



Subject:	Area Working Update
Date:	24 March 2017
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To update Members on a number of area related issues for Members' consideration.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <p>AWG minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Approve the most recent round of Area Working Group (AWG) Minutes (<i>South – 27th February; North – 28th February and East – 13th March</i>) as attached at Appendix 1. <p>Local Investment Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">note the LIF projects (Section 3.2 and Appendix 2) which have previously been approved in principle which have been scored. Members are asked to note that both these projects have met the threshold and to therefore agree that these are progressed to due-diligence <p>Belfast Investment Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">agree the recommendations from the South and East AWGs in respect of their ringfenced BIF allocations as outlined in Section 3.5 and 3.6 below
3.0	Main report
	<u>KEY ISSUES</u>
	AREA WORKING GROUP UPDATES
3.1	Members agreed in June 2016 that the Area Working Group minutes would be taken into the SP&R Committee for approval going forward in line with the Council's commitment to openness

and transparency and to ensure a consistent approach with other Member-led Working Groups. Members are asked to approve the most recent round of AWG Minutes (*South – 27th February; North – 28th February and East – 13th March*) as attached at Appendix 1.

LOCAL INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE

Projects recommended to proceed to due-diligence

- 3.2 Members are asked to note that 2 LIF2 projects which had previously been agreed for in principle funding (*WLIF2-23 – Blackie River Community Centre and NLIF073/NLIF2-20 – Jennymount Methodist Church*) have now been scored by officers (see Appendix 2). Both projects have successfully met the minimum threshold and it is recommended that these projects now proceed to the Due Diligence stage of the LIF process

BELFAST INVESTMENT FUND

- 3.3 In January 2016, as part of the rates setting process, it was agreed that £5m would be ringfenced to support BIF projects in the areas of Lisburn and Castlereagh which transferred across under LGR with the monies to be shared equally as these areas had not had an opportunity to have any BIF projects considered.
- 3.4 Members noted in March 2016 that the allocation for Outer East fell across two AWGs (South and East as residents transferred into the Balmoral (South), Lisnasharragh (East) and Ormiston (East) DEAs). The total that transferred into these areas was just over 25,000 with approx 1/5 of these transferring into Balmoral (South) and the remainder transferring into the East DEAs. In terms of the £2.5million available for Outer East this equated to £500,000 for South and £2million for East and this allocation was agreed by Members.
- 3.5 **SOUTH AWG** – The South AWG at its meeting on 27th February, made the following recommendations for the consideration of the SP&R Committee in relation to their ringfenced BIF allocation.

Project	Comments
Knockbreda Parish Church Hall	Add as a Stage 1 – Emerging Project with up to £250,000 to be ringfenced Further detail to be brought back to the South

- 3.6 **EAST AWG** - The East AWG at its meeting on 13th March, made the following recommendations for the consideration of the SP&R Committee in relation to their ringfenced BIF allocation.

Project	Comments
Tullycarnet Community Support Services	Add as a Stage 1 – Emerging Project
Lisnarragh Community Schools Project	Add as a Stage 1 – Emerging Project
Castlereagh Presbyterian Church	Add as a Stage 1 – Emerging Project

It was further agreed that these projects would be considered as part of the options appraisal which had previously been agreed to enable the East AWG with relative prioritisation of the

emerging projects and fully test their feasibility. The East AWG also agreed not to consider any further proposals under the Outer East BIF at this stage.

3.7 FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- Financial - £5m has been ringfenced for BIF projects in the transferring in areas of which £2m has been ringfenced for Outer East and £500,000 for Outer south
- Resource - Officers time to deliver projects.

3.8 Equality or Good Relations Implications

No implications

4.0 Appendices – Documents attached

Appendix 1 – Minutes of the Area Working Groups

Appendix 2 – LIF RAG status