL						
	CDEL	67,314	44,397	419,378			531,088

	Co-funding	-		70,912			70,912
Total							
							602,000
						FHSF TOTAL	6,279,871
						CO-FUNDING	1,756,134

1.2 Progress

A progress and risk-based summary for each project is provided below.

Project	Achievements/ progress/next steps	Risk Level / programme and cost
Theatre Project	RIBA stage 2 has been completed. The design team are now progressing RIBA stage 3. A revised programme has been forecast to deliver the project. A revised delivery programme will be reviewed and agreed with DLUHC.	↑
Low Street	14 Low Street - Complete. 9-11 Low Street - Value engineering completed and due to be retendered late July. The project is behind the forecast programme due to delays in managing the inflation cost risk but remains on track for completion March 2024.	↔
High Pavement	Project commenced on site and remains on track to complete November. Negotiations are progressing with new tenants. Makerspace committee has been formed and they are now progressing the project awareness and equipment fit options for the new facilities.	↔
Fox Street	Two unsuccessful open procurement tenders have delayed the delivery of the project. The Council is now working with a framework contractor to establish a fixed cost for the scheme to enable it to proceed. It is anticipated that the project will progress on site in October.	↑

2. Towns Fund

2.0 Finance

The table below sets out the approved profiled income from DLUHC and associated secured and unsecured co-funding for each project. The funding profile has now been approved by DLUHC following the project adjustment request (PAR) submitted to DLUHC in January. The total Towns Fund and Levelling Up Fund funding from DLUHC is £65.7 million.

Project	RDEL/CDEL	21/22 (£)	22/23 (£)	23/24 (£)	24/25 (£)	25/26 (£)	Total (£)
TF-01 Ashfield Civil Engineering Centre	RDEL (Revenue)	-					-
	CDEL (Capital)	6,902	46,865	2,047,367	-		2,101,134

	Sub Total	6,902	46,865	2,047,367	-	-	2,101,134
	Co-funding		453,017	250,000	60,500		763,517
TOTAL							2,864,651
TF-02 Ashfield Construction Centre	RDEL	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CDEL	14,746	21,377	1,108,877	4,032,555		5,177,555
	Total	14,746	21,377	1,108,877	4,032,555	-	5,177,555
	Co-funding		-	1,837,500	-	-	1,837,500
TOTAL							7,015,055
TF-03 Automated Distribution and Manufacturing Centre	RDEL	-	-	500,000	375,000	125,000	1,000,000
	CDEL	17,035	153,724	19,079,241	233,141	-	19,483,141
	Sub Total	17,035	153,724	19,579,241	608,141	125,000	20,483,141
	Co-funding				467,000	934,000	1,401,000
TOTAL							21,884,141
TF-04 Cycling and Walking Routes	RDEL	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CDEL	1,142	30,000	1,808,138	97,000	-	1,936,280
	Total	1,142	30,000	1,808,138	97,000	-	1,936,280
	Co-funding			-	45,000		45,000
TOTAL							1,981,280
TF-05 Enterprise in Ashfield	RDEL	2,344	681,553	1,360,103	985,000	816,000	3,845,000
	CDEL	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Sub Total	2,344	681,553	1,360,103	985,000	816,000	3,845,000
	Co-funding						3,746,867
TOTAL							7,591,867
TF-06 Green Ashfield	RDEL	-	-	-	-	-	-






	CDEL	1,142	114,457	1,684,401	398,048		2,198,048
	Sub Total	1,142	114,457	1,684,401	398,048	-	2,198,048
	Co-funding			2,812,134	317,167	-	3,129,301
TOTAL							5,327,349
TF-07 High Street Property Fund	RDEL	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CDEL	18,265	4,631	876,305			899,201
	Sub Total	18,265	4,631	876,305	-	-	899,201
	Co-funding			100,000			100,000
TOTAL							999,201
TF-08 Kingsmill Reservoir Leisure Development	RDEL	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CDEL	23,196	459,422	2,059,125	810,257		3,352,000
	Sub Total	127,000	2,414,743	2,414,743	2,414,743		3,352,000
	Co-funding			192,000	456,000		648,000
TOTAL							4,000,000
TF-09 Kingsway Sports Hub	RDEL	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CDEL	5,640	87,059	1,398,977			1,491,676
	Total	5,640	87,059	1,398,977	-	-	1,491,676
	Co-funding	39,000			910,000		949,000
TOTAL							2,440,676
TF-10 Library Innovation Centres	RDEL	-	-	48,000	51,000	51,000	150,000
	CDEL		3,375	509,625	38,000	36,478	587,478
	Sub Total	-	3,375	557,625	89,000	87,478	737,478
	Co-funding				113,000		113,000
TOTAL							850,478
TF-11 North Kirkby Gateway	RDEL	-	-	-	90,000	90,000	180,000
	CDEL	7,935	83,605	1,520,583	4,630,797	3,786,727	10,029,648
	Sub Total	7,935	83,605	1,520,583	4,720,797	3,876,727	10,209,648
	Co-funding						

	Co-funding				-	2,155,000	2,985,999	5,140,999
	TOTAL	15,350,647						
TF-12 Portland Square Refurbishment	RDEL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CDEL	65,000	400,000	264,352	-	-	-	729,352
	Total	65,000	400,000	264,352	-	-	-	729,352
	Co-funding	-	-	136,000	-	-	-	136,000
	TOTAL	865,352						
TF-14 Science Discovery Centre & Planetarium	RDEL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CDEL	149,500	385,786	1,554,714	208,004	-	-	2,248,004
	Total	149,500	385,786	1,554,714	208,004	-	-	2,248,004
	Co-funding	-	29,000	-	956,000	-	-	985,000
LUF- Science Discovery Centre	CDEL	-	250,000	1,425,000	1,425,000	-	-	3,100,000
	Total	6,333,004						
TF-15 Sutton Lawn Sports Hub	RDEL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CDEL	5,661	113,904	651,435	1,247,633	-	-	2,018,633
	Total	5,661	113,904	651,435	1,247,633	-	-	2,018,633
	Co-funding	-	-	83,340	2,064,000	-	-	2,147,340
	TOTAL	4,165,973						
TF-16 Visitor Digital Offer	RDEL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CDEL	11,474	58,539	144,797	-	-	-	214,809
	Total	11,474	58,539	144,797	-	-	-	214,809
	Co-funding	-	-	45,000	-	-	-	45,000
	TOTAL	259,809						
TF-17 West Kirkby Gateway	RDEL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CDEL	6,908	250,128	1,459,965	2,741,041	-	-	4,458,041
	Total	6,908	250,128	1,459,965	2,741,041	-	-	4,458,041
	Co-funding	-	-	-	3,920,000	-	-	3,920,000

TOTAL		8,378,041
	TOWNS FUND TOTAL	62,600,000
	LUF FUND TOTAL	3,100,000
	CO-FUNDING	25,755,524

2.1 Project highlights report

A progress and risk-based summary for each project is provided below.

Project	Achievements/ progress/next steps	Risk Level / programme and cost
Be Healthy Be Happy		
North Kirkby Gateway	The realignment of the boundary will be submitted to DLUHC in July. We are developing the masterplan for the land across the Pond Hole and Ellis Street sites.	
Kirkby Sports Hub	A new project design team are being appointed to review and finalise RIBA stage 2 and address budget risks to ensure the scheme remains within the budget envelope. The target date for the Football Foundation submission has been moved to July 2024 to ensure sufficient time to meet the level of approvals required.	
Sutton Lawn Sports Hub	A new project design team are being appointed to review and finalise RIBA stage 2 and address budget risks to ensure the scheme remains within the budget envelope. The target date for the Football Foundation submission has been moved to July 2024 to ensure sufficient time to meet the level of approvals required. Improvements to the tennis courts are being progressed this summer through the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) framework and funding.	
More to Discover		
Sutton Town Centre		
Portland Square	Nottinghamshire County Council (Via EM) team are progressing the S278 agreement review process. We are now working with a framework contractor to establish a fixed cost for the scheme to enable it to proceed. It is anticipated that the project will progress on site in January 2024.	
Sutton Academy Theatre	RIBA stage 2 has been completed. The design team are now progressing RIBA stage 3. A revised programme has been forecast to deliver the project.	
Visitor Economy		

Cycling and walking routes	The procurement of the design team is now progressing.	↔
Visitor digital offer	The web and app digital infrastructure are built and awaiting testing. The project team are now progressing the development of the content. Options are being developed for marketing content to support the launch.	↔
Science Discovery Centre and Planetarium	MSAS are finalising the fixed price costs with the appointed predevelopment phase construction contractor. The contracts are due to be signed in July.	↔
Kings Mill Reservoir leisure development	The enabling contract work for the new leisure building commenced on 28 th June. The initial stages will progress the demolition of the former club house and construction of a new car park.	↔
Succeed in Ashfield		
ADMC (Kirkby/Sutton)	The business case for the ADCMC project has now been approved by DLUHC. A formal offer has been submitted to the landowner for the preferred site and negotiations are ongoing. The Council is progressing further due diligence on an alternative site option.	↓
Ashfield Construction Centre and Satellite	Handover of the RIBA stage 2 development work undertaken by VWNC is underway. The procurement strategy and delivery model are being progressed for the agreement to proceed.	↔
Ashfield Civil Engineering Centre	Project development work is underway including site surveys – and assessments in preparation for the planning application. An assessment of land ownership is being reviewed to enable the legal agreements between ADC and Vision West Notts to be progressed.	↔
Enterprising Ashfield	<p>Delivery Achievements:</p> <p>Enterprise – HeadStart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 clients on current cohort starting 7th July. • 32 clients assessed and confirmed Enterprise Ready • 32 Grant Agreements signed. • 32 grants paid to clients. • 7 clients being supported through 1:1 mentoring. <p>Enterprise – R&D Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 enrolled. • 12 potential leads. We are supporting several eligible businesses through our Productivity through Innovation programme that will progress onto additional support through Enterprising Ashfield. • Supply Chain Management Event: 8 businesses registered to attend but only 3 businesses attended. 2 businesses have signed up for further support. <p>Enterprise – Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 Total enrolments to date • 9 Clients currently undergoing support • 1 growth grant authorised. • 16 businesses in pipeline • Retail offer being developed as part of our Demonstrator projects. – Our Growth Business Adviser has met and facilitated tours around Kirkby in Ashfield and Sutton in Ashfield town centres with Ophelia Gamble and Wendy Walker 	↔

	<p>from The High Street Experts. As a result, options about potential delivery projects regarding our retail demonstrator are now being scoped.</p> <p>Talent – Graduate Placements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 graduates placed since start of programme. • 9 Placements completed. • 9 Grant Agreements in pipeline <p>Talent – Apprenticeships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 live apprenticeships • 28 potential leads • Range of apprenticeships – Level 5 Nursing Associate, <p>Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 short courses completed: • 97 clients attended courses to date. • 69 enrolments for future courses • 52 places booked for 2nd/3rd courses. • 5 bespoke courses in pipeline/delivered with a potential of 123 participants: 	
Library Innovation Centres - Kirkby & Sutton	The official opening of the Kirkby Library project is on 15 th July. Project planning is progressing for the Sutton Project.	↔
Greener Ashfield		
West Kirkby Gateway & public transport hub	RIBA Stage 2 design development work has been progressed for the North side of Lane End and will be completed July.	↔
Green Ashfield	The first retrofit PV system has been completed at 14 Low Street with the second scheme underway at High Pavement House. A metering and data collection strategy is being progressed and the asset investment plan and procurement strategy is being finalised.	↔
High Street Property Fund	Development phase for the Moor Market flats is underway. The wider property market is being monitored for opportunities.	↔

3.0 UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The table below sets out the approved funding profile for the programme:

	Year 1 – 2022/23	Year 2 – 2023/24	Year 3 – 2024/25	Total
Allocated funding	387,395	774,790	2,029,950	3,192,135
Carry forward underspend to Year 2	(243,639)	243,639	0	0
Total	143,756 (actual)	1,018,429	2,029,950	3,192,135

Programme Update

On 2 May, the Council submitted its year-end report for UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). On 28 June, DLUHC advised that the year-end report and Credible Plan were accepted. The year 2

allocation and year 1 carry forward fund are approved and we can implement our plans with confidence.

Risk is being actively managed with the risk register updated on a monthly basis. Whilst some projects are being or have been delivered, there are many projects that are being procured through joint commissioning and local procurement. The procurement process in some cases had taken longer than anticipated. The various processes highlight the pressures of affordability, competency, and quality.

For Year 2 (2023-2024) there is no guarantee that underspend will be able to be carried forward to Year 3 (2024-2025). Project managers have forecasted or are in the process of forecasting planned spend for Year 2 and are considering, where possible, how to accelerate, reduce, or reallocate, spending.

3.1 Communities and Place

Most Community infrastructure projects are either on track for delivery or have been delivered. The Hucknall High Street Improvement Fund will launch jointly with the High Street Grant on 31 July, using an online tool. There is already interest in both schemes. The Sutton Environmental Improvements have been procured and investment of Hucknall Safer Streets contributions are near completion. Other community programmes are at various stages of development and procurement.

3.2 Supporting Local Business

Many of the services are part of the Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) joint procurement for services to Support Local Business. The NCC joint framework has been awarded to the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce. This will cover Business advice and support for digital technologies, workforce training, improving productivity and innovation, decarbonisation and overseas trade. Other initiatives to be delivered in-house are either in progress or being mobilised. These include High Pavement/ Low Street incentives, Makerspace coordination, ADMC pre-opening, Specialist events and a potential online trading support programme which is in development. Specialist events are being planned for Year 2, with an event to support the Hucknall and High Street Grants and a Net Zero event in early November. An 18-month graduate internship will also be recruited.

3.3 People and Skills

There are two key services that are being procured for delivery in year 2. A programme for support for the economically inactive. This is being procured through a People and Skills NCC joint procurement. The Council is procuring a second service to focus on supporting basic skills. These services are the step change from the NCC Multiply programme being offered by Inspire, Futures and West Nottinghamshire College.

4.0 Community Safety

Funding for Community Safety comprises of external funding interventions from April 2022 to present.

4.1 Hucknall Locality – Reduce crime & ASB and improve feelings of safety – £86,000

£86k of UK Shared Prosperity Fund is allocated to Hucknall for community safety interventions and the following is being delivered.

We have utilised £11k of this money on a Safe Point camera which has been installed, on a new, purposely erected white coloured column, situated at the junction of Station Street and Torkard Way, Hucknall. This has been strategically positioned at this location to offer a more visible support mechanism to women and girls that feel unsafe. It is hoped that the siting of this camera offers a safer environment for women and girls as they commute on foot to the tram and train station from the centre of town. This camera has a help button attached to the column that gives them instant access to the CCTV control room who will be able to monitor activity in that vicinity with 2 HD cameras which will cover the immediate and surrounding area. If required, this live footage can be patched through to the Police control to make an immediate decision on what will be the most appropriate action to take to give help and support to the individual pressing the button.

£31k has been spent on 5 x Deployable CCTV cameras including the installation costs through WCCTV. RE-Deployable CCTV cameras have been pivotal in supporting investigations and increasing feelings of safety and acting as a deterrent.

We have worked in close partnership with the Neighbourhood Police Team in Hucknall to identify 5 areas that are in priority need locations, to help women and girls feel safe in Hucknall. As a result the 5 cameras have been erected in the following areas:

- Chatsworth Drive
- Goodall Crescent at the corner of the Copse
- Linby Walk
- St Mary's Way / George Street
- Junction 27 of the M1 near to the ANPR Camera

These camera locations will help to detect and deter crime and assist with future operations. It is also worth remembering that these cameras can be moved to different locations of Hucknall should any new trends arise.

£10k has been gifted to ADC for environment equipment, which has been spent on QR code signage for easy environmental reporting. It also empowers our community to report environmental issues as they go about their day-to-day business across Hucknall. A breakdown of how the money has been spent is highlighted below with the actual QR code which you can test on your mobile telephone. These signs have been erected on columns across Hucknall, flooding the area with easy access to ADC environmental services at the touch of a button.

£15k has been used to employ a partner in Switch Up who are the experts in youth engagement. They support young people through sports, mentoring, counselling and training. This encourages social inclusion, breaking down barriers between groups in a local area who might not otherwise engage. Behaviour modification and a 'hook' for other interventions whilst providing a diversion from undertaking Anti-Social Behaviour and/or criminal activity. Council officers will meet on the 20th July, with their delivery officers, to get a firm understanding of what will be delivered throughout Hucknall.

£14k has been dedicated for the 'Shopwatch' Radio System for Hucknall Town Centre. Shop Watch allows retailers in the area to be in instant communication with each other, for a proactive approach to reducing and managing crime and ASB, particularly shop thefts. Retailers are also able to be in communication with the local police, Community Protection Officers, CCTV and various other

helpful initiatives to improve responsiveness and provide overall reassurance to local businesses. Currently, a list of shops that will be taking part in the project has been drawn up. Hucknall are still at the initial stages, with the radios being ordered and a launch date yet to be arranged.

4.2 Funding from the PCC - £63,333

Work has been completed in 2022/2023 through funding from the Prevention/Target Hardening bids of **£33,333** and Locality funding (previously SNB Locality Funding) of **£30,000** to support the following Community Safety interventions within Hucknall as below:

- Gating of Alleyway – Public Spaces Protection Order - **£5000**
- 3 x Upgraded CCTV Cameras - **£7833**
- Safe Point Camera **£20,000**
- Safe Space Accreditation Scheme **£30,500**

4.3 Safe Space Accreditation and CCTV

Previous audits for Sutton-In-Ashfield and Kirkby-In-Ashfield under the Safer Streets initiative concluded minimal places of safety for women and girls to go if they feel unsafe or threatened. Following a visual audit of Hucknall, it is apparent that there are also minimal places of safety for residents to go to, therefore, to support coverage of all key towns across the district, it is advised for additional CCTV and places of refuge are devised.

The Safe Space Accreditation Scheme is primarily designed for small local businesses. The SSF4 Female survey previously undertaken for Sutton and Kirkby reveals that a large proportion of female respondents say that there is a lack of overall safe spaces if they feel unsafe or in trouble. All key businesses in the target area will be invited to join the scheme and premises risk assessed and offered target hardening (outside business premises/shops where signage, lighting and CCTV and monitoring device will be installed deter offenders and make females and wider members of the public feel safer.

Businesses will receive vulnerability and safeguarding training for staff to increase their knowledge of what action to take if a person asks or appears to be seeking help to make them feel safer; a risk assessment of premises and suitable target hardening to make them look and feel safer and certification will be established.

The Police and Council have been involved in devising and delivering the training to local businesses. In addition, a safe point camera will be installed in the high street/square area of Hucknall and deployable and upgraded camera and gating of alleyway will be installed in prominent areas.

4.4 Domestic Abuse Funding - £93,761

The Council is White Ribbon accredited and has secured funding to address domestic abuse and violence against women and girls, the Council's Community Safety Team has been awarded over £90,000 for 2022/2023 which comprises of £33,761 for domestic abuse statutory duty funding for safe accommodation and £60,000 for supporting survivors of domestic abuse, and delivery of the Sanctuary Scheme. The scheme is a homelessness prevention initiative to enable survivors of domestic abuse to remain in their home by increasing the security of the premises.

The Council will be working in partnership with domestic abuse services and Nottinghamshire Police to deliver these activities over the course of the year and support mechanisms have been put in

place to assist vulnerable residents through a dedicated Vulnerable Adult Support Scheme. This is a multi-agency team established to support those at significant risk.

4.5 Prevent Funding – £20,000

Sutton-in-Ashfield was one of only two places across the whole of Nottinghamshire to be successful for £20,000 Home Office project work to help prevent radicalisation.

Whilst in its infancy, Ashfield District Council are working with key partners to secure the funding including Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottinghamshire Police. Ashfield Community Safety Partnership and Nottinghamshire’s Prevent leads will be using the funding to help deliver services that tackle the causes of radicalisation. The work will build critical thinking and personal resilience with young people in the area as well as targeted intervention work with residents who are susceptible to being radicalised towards violent extremism.

The Prevent Programme - part of the Government’s Counter Terrorism Strategy, is designed to safeguard people at risk of being drawn into supporting terrorism, through tailored interventions designed to address the personal and social factors which can make people vulnerable to radicalisation.

4.6 Safer Streets – Kirkby-in-Ashfield - £375,000 (funding awarded to District Area)

Detail of works to date:

ANPR Cameras

ANPR cameras have been installed Kirkby as of March 2023. Activation information listed below:

During March 2023

	Total reads	VOI Activations	PNC Activations	Priority Activations
Ashfield - 5 Sites	1,455,824	2694	764	48

Burglary Reduction work

Interventions are being undertaken to risk assess residential properties and install CCTV and prevention devices in properties identified at most risk. Updates of work undertaken have been provided below:

LSOA AREA – KIRKBY (Home Security)	T o t a l
No. of Risk Assessments offered and/or accepted	1 0 2
No. of Risk Assessments undertaken and referred to Tomlinson’s for Target Hardening	2 4
GOLD	1

SILVER	1 6
BRONZE	7
DOORBELL ONLY	0

CCTV

Seven new cameras and two upgrades have been purchased covering the Town centre and Coxmoor area of Kirkby in Ashfield. Two CCTV Refuge cameras have been installed Kirkby areas – Morven Park and Kirkby Plaza.

Community Bystander Training Events

A third sector provider Equation has been commissioned to undertake this work across Kirkby-In-Ashfield commencing January 2023.

Gating Order (PSPO)

A Public Spaces Protection Order was enacted in March 2023 that seen gating of key areas across the District. The alleyways that will be closed are:

- Between Bentinck Street and Bramley Court, Sutton
- Between Downing Street and North Street, Sutton
- Between Welbeck Street and Portland Close, Sutton
- Between Bramley Court and Sutton Lawn, Sutton
- Rear of 34-37 Rockwood Walk, Hucknall
- Between Spruce Grove and Beacon Drive, Kirkby
- Adjacent 40 Rosewood Drive, Kirkby
- Between Spruce Grove and Poplar Avenue, Kirkby

Under the byelaw, any person found entering the alleyways could be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £100 and/or face prosecution.

Healthy Relationships Programme (Schools and Businesses)

A third sector provider Equation has been commissioned to deliver this initiative. The bespoke programme is being delivered across Kirkby-in-Ashfield as part of the £750,000 Home Office funding secured by the Community Safety Partnership to help end violence against women and girls and make public spaces safer.

Ashfield District Council, Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire's Police Crime Commissioner have teamed up with Equation (a domestic abuse charity) and schools to deliver the course. The programme provides interactive and awareness sessions to address gender-based violence, domestic abuse and adverse behaviours towards women and girls.

The sessions will help build a young person's understanding of relationships, encourage young people to aspire to have healthy relationships and begin to recognise when relationships become unhealthy. The projects will also raise awareness of support services available for young people such as Juno Women's Aid and Childline.

Neighbourhood Capacity & Cohesion Building (Resident Participation)

Work to encourage residents on the Coxmoor estate to help each other/do small tasks for each other which in turn will help to increase their sense of wellbeing, reduce calls for service, and

increase feelings of belong/safety has achieved some significant outcomes and laid foundations for the work to follow.

Better Together is a part of the work that aims to encourage people to help each other, many residents already do things for others. Better Together wants to celebrate this and get even more people involved.

One of its advantages is that there is no need for residents to commit to a set day or amount of time, they can be part of this whenever it suits them.

Safe Spaces Accreditation Scheme and Shop Watch (Businesses)

This scheme pioneered in Sutton-in-Ashfield funded through SSF3 has now been established in Kirkby.

A network of businesses in Kirkby and Hucknall have been kitted out with state-of-the-art CCTV systems, signage, lighting and training for staff to enhance security and safety across the District. Residents and visitors to the towns can access the stores if they feel they are at risk or need help. The cameras will also be used to help deter retail crime and other offences as well as being used by the Police to assist with criminal investigations. The CCTV devices will be filming 24 hours a day, 7 days per week and are equipped with sensors and night vision.

In addition 15 businesses have signed up to the Business Crime Forum (shop watch Scheme). A project to enhance community safety and clamp down on shoplifting and anti-social behaviour across Kirkby in Ashfield, has been launched by Ashfield District Council and Nottinghamshire Police.

Ashfield District Council, Nottinghamshire Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire have so far teamed up with 15 local retailers who have signed up to the Business Crime Forum (Shop Watch) Radio Scheme after retailers were issued with new radio systems that link directly to the CCTV control room situated at Police Headquarters. The radios can be used to warn other shops in the scheme of an individual or group causing trouble and alert control room operatives so immediate action can be taken.

Street Lighting

A total budget of £38k in Kirkby to be spent this year to complete a chain of lights in parkland that was previously devoid of lighting, in the interests of VAWG and feelings of safety. New lighting columns have been installed on Clumber Street and Coral Crescent. Two other locations have had power supplies upgraded. In Kirkby, the whole budget has been spent on lighting the Holidays Hill Park, again devoid of lighting and previous ASB hotspot.

Target Hardening ASB - Youth Work and Diversionary Activities

Diversionary activity is planned in Kirkby by a third sector provider Switch up implement the project. A detailed delivery plan which supports the bid submission has been approved which started in January 2023. The young people being targeted are aged between 10 and 24 years old, from the Coxmoor Estate in Ashfield who are at risk of being involved in anti-social behaviour / crime and disorder, who may have or currently experiencing childhood experiences (ACEs) or developmental trauma. Switch up will deliver 121 mentoring sessions per week (on average 6 hours) of, skills based, and tailored to individual needs over the two financial years.

4.7 Vulnerable Adult Support Scheme - Improved lives & Demand Reduction

The team comprises of specialist services covering domestic abuse, substance abuse, Anti-Social Behaviour, mental health, finance, and employment. The scheme has been successful in bringing together an array of professionals consisting of Police, Police Community Support Officers, Substance Misuse Services, Ashfield District Councils Anti-Social Behaviour team, Tenancy Services, Housing Options, Health & Well-being, Crime Reduction Lead, Nottingham County Council's Adult and Young Persons Social Care Service. The team also comprises of specialist services covering domestic abuse, mental health, finance, and employment.

The VASS scheme has 11 adults and 5 young people, of which 11 are actively engaging with VASS professionals. The reviews will look at progress made in key areas such as health, safety, influences, housing, community, coping, substance misuse, crime, anti-social behaviour, and relationships. A total of ten scoring documents have been completed which has resulted in establishing baselines from which bespoke care plans have been implemented. The midway review has provided evidence in a reduction in, anti-social behaviour, domestic burglary, theft from a person and robbery, drugs, violence, and sexual offences as a result. Trent University and the Home Office will also evaluate the scheme.

5.0 Arts Council Place Partnership bid

Ashfield is one of 54 priority places being supported by the Arts Council to develop the arts and cultural offer. Priority places are where fewer people are involved in creativity and culture, have received less Arts Council Funding, and have few places where people can get involved in creativity and culture.

The first meeting of the Ashfield Arts Partnership (a subgroup of the Discover Ashfield Board and which supports the Mansfield and Ashfield Cultural Compact) was held in April with a follow-up meeting in May. Partners agreed to develop funding applications to support enhanced arts provision and participation in the District, supporting the asset-based projects being delivered through the regeneration programmes, for example the Cornerstone Theatre in Sutton and the Science Discovery Centre and Planetarium.

An expression of interest has been submitted to Arts Council England for Place Partnership funding with 15 partners involved in the development and with input from local communities. Once feedback is received from the Arts Council development of the main bid will commence. The community-led bid will support increased creative engagement and activity and build skills and capacity in the cultural sector. The bid includes in-kind partnership contributions and projected revenue of c.£300k and together with UKSPF funding this will allow us to bid for the maximum grant of up to £1million. If the bid is successful delivery of the three-year programme would commence in April 2024.

The Council would act as the Accountable Body for the bid which would support arts and educational partners to deliver activity across the District.

6. Capital Programme – Public Open Space/ Public Realm Income

The table below sets out income received to be included on the Capital Programme.

The income has been received from:

	Income Source	Amount (£)	Capital Programme Budget Allocation	Funding Type
A	S106 Contribution V/2016/0487	£204,000.00	C00255012	S106
B	S106 Contribution V/2018/0082	£105,237.50	TBC	S106
C	S106 Contribution V/2016/0487	£102,000.00	TBC	S106

A - Under the terms of the S106 agreement the funding is to be used for Sutton Town Centre Public Realm improvements.

B & C - Under the terms of the S106 agreement the funding is to be used for Huthwaite Welfare Park, the project is included in the five-year Green Space Investment Plan which was approved by Cabinet on 21st February 2023 and Council on 2nd March 2023.

7. Potential future funding pressure – Hucknall Leisure Centre PSDS Scheme

The PSDS Round 3b (Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme) to make enhancements to the Urban Road offices and Hucknall Leisure Centre is at a point where proposals have been designed up to RIBA Stage 2 concept designs.

A procurement approach has been chosen through a framework, EEM, with 7 suppliers, 1 of which would be awarded to, who would fully design proposals out and deliver them by the end of March 2024. Market engagement with the suppliers, whittled the initial 7 down to 4, then down to only two parties who showed interest. One of these suppliers, who showed the most engagement, knowledge and expertise has unexpectedly gone into administration. There is now a significant concern, that due to the diminished lack of suppliers and competition in the market, costs resulting from the tender process might be higher than expected and higher than the current approved budget. Further options for procurement routes are being tested to explore implications and to ensure best value can be achieved. However, the funding for PSDS has very tight delivery timescales and entering into a new procurement process has additional risk associated with it. All options will continue to be reviewed, but all are likely to lead to an additional increase in costs and therefore a shortfall in approved budget, based on the pressing need to meet funding contract requirements.

Members are asked to note this and the potential that a future request for Council funding may be requested if the cost pressures materialise as expected. This is expected to apply to the Hucknall Leisure Centre scheme only. It is anticipated that the Urban Road scheme will be delivered within the current approved budget.

Implications

Corporate Plan:

Economic Growth and Place

Town Centres

1. Deliver key masterplans, including town centres and railway stations

2. Revitalise and re-purpose town centres by:-
 - a. Bringing empty buildings back into use
 - b. Diversifying the town centre economy
 - c. Capitalising on external funding

District Wide Physical Regeneration

Support economic growth by:

1. Delivering the Future High Streets and Towns Fund programmes

Health and Happiness

Arts, Culture and Events

1. Work with partners to develop Ashfield’s arts and cultural offer
2. Deliver the annual events programme
3. Facilitate community-led events

Cleaner and Greener

Parks and Open Spaces

1. To ensure delivery of the Council’s Corporate Plan and continue to improve parks and green spaces with a rolling programme of investment.

Safer and Stronger

Anti-social Behaviour and Hot Spots

3. Working in collaboration with partner agencies to improve positive activity and tasking

Working in Partnership to Deliver Outcomes

4. Maximise external funding opportunities to deliver initiatives including Safer Streets 4 for Coxmoor.

Legal:

The Legal Team and Executive Director of Governance are actively supporting and advising in relation to all Regeneration projects where required.

Where required specialist external legal advice is being obtained to advise on the funding programmes to ensure all risks to the Council are fully considered. [RLD 11/07/2023]

Finance: As set out in the body of the report. [PH 12/07/2023].

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	As set out in the programme budget tables above
General Fund – Capital Programme	As set out in the programme budget tables above

Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	No implications
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	No implications

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Programme budget pressures from market changes.	Risk is mitigated by the due diligence work undertaken and approved through a gateway process. Monitoring of market trends and budget forecasting to reduce risks.
Resourcing and delivery risks associated with multiple project/programme delivery	Corporate Risk identified. Appointment and engagement of staff and consultants to support the programmes where necessary. Project Management for each programme.

Human Resources:

There are no direct HR implications contained in the report in relation to the funding. However, the projects relating to the funding may have a HR implication which would be identified in subsequent reports.

Environmental/Sustainability:

Not applicable for this report. Sustainability is a priority of the Towns Fund programme.

Equalities:

No issues identified for this report. Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken to support delivery of the Towns Fund and FHSF programmes and Public Open Space projects.

Other Implications:

None

Reason(s) for Urgency

Not applicable

Reason(s) for Exemption

Not applicable

Background Papers

None

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