

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT

To: POLICY & RESOURCES (REGENERATION & INFRASTRUCTURE) SUB COMMITTEE		Subject: Physical Regeneration Projects & Revenue Leverage Fund Update
From: HEAD OF PLANNING AND REGENERATION		
Date: 19 th May 2016	Ref: 1851/DG	

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update committee on the 2015/16 spend from Planning & Regeneration Service's Physical Regeneration Projects and Revenue Leverage Fund budgets and seek approval to commit 2016/17 spend from these budget lines.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Physical Regeneration Projects budget (formerly the Capital Leverage Fund) and Revenue Leverage Fund are historic budgets held by Planning & Regeneration Services which have been put in place to provide match funding for, or support the development of, projects that can attract external funding or investment.

3. 2015/16 Physical Regeneration Projects Budget

- 3.1 In total, £350,000 was available through the 2015/16 Physical Regeneration Project budget as follows:
- £100,000 was made available to support the development of the Muirfield (Community Enterprise) Centre in Cumbernauld and was spent in full; and
 - £250,000 was allocated towards the development of Colzium Cafe and Visitor Centre. However, due to project planning and design issues, the physical start of this regeneration project was delayed until March 2016. As such, this budget has had to be carried forward in full to 2016/17. This project is now due to be completed by October 2016 with the £250,000 allocation spent in full.

4. 2016/17 Physical Regeneration Projects Budget

- 4.1 £100,000 has been made available through the 2016/17 Physical Regeneration Projects Budget. Committee approval is sought to allocate this as contingency for any additional costs arising as part on the ongoing contract works for the Muirfield (Community Enterprise) Centre and Colzium Cafe and Visitor Centre.

5. 2015/16 Revenue Leverage Fund

- 5.1 The 2015/16 Revenue Leverage Fund had a budget allocation of £193,500. This allocation was spent across a range of externally funded projects and development work (as detailed in Appendix 1) although there was a slight underspend of £3,050.

5.2 The 2016/17 Revenue Leverage Fund has a budget allocation of £174,500. It is proposed that this is allocated as detailed in Appendix 2.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 This report seeks committee approval to allocate funding from Planning & Regeneration Services 2016/17 Physical Regeneration Projects and Revenue Leverage Fund budgets to a range of projects as detailed in 4.1 and Appendix 2.

7. Recommendations

7.1 It is recommended that committee:

- (i) note the carry forward of £250,000 from the 2015/16 Physical Regeneration Projects budget;
- (ii) approve the allocation of £100,000 capital funding from the 2016/17 Physical Regeneration Projects budget as detailed in 4.1
- (iii) note the spend across the 2015/16 Revenue Leverage Fund budget as detailed in Appendix 1; and
- (iv) approve the allocation of £174,500 revenue funding through the 2016/17 Revenue Leverage Fund as detailed in Appendix 2.



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Appendix 1: 2015/16 Revenue Leverage Fund Spend

Project	Spend	Project Description
VDLF Project Development – Colzium Cafe & Visitor Centre	£66,253	Funding used for site investigation and design works and to support the management of the Colzium Cafe & Visitor Centre
Carnegie Library, Coatbridge	£60,000	Match funding contribution to support the design and implementation of externally funded works for the redevelopment of the former Carnegie Library building in Coatbridge (for social housing) being led by Clyde Valley Housing Association
Starting Point	£23,000	Match funding contribution to support the continuation of Starting Point (a social enterprise incubator scheme) within Airdrie Town Centre.
Wishaw Business Directory	£20,318	Funding for the development of a business and marketing guide for Wishaw Town Centre aimed at helping local businesses retain and attract customers and increase local town centre spend.
Muirfield (Community Enterprise) Centre – Arts Strategy	£6,975	Funding for the development of an arts strategy for the Muirfield Centre project and preparation of a funding application to Creative Scotland for this project.
City Deal	£6,859	Funding to support the development of business cases for the City Deals project.
External Funding Support - Legal Advice	£4,875	Funding for external legal advice required to ensure the Council's adherence to State Aid and external funding grant conditions
2006-13 LEADER Grant Repayment	£1,456	Funding to re-pay a grant overpayment made through the 2006-13 Kelvin Valley LEADER Programme
VDLF Project Development – Viewpark Gardens Allotments	£714	Funding used to support consultation and promotional works for the development of the Viewpark Gardens Allotments project
Total	£190,450	

Appendix 2: 2016/17 Revenue Leverage Fund Allocation

Project	Budget	Project Description
LEADER Programme	£60,000	Match funding required to support funding applications being made to the Kelvin Valley & Falkirk and/or Lanarkshire LEADER Programmes
Town Centre Initiatives	£35,000	Funding used to secure wider investment for North Lanarkshire's town centres
VDLF Development Works	£25,000	Funding to support development works, scoping studies and match funding for Vacant & Derelict Land Fund (VDLF) projects.
Third Party Funding	£20,000	Funding to be provided to the Environmental Key Fund to support 'third party funding' contributions required by community project in North Lanarkshire applying to the Landfill Communities Fund.
Landfill/Windfarm Match Funding	£20,000	Funding to be provided to the Environmental Key Fund to provide match funding for community projects seeking funding from Landfill Communities or Windfarm Benefits Funds.
Development & Match Funding	£14,500	Funding required for match funding or the general development/management of externally funded projects.
Total	£174,500	