

Report To: Cabinet
Date of Meeting: 26th July 2016
Lead Member / Officer: Cllr. Hugh Evans, Leader
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Title: TAP funded projects update

1. What is the report about?

The Town Champions Group have met to consider the progress of the outstanding projects derived from the Town and Area Plans. These are their recommendations.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

The Town Champions Group has considered the position of the outstanding projects and would like to recommend that for some the funding is withdrawn and that others are funded in their place.

Because the funding for these projects is required to be spent by the end of the financial year, the Town Champions have requested an urgent decision from Cabinet on the matter, to maximise the time available for successful delivery.

3. What are the Recommendations?

1. That the uncommitted funding is used to support the schemes identified in the report.

4. Report details

In June 2015 the Town Champions Group undertook a rigorous review and prioritisation of TAP funded projects. These are the 'Horizon' projects, all of which were expected to have been completed by March 31st 2017. Since then, the group has been monitoring their progress, including planning to re-allocate any project underspend that might arise.

The Town Champions were concerned that some projects on the list appeared at risk of not being delivered within the agreed timescale. These were:

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| St Asaph Library | £100k |
| Corwen Pavillion | £50K |
| Llangollen pre-school project | £30K |

At the Town Champions meeting of the 25th July, all three of these projects were reviewed and Members concluded that:

- The funding for the Corwen pavillion project should continue to be made available, as current information indicated that this scheme would be delivered in the timescale.
- The original proposal for the Llangollen pre-school project had proved unviable, however a modified proposal had been submitted to improve the existing building instead. Members considered that this provided similarly improved outcomes for pre-school children and could be delivered in the available timescale, but wanted further information before making a decision.
- Members considered a significantly expanded proposal for the St Asaph Library project. They have asked for more information on this in order to decide whether to support this revised proposal or to restrict funding to the original scheme. Members also wanted to be confident that either version of this scheme can be delivered in the timeframe available.

At the previous meeting of the 28th June, the group had requested proposals from Members for projects that could utilise the then expected underspend of £49,000. During the review of current projects, a further underspend of £20,000 was identified on the Llantysilio Link Path scheme, and so this too was added to the available pot, making £69,000 funding available for re-allocation.

17 proposals had been submitted to the group, and these were assessed using the same scoring system as had the original bids. Two projects were also re-assessed on the 25th July after additional information had been submitted. On the basis of these assessments, the group recommends to Cabinet that the following proposals should be funded:

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| Llangollen Sports Club – new grass cutting equipment | £ 5,400 |
| Pentredwr – Community Centre refurbishment | £ 3,000 |
| Cunning Green environmental improvements | £ 1,500 |
| Rhuddlan Library Community Hub accessibility | £12,000 |
| Rhyl Coastal Defence enhancement Phase 2 | £35,000 |
| Offa's Dyke Trail Brass Plaques, Prestatyn | £ 5,000 |
| Total | £61,900 |

At the September Town Champions meeting, Members will consider further information on the prioritised projects list and recommend how any further underspends could be used to support unfunded projects.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

This decision will support the effective deployment of Council funds to support community initiatives.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

The costs are as set out in the report

- 7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report**

These should be carried out on an individual project basis where required.

- 8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

The report contains recommendations from the Town Champions group of Members, no other consultations have been carried out.

- 9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

The Chief Finance Officer will provide a statement at the meeting

- 10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

That funding allocated to community projects will not be fully deployed.

- 11. Power to make the Decision**

Members have agreed that Cabinet should decide how to allocate this tranche of community funding.