

Tuesday, 07 December 2021

Dear Councillor

East Kilbride Area Committee

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the above Committee to be held as follows:-

Date: Wednesday, 15 December 2021

Time: 14:00

Venue: By Microsoft Teams,

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Cleland Sneddon Chief Executive

Members

Archie Buchanan (Chair), Isobel Dorman (Depute Chair), John Anderson, Graeme Campbell, Gerry Convery, Margaret Cooper, Fiona Dryburgh, Joe Fagan, Grant Ferguson, Geri Gray, Ian Harrow, Hugh Macdonald, Monique McAdams, Gladys Miller, Graham Scott, Collette Stevenson, Jim Wardhaugh, David Watson

BUSINESS

1 Declaration of Interests

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting 3 - 6 Minutes of the meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 6 October 2021 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Noting

Participatory Budgeting - Housing and Technical Resources - Estate 7 - 8 Improvement Budget Report dated 30 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources). (Copy attached)

- 4 Participatory Budgeting Community Safety Commissioning Budget 9 10
 Report dated 30 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources). (Copy attached)
- 5 Participatory Budgeting Education Resources Pupil Equity Funding
 Report dated 30 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Education Resources). (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Decision

6 Residents' Parking Permit Zones (RPPZ) Consultation 21 - 26 Report dated 30 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources). (Copy attached)

7 Community Grant Applications Report dated 29 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached).

Urgent Business

8 Urgent Business

Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

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EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 6 October 2021

Chair:

Councillor Isobel Dorman (Depute)

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Anderson, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Grant Ferguson, Councillor Geri Gray, Councillor Ian Harrow, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh, Councillor David Watson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Archie Buchanan (Chair), Councillor Graeme Campbell, Councillor Fiona Dryburgh, Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Collette Stevenson

Attending:

Education Resources

L Mitchell, Quality Improvement Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

H Calley, Administration Officer; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

Also Attending:

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

P McDonald, Station Commander

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interests were declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Dorman	Community Grant Application EK/18/20	Member
	Friends of Stonehouse Park	
Macdonald	Community Grant Application EK/3/21	Board member of a
	East Kilbride Youth Disability Sports Club	similar organisation
Watson	Community Grant Application EK/3/21	Vice Chair

East Kilbride Youth Disability Sports Club

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 11 August 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Presentation – Lanarkshire Prevention and Protection Department

P McDonald, Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, gave a presentation on the requirements of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (Tolerable Standard) (Extension of Criterion) Order 2019 which was due to be implemented in February 2022.

The legislation now included smoke and heat alarms and the presence, type and condition of smoke and heat alarms in a house would be considered when deciding if the house met the tolerable standard.

The presentation provided information in relation to the legislation including:-

- the tragic events at Grenfell Tower which led to a change in the legislation
- implementation of the legislation
- requirements of the legislation
- ♦ types of alarms to be fitted
- responsibility for installation of the detectors/alarms
- measures which the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service would take to ensure that a home was not left unprotected

Station Commander McDonald, having responded to members' questions, was thanked for his informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that the presentation be noted.

Councillors Cooper and Gray joined the meeting during consideration of this item of business. Councillor Macdonald left the meeting during this item of business

4 Participatory Budgeting - Education Resources - Pupil Equity Funding

A report dated 23 September 2021 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on Participatory Budgeting (PB) in relation to Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

146 out of 148 schools within South Lanarkshire received PEF which was targeted at supporting pupils affected by poverty. Each school would set aside a minimum of 5% of its PEF allocation, which equated to £0.495 million, and members of the public had been asked to indicate how this should be spent. Details of the breakdown of spend within the East Kilbride area were provided in appendices 1 to 3 to the report.

Schools had set up a PB group, consisting of pupils and parents/carers. This group would lead PB activity in schools, consulting with stakeholders to generate ideas and facilitate the voting. Details of the ideas from stakeholders were provided in the report. On 8 October 2021, schools would submit the outcome of the PB process to Education Resources and details would be reported at the next meeting of the Area Committee.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

5 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 20 September 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grants.

The Committee decided: that community grants be awarded as follows:-

(a) Applicant: East Kilbride Youth Disability Sports Club (EK/3/21)
Purpose of Grant: Outing, entrance fees, administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £600

Councillors Macdonald and Watson, having declared an interest in the above application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration.

(b) Applicant: Multiple Sclerosis Society Lanarkshire Group, East Kilbride

(EK/4/21)

Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £250

(c) Applicant: Stonehouse Heritage Group (EK/6/21)

Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £300

(d) Applicant: Friends of Stonehouse Park (EK/5/21)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment, administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £315

Councillor Dorman, having declared an interest in the above application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration and, in terms of Standing Order No 32(b), Councillor Miller took the Chair for this application only

6 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Participatory Budgeting – Update for Area Committee					
Service Area	HTR Estate Improvement Budget	Lead Officer	Cameron Mitchell Jonathan Read		
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Stage 1 : Pre Consultation

What are we asking the public for their approval on?

The Estate Improvement Budget totals £40,000 and is split across the 4 housing divisions of South Lanarkshire. Each local housing management team can direct the funding towards projects or improvements highlighted as a priority by customers of Housing and Property Services.

Following complaints to officers from tenant and residents in Denholm Green, East Kilbride, regarding the existing bin stores and drying areas, consultation is now underway with them to identify a solution to the issues presented. This includes officers providing several options to tenants and residents including demolishing the existing bin stores and creating a more practical replacement as well as upgrading facilities within the drying areas. Officers are explaining the benefits to each tenant and resident to allow an informed decision to be made.

How much funding are we asking about?

A total of £10,000 is available within the East Kilbride Estate Improvement Budget.

Who are we asking?

The budget is ideally suited for a participatory budgeting approach as often funds a number of smaller projects that have been highlighted as a priority by customers of Housing and Property Services.

In Denholm Green, both tenants and owner occupiers are being consulted on their preferred solutions due the mixed tenure of the blocks.

How are we doing this?

A range of consultation and engagement activities will be progressed to determine the allocation of this budget area. This includes organised area walkabouts, individual engagement with tenants or other customers as well as discussions with local tenant and resident groups.

When are we doing this?

The budget is available for spending during the 2021/2022 financial year.

When will we report back?

Updates will be provided once funds within the budget have been allocated.

Stage 2 : Post Consultation

Outcomes in relation to the allocation of the 2021/2022 Estate Improvement Budget will be provided to the East Kilbride Area Committee once complete.

Participatory Budgeting – Update for Area Committee				
Service Area	Community Safety Commissioning Budget	Lead Officer	Cameron Mitchell Jonathan Read	

Stage 1 : Pre Consultation

What are we asking the public for their approval on?

As part of the 2021/2022 Council budget agreed in February, an allocation of £101,120 was provided to the South Lanarkshire Community Safety Partnership. The final Community Safety Partnership Budget for 2021/2022 was approved at the Safer South Lanarkshire Board in March and included a proportion dedicated towards a commissioning approach. This allows partners and services from across the partnership to develop projects and initiates that tackle the partnerships five strategic priorities and respond to issues or problems raised by the public throughout the year.

One project currently proposed by partners is to commission monies to contribute to the improvement of the skatepark located to the rear of the Dollan Aqua Centre. These improvements have been determined by users of the facilities and include new seating areas for families and lighting to improve safety and security.

How much funding are we asking about?

Within the total 2021/2022 Community Safety Partnership Budget of £101,120, the Safer South Lanarkshire Board approved the allocation of £61,687 to the commissioning aspect of the budget. The skatepark project has requested a total of £10,500 from this.

Who are we asking?

As the partnership is formed by a wide range of partners it is anticipated that a range of customer groups will be offered the opportunity to direct funds. This includes customers of the various Council, Police, Fire or third sector services as well as open consultation with the general public in particular areas where issues are identified or reported.

In relation to the skatepark, existing users of the facilities have been asked to develop ideas to improve the area and make it more attractive to young people and families. In addition, young people who use the neighbouring facilities provided by Youth, Family and Community Learning Services were also asked what would make the skatepark area more attractive and feel safer to use

How are we doing this?

Officers completed a range of consultation activities with existing users of the facilities, including online and face-to-face surveys as well as special 'design sessions' that sought to get ideas and discussions going between young people, their families and officers.

When are we doing this?

The budget is available for spending by Community Safety partners during the 2021/2022 financial year.

When will we report back?

Updates will be provided to the relevant Committee once funds within the budget have been fully allocated.

Stage 2 : Post Consultation

Outcomes in relation to the participatory budgeting activity within East Kilbride for the 2021/2022 Community Safety Commissioning Budget will be provided to the East Kilbride Area Committee once completed.

Participatory Budgeting – Update for East Kilbride Area Committee November 2021

Service Area	Education	Lead Officer	Laura Mitchell

Stage 1 : Pre-Consultation:

- What are we asking the public for their view on (what service is it / description etc)?
- How much funding are we asking about?
- Who are we asking,
- How are we doing this?
- When are we doing this?
- When will we report back?

Progress update since last Area Committee:

Participatory Budget Allocation

As reported at the last Area Committee meeting, schools within the East Kilbride area have allocated £130,353.67 of their £1.559m PEF allocation for participatory budgeting (PB). Appendix 1 shows a breakdown of this for each of the learning communities. Appendix 2 summarises the percentage of PEF allocation that schools have allocated for participatory budgeting – 77.1% of schools have allocated the minimum 5% of their PEF budget, whilst 22.9% of schools have allocated more than this. A further school-by-school breakdown is outlined in Appendix 3.

Reported Outcome

Schools have undertaken a rigorous consultation process with stakeholders led by a Participatory Budgeting Stakeholder Group in each school. Some examples of how stakeholder ideas have been collected by schools are: outdoor parent coffee sessions; Google Forms; use of electronic programmes like Jamboard to create post-it note boards of pupil ideas and paper mind maps of ideas.

Schools then engaged stakeholders in the voting process. Electronic and paper-based voting, as well as more hands-on options, were used by establishments based on their own intelligence in meeting the needs of their stakeholders. Appendix 3 outlines the outcome of the vote for each school. Appendix 4 outlines the distribution of votes by stakeholders across the East Kilbride area.

Next Steps

Schools are now progressing with their spend to ensure the minimum 5% is spent in full by end of March 2022. The central Equity Team is available to help schools navigate any challenges they face to ensure a full spend before the end of the financial year. Some schools have communicated that the PB Stakeholder Group in their school will continue to lead this across the school, further consulting with stakeholders on the detail of the proposed spend. The Equity Team is currently gathering specific school examples of good practice, which will be collated into case studies; these will be shared at future Area Committee meetings.

Stage 2 : Post Consultation

- The outcome of the PB activity
- What happens next?
- Further reporting requirements (eg required Committee approval)

Following the voting process, Education Resources will provide Area Committees with the

following:

- Summary Report of each school's PB outcome (available late October/early November) and Local Authority and Area analysis report.
- Regular updates and reports at Area Committee meetings including case studies focussed on impact/success (ongoing).
- Local Authority Financial Report on how PEF money allocated for PB has been spent (May/June 2022).

Education Resources will support schools with the implementation of PB and monitor and track the impact. Findings will inform any future PB activity within Education Resources.

Regular PB Updates and the highlighting of good practice will be communicated to schools via the PB and Equity Teams Pages and through our @SLCTwitter handle.

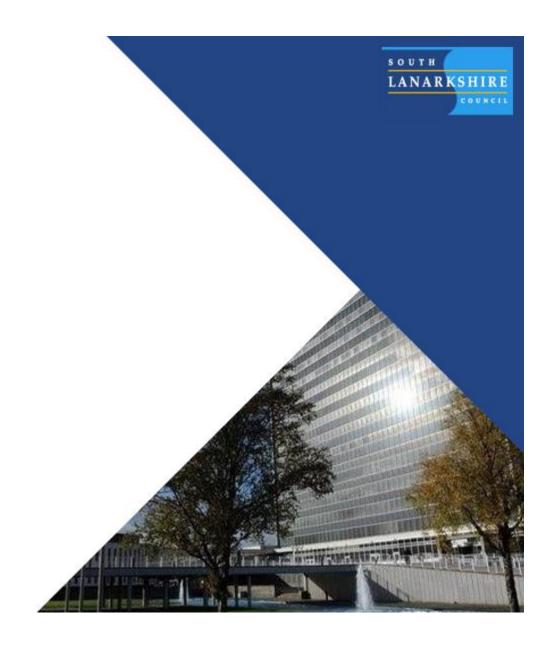
Appendix 1:

Total PB Spend

£130,353.47 (8%)

Learning community breakdown of PB Spend:

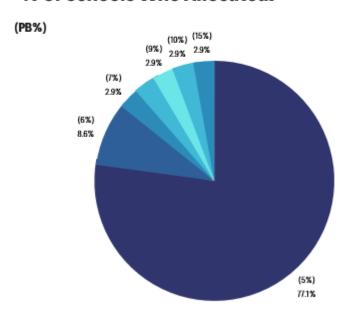
Calderglen = £50,335.25 (39%) Duncanrig = £44,679.14 (34%) SASB = £27,479.92 (21%) Strathaven = £7,859.16 (6%)



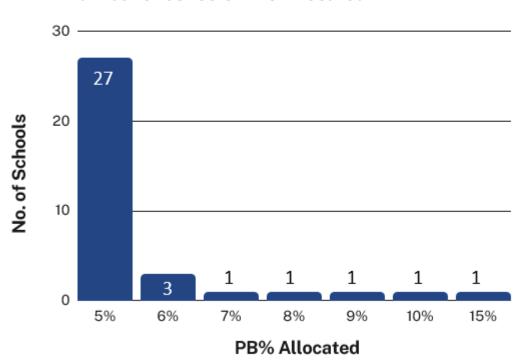


PB in the East Kilbride Area

% of Schools Who Allocated:



Number of Schools Who Allocated:



A Further Breakdown Calderglen L.C.

School	Total PB Spend	PB% of PEF	Approach
Blacklaw PS	£1,690.80	5%	Digital software
Halfmerke PS	£1,142.40	6%	Extra-curricular clubs and equipment
Heathery Knowe PS	£4,226,96	5%	Outdoor resources
Hunter PS	£2,113.45	5%	Outdoor/Play resources
Long Calderwood PS	£5,452.74	9%	Family learning
Maxwellton PS	£2,183.90	5%	STEM resources
Mount Cameron PS	£1,549.90	5%	HWB resources
Murray PS	£3,804	5%	HWB resources
West Mains School	£3,552.45	5%	Curricular visits
Greenburn School	£4,357.85	5%	Technology resources
Sanderson High	£10,144.65	15%	Outdoor resources and development
Calderglen High	£7,106.16	5%	HWB resources/Outdoor development

Total PB Spend = £50,335.25

Average PB % = 6%



A Further Breakdown Duncanrig L.C.

School	Total PB Spend	PB% of PEF	Approach
Auldhouse Primary	£1,014.48	8%	HWB/Outdoor resources
Canberra Primary	£2,677.05	5%	Outdoor development
Castlefield Primary	£3,452	5%	Music resources
Crosshouse Primary	£5,917.70	5%	Outdoor resources
East Milton Primary	£3,522.45	5%	Cooking club resources
Greenhills Primary	£7,608.50	5%	Outdoor resources
Kirktonholme Primary	£2,888.41	5%	Indoor/outdoor sport resources
Mossneuk Primary	£2,113.45	5%	Outdoor resources
South Park Primary	£2,958.85	5%	HWB resources and clothing bank
Duncanrig Secondary	£12,526.25	5%	Supported study

Total PB Spend = £44,679.14

Average PB % = 5%



A Further Breakdown SASB L.C.

School	Total PB Spend	PB% of PEF	Approach
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary	£3,733.80	5%	Curricular visits
St. Hilary's Primary	£1,268.10	5%	ICT resources
St. Kenneth's Primary	£5,495.00	10%	Outdoor resources
St. Leonard's Primary	£3,099.75	5%	Outdoor resources
St. Louise Primary	£1,902.10	5%	Outdoor resources
St. Vincent's Primary	£4,226.95	5%	School uniform/curricular visits
St Andrew's & St Brides High	£7,754.22	6%	Transport/study resources

Total PB Spend = £ 27,479.92

Average PB % = 6%



A Further Breakdown Strathaven L.C.

School	Total PB Spend	PB% of PEF	Approach
Chapelton Primary	£211.35	5%	Outdoor learning
Glassford Primary	£281.80	5%	ICT resources
Kirklandpark Primary	£1,479.45	7%	Play resources
Sandford Primary	£253.60	5%	Outdoor learning
Wester Overton Primary	£2,028.96	6%	Eco garden
Strathaven Academy	£3,604	5%	Barista machine

Total PB Spend = £7,859.16

Average PB % = 6%

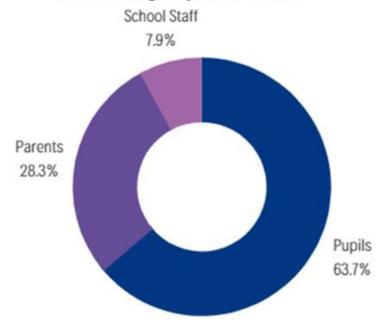


Appendix 4:



Average % of Pupils who voted — 80% Average % of Staff who voted — 72%

Percentage Split of votes:



Number of pupils who voted - 7,251 Number of parents who voted - 3,224 Number of staff who voted - 904



Report

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Report to: East Kilbride Area Committee

Date of Meeting: 15 December 2021

Report by: Executive Director (Community and Enterprise

Resources)

Subject: Residents' Parking Permit Zones (RPPZ) Consultation

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

 Provide the Area Committee with the results of the completed Residents' Parking Permit Zones Consultation to inform the Committee's recommendation to future Executive Committee.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to: -
 - (1) Note and discuss the contents of this report and provide a recommendation for consideration by a future Executive Committee.

3. Background

- 3.1. RPPZs are generally located in proximity to high demand parking areas (e.g. town centres and train stations) allowing residents, their visitors and tradespeople to park easily or in some areas without paying a parking charge.
- 3.2. Over the years, the RPPZs across South Lanarkshire have been successful in achieving their aims and despite changing travel and parking demands associated with the pandemic, the need for such RPPZs is expected to remain, especially as town centres and businesses recover.
- 3.3. Members may recall that an update on RPPZ policy was reported to Community and Enterprise Resources Committee on 31 March 2020 and was then subsequently approved by the Executive Committee on 24 June 2020. This report reflected the view of Road Safety Forum which, amongst other matters, supported a proposal to introduce an administration charge of £10 for a 2-year permit period. However, it is noted that this proposal was rejected as part of the budget setting exercise for 2020/2021.
- 3.4. As part of the 2021/2022 budget setting exercise, a charge for parking permits was again considered and agreed on 10 March 2021. This was implemented as permits were being renewed over the normal 2-year cycle. This charging approach directly links to an Audit Scotland report encouraging councils to better understand costs and seek to recover them where discretionary services were being provided.

3.5. At the full Council meeting of 22 September 2021, a motion relating to Parking Permit Charges was tabled and it was subsequently agreed that consultation with residents living in current RPPZ areas would be undertaken. Charging for permits was 'put on hold' pending the outcome from the consultation exercise being reported to the relevant Committees. This report sets out the results of this consultation exercise.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. Letters were issued to 4,286 households on 27 October 2021 and the consultation closed on 15 November 2021. The following six towns/areas, with numbers of households shown in brackets, were consulted:
 - Cambuslang (144)
 - Carluke (169)
 - East Kilbride (2,279)
 - Hamilton (932)
 - Rutherglen (744)
 - Uddingston (18)
- 4.2. Households within RPPZs in these areas were asked:
 - (1) whether they wished to remain in a RPPZ and pay the £5 per year administration charge; or
 - (2) whether they wish to have their RPPZ removed.

5. Conclusions/Results

- 5.1. Of 4,286 households that were consulted, as of 17 November 2021, we have received 1,365 completed returns representing an overall return rate of 32%.
- 5.2. Response rates for a consultation run typically between 5% and 30%. The overall response rate of 32% achieved here is at the higher end of the scale suggesting a good connection between the Council and its customers and a general wide interest in the survey content.
- 5.3. Appendix 1 provides detail of the return rate for each of the towns/areas and given the number of the zones in East Kilbride, detail of the individual zones. The individual return rates are once again at the higher end of the scale.
- 5.4. Overall, 81% of households chose the option to pay the £5 per year administration charge (£10 over two years) and to remain part of their RPPZ. Conversely 19% wished to have their zone removed.
- 5.5 A small number of households (12 in total) indicated a preference on the completed return proforma to remain part of the zone but not pay the administration charge. A further 9 households did the same but did not choose a preferred option and have therefore not been included in the figures. These numbers are very low and not significant in terms of affecting the overall results. Some respondents also included additional comments which will be considered further as part of routine business.
- 5.6. Appendix 2 provides further detail of the split across the six geographical areas and given the scale of the zones in East Kilbride, a further breakdown of the individual zones.

- 5.7. All six towns/areas individually voted in favour of paying the £5 per year administration charge (£10 over two years) and to remain part of their RPPZ. Similarly, all 8 individual zones in East Kilbride voted in favour of paying the £5 per year administration charge and to remain part of their individual RPPZ.
- 5.8. As agreed at the full Council meeting on 22 September 2021, the above results are to be considered by the 4 Area Committees. The Area Committee should consider the results of this consultation and thereafter, provide a recommendation to a future Executive Committee on whether to accept the findings of this consultation and continue to provide permit zones with an administration charge for the permits for two years.

6 Employee Implications

6.1. There are no employee implications as the project will utilised existing resources.

7 Financial Implications

7.1. At this stage, there are no financial implications. However, that will be reviewed depending on the outcome of the Committee's recommendation.

8 Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

8.1. There are no significant implications in terms of climate change, sustainability and the environmental associated with this report.

9 Other Implications

9.1. There are no other significant implications as result of the contents of this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

10.1. At this stage, this report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function, or strategy and therefore, no impact assessment is required. However, that will be reviewed depending on the outcome of the Committee's recommendation.

Michael McGlynn

Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

24 November 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

♦ Accountable, effective, efficient, and transparent

Previous References

- ♦ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee, 31 March 2020
- ♦ Executive Committee, 24 Jun 2020
- South Lanarkshire Council, 22 September 2021
- Community and Enterprise Resources Committee, 7 December 2021

Contact for Further Information

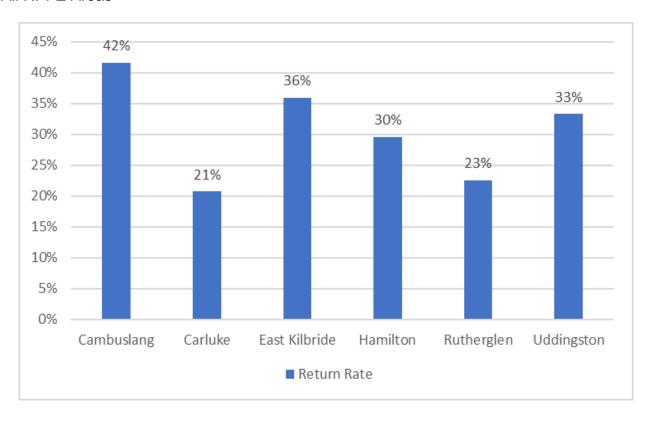
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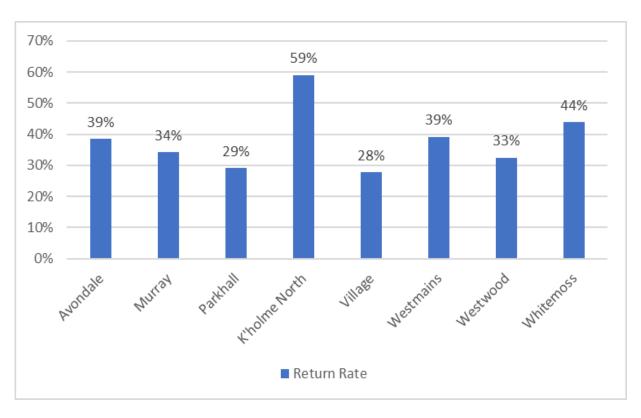
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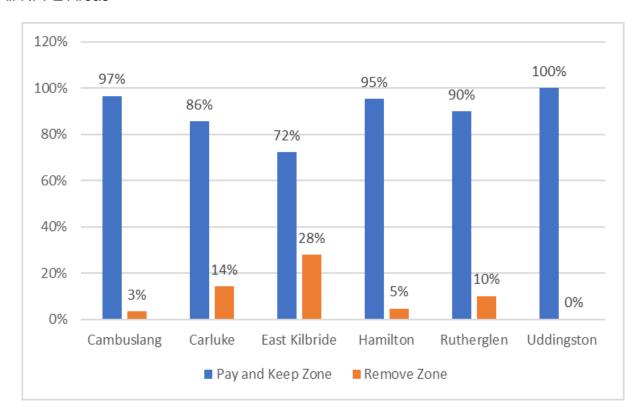
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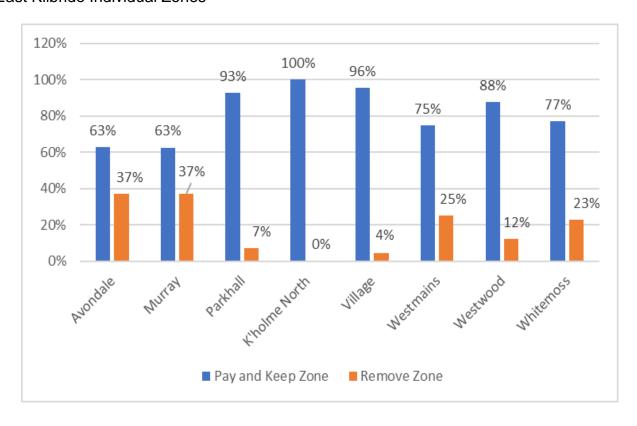
East Kilbride Individual Zones



All RPPZ Areas



East Kilbride Individual Zones





Report

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Report to: East Kilbride Area Committee

Date of Meeting: 15 December 2021

Report by: Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject: Community Grant Applications

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- request approval for the allocation of community grants to 7 community groups in the East Kilbride Area Committee from the 2021/2022 community grant budget
- ◆ request authorisation for the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2022 from the 2021/2022 budget.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
 - 1) that community grants be awarded as follows:-

(a) Applicant: Round Strathaven 50 (EK/7/21)

Amount Requested: £500

Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials

Amount Awarded: £300

(b) Applicant: Midweek Walking Group, East Kilbride (EK/8/21)

Amount Requested: £250

Purpose of Grant: Outing, administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £250

(c) Applicant: East Mains Baptist Church SCIO, East Kilbride

(EK/9/21)

Amount Requested: £750

Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials

Amount Awarded: £450

(d) Applicant: Duncanrig Rambling Club, East Kilbride

(EK/10/21)

Amount Requested: £300

Purpose of Grant: Outing, administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £300

(e) Applicant: East Kilbride Bowling Club (EK/11/21)

Amount Requested: £450

Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £300

(f) Applicant: The Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust Limited

(EK/12/21)

Amount Requested: £600

Purpose of Grant: Administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £360

(g) Applicant: Allers Allotments Association, East Kilbride

(EK/13/21)

Amount Requested: £400

Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials

Amount Awarded: £240

3. Background

- 3.1. The Council operates a community grants scheme to support local constituted community groups and voluntary organisations. All applications require to be supported by a constitution, audited accounts or annual income and expenditure accounts, a bank statement and confirmation that the group/organisation will adhere to the conditions of the grant award. Applications are invited continually throughout the year.
- 3.2. The main aims of the community grants scheme are to:-
 - fund activities and projects which bring community benefit.
 - involve people in the community by bringing them together to enjoy educational, recreational, leisure and other community activities or to improve the local environment.
- 3.3. Support can be provided for a range of activities including administration and publicity costs, purchase of equipment and materials, annual outings and entrance fees, start-up costs and special events.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. The current position of the community grants for the East Kilbride Area Committee in 2021/2022 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£41,790
Grants previously allocated	£3,845
Community grants allocated in this report	£2,200
Remaining balance	£35,745

5.2. In view of the fact that this is the last meeting of the Committee in the current financial year and to allow any further applications submitted prior to the end of the current financial year to be considered, it is proposed that the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to approve any further community grant applications meeting the relevant criteria in the period to 31 March 2022. Information on those grants awarded would be reported to a future meeting.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

6.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

7. Other Implications

7.1. The risk to the Council is that grant funding is not utilised for the purpose of which it was intended. This risk is mitigated by internal controls including audit procedures and conditions of grant agreement.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2. All the necessary consultation with the community groups has taken place.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

29 November 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

♦ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent. Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

Previous References

◆ East Kilbride Area Committee, 6 October 2021

List of Background Papers

♦ Individual application forms

Contact for Further Information

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