

Contains Confidential or Exempt Information	NO - Part I
Title	Member Participatory Budgets 2016/17 - Progress Update
Responsible Officer(s)	Russell O'Keefe, Strategic Director of Corporate and Community Services
Contact officer, job title and phone number	David Scott, Head of Governance, Partnerships, Performance & Policy 01628 796748
Member reporting	Cllr Samantha Rayner, Lead Member for Culture and Communities
For Consideration By	Cabinet Participatory Budget Sub Committee (CPBSC)
Date to be Considered	17 August 2016
Implementation Date if Not Called In	N/A
Affected Wards	All

REPORT SUMMARY

1. This report provides an early update on how Members have allocated their £750 Participatory Budgeting Allowance for 2016/17 up until 1 August 2016.
2. It recommends that Members note progress to date in implementing the Members' budget allocation as part of the Council's Participatory Budgeting (PB) programme.

If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit?

Benefits to residents and reasons why they will benefit	Dates by which residents can expect to notice a difference
1. Residents will benefit from the monies spent on projects in their local area.	Immediately

1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION: That the Cabinet Participatory Budget Sub Committee notes the progress to date in implementing the Member Participatory budgets programme for 2016/17.

2. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) AND OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 19 Councillors have spent some or all of their funds. A total of £13,700 (27%) has been donated/committed so far during the 2016/17 financial year.

- 2.2 A total of £37,300 remains in the budget to be spent between 42 Members, 4 of whom have spent part of their allocation to date. This also includes £8,250 carried forward from the 2015/16 financial year by 11 Councillors that did not spend their budget allocation in 2015/16. Those Members that carried their budget forward have been requested to identify a project to which they would like to allocate their budget in 2016/17 – 5 Members have still yet to indicate how their budget is to be allocated. The Officers will work with those Members to assist them to find a suitable community group/project to support.
- 2.3 Member budgets is a Manifesto commitment, which states ‘use Member individual budgets to continue spending on very deserving causes’. Members are expected to consult locally to determine where this expenditure should be allocated and to notify Officers once that decision had been made. Members also have the ability to combine expenditure with other Members in their ward or other ward areas.
- 2.4 All Members have been informed about the scheme and how to donate their funds. Members that have not spent their budget are sent reminders periodically to request them to nominate a project to which they can donate their funds. To assist, Members are informed of those groups and projects that have been unsuccessful in receiving funds from our Neighbourhood Budgets scheme and those local groups that have been unsuccessful in the annual and quarterly Community Grants application process.

Option	Comments
To note the spending, of up to £750 per Ward Member, on the proposals made by Ward Members in their local area. This is the recommended option	Each Member has been allocated £750 for 2016/17. This can be awarded to local community initiatives or projects.

3. KEY IMPLICATIONS

Defined Outcomes	Unmet	Met	Exceeded	Significantly Exceeded	Date they should be delivered by
Percentage of Member budgets spent by the end of financial year	<90%	90-95%	> 95%	N/A	31 March 2017

4. FINANCIAL DETAILS

Financial impact on the budget

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	Capital £51,000*	Capital £0	Capital £0
Allocated	£13,700		

* Includes £8,250 carried forward from 2015/16

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None arising directly from this report

6. VALUE FOR MONEY

6.1 Due consideration has been given to ensuring that the scheme and the associated process are not overly burdensome to run and administer.

7. SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT APPRAISAL

7.1 None

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

8.1 None

9. LINKS TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

9.1 This report supports the following strategic objectives.

Residents First

- Support Children and Young People
- Encourage Healthy People and Lifestyles
- Improve the Environment, Economy and Transport
- Work for safer and stronger communities

Delivering Together

- Deliver Effective Services
- Strengthen Partnerships

10. EQUALITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMMUNITY COHESION

10.1 None

11. STAFFING/WORKFORCE AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS

11.1 None

12. PROPERTY AND ASSETS

12.1 None

13. ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS

13.1 None

14. CONSULTATION

14.1 All Members have been made aware of the Member budgets project for 2016/17 and the availability of the £750 to them to support local projects/initiatives.

15. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

15.1 Following approval by local Ward Members, arrangements are made to send the funding to the successful projects.

16. APPENDICES

16.1 Appendix A – Summary of proposals for spending

17. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

17.1 Participatory Budgeting is one of many elements of the Council's Big Society offer. The Council embarked on a major programme of PB beginning in 2011 which involves a Borough-wide scheme, geographically focussed expenditure, Neighbourhood PB, Member's budgets, Youth PB and, more recently, schools PB, introduced with effect from 2016/17.

17.2 Since 2011, £256,500 has been allocated to the Member Participatory Budget programme and various schools, parishes, sport clubs, charities, youth clubs, youth projects, religion institutions, playgrounds and parks, community centres, etc. have benefitted from funds allocated to them from the programme.

18. CONSULTATION (MANDATORY)

Name of consultee	Post held and Department	Date sent	Date received	See comments in paragraph:
Internal				
Cllr S Rayner	Lead Member for Culture and Communities	04/08/16	08/08/16	
Russell O'Keefe	Director of Corporate and Community Services	04/08/16	-	
Richard Bunn	Head of Finance	04/08/16	-	

REPORT HISTORY

Decision type:	Urgency item?
For information	No

Full name of report author	Job title	Full contact no:
Andrew Scott	Interim Performance Manager	01628 796028