

3 December 2020**Agenda Item:8****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE & COMMUNITIES****LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME: CAPITAL FUND 2020 – 2021****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek Members' 'approval in principle', to the award of capital funding for 27 projects that meet the Local Improvement Scheme Capital Fund 2020-21 criteria. These projects are outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

Information

2. On 5th November 2020, the Committee approved 70 Local Improvement Scheme Capital awards, with a total cost of £432,054.
3. An additional number of applications have now been assessed, and it has been established that a further 27 meet the scheme's criteria and match funding requirements.
4. The Local Improvement Scheme is a discretionary financial contribution awarded by Nottinghamshire County Council to support the delivery of non-statutory capital projects that help to achieve the Council's priorities as set out in the Council Plan 2017-21.
5. Applications for Local Improvement Scheme capital projects should also demonstrate how they contribute to the Local Improvement Scheme strategic aims which are to encourage and support local communities to be strong, vibrant and resilient, to encourage and support volunteering and to seek wider funding opportunities.
6. The Local Improvement Scheme is a member-led process and as such, all applications for funding must have the support of a Nottinghamshire County Councillor.

The Criteria and Assessment Process

7. To be eligible for Local Improvement Scheme capital funding, the proposed capital project / assets must be available for public use and / or leave a legacy for at least three years after the asset has been purchased and installed. The guidance that was published during the application window provided examples of what the funding can and cannot be used for.
8. Local Improvement Scheme funding is a contribution to the delivery of a project, therefore the funding is not intended to cover the full project costs. Organisations were encouraged to secure at least 50% of required funding from other sources (i.e. match funding).

9. Capital funding can be used to help with the initial cost of the project / asset, however it cannot be used for ongoing maintenance. Therefore, organisations must ensure that they have plans and funds in place to maintain the project.
10. A refreshed, robust application form and assessment process was designed and implemented which involved:
 - a) Training all assessors, moderators and business support colleagues.
 - b) Contacting applicants as appropriate to gather missing information and / or to clarify the information provided in the application form.
 - c) Carefully reviewing each application against the published criteria.
 - d) Moderating a sample of applications to ensure consistency of assessment approach.
 - e) A review of all applications by the Team Manager, Communities.
11. The following factors were also considered as part of the recommendation process:
 - a) Whether or not the organisation has previously received capital and / or revenue funding from the 2018-21 Local Improvement Scheme;
 - b) The number of applications submitted by each organisation, the financial cost and potential benefit / impact of each application;
 - c) The proportion of match funding confirmed.
12. For applications that have been recommended, the recommended funding may be less than the amount requested.
13. For those applications not recommended for funding, the Communities Team will endeavour to offer practical support and / or signposting (subject to the availability of resources).

The Recommended Applications

14. There are a further **27** applications recommended in principle, totalling up to **£251,913**. **Appendix 1** to this report details the recommended applications.
15. A full list of all projects that have not been recommended for funding for this Capital round can be found attached as **Appendix 2** to this report.
16. Approved awards would normally have 12 months, within the financial year, to complete their projects. Given the pause in approving awards for 2020/21, Committee approved on 5th November that successful applicants are given until December 2021 to complete their projects.

Terms and Conditions for Approved Applications

17. Approved projects will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Local Improvement Scheme Agreement, which has been drafted in consultation with Legal Services. Therefore, in summary, organisations must:

- a) Satisfy governance requirements (e.g. where appropriate, provide a copy of their governing document and a copy of written confirmation that any required planning permission has been granted).
- b) Provide the requested supporting information as appropriate to the project (such as approval from Highways for gateway signs).
- c) Confirm match funding as relevant to the proposed project in order to fulfil the terms and conditions of the Agreement.
- d) Agree to follow the Council's publicity guidance and agree to cooperate with publicity requests to promote and celebrate how the Council funding, through the Local Improvement Scheme, is contributing to the Council priorities. Note that publicity plans and guidance may change in response to COVID-19 regulations and as advised by the Corporate Communications and Marketing Department
- e) Agree to submit a photograph of the asset in situ and provide invoices / receipts to confirm the actual amount spent on completion of the project. The Council reserves the right to adjust the final payment or to request a reimbursement if the actual amount spent is less than the amount awarded, as stated in the funding Agreement.

Other Options Considered

18. All the applications received have undergone the Council's rigorous assessment and moderation process.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

19. The applications recommended for funding as listed in **Appendix 1** to this report meet the published criteria and priorities for the Local Improvement Scheme Capital Fund 2020-21 and therefore these projects contribute to the wider strategic priorities of the County Council. The recommended applications have the support of a Nottinghamshire County Councillor.
20. The Council is accountable for public funds and therefore the requirement for organisations awarded funding to comply with the Local Improvement Scheme Agreement will help to:
 - Ensure that the Council is managing the Fund in line with good governance advice and arrangements.
 - Provide a reference point for both parties.
 - Meet key stakeholder requirements.

Statutory and Policy Implications

21. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Data Protection and Information Governance

22. The Local Improvement Scheme Capital Fund 2020-21 has been administered in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme Privacy Notice (as published on the Council's website), explains how the Council uses information about grant applicants and how we protect their privacy. All applicants were asked to confirm that they have read and accept the Local Improvement Scheme Privacy Notice and this requirement is reiterated in the funding Agreement.

Financial Implications

23. The cost of funding these **27** recommended projects is **£251,913**.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

24. The Council has taken steps to advance equality of opportunity, for example by encouraging Countywide participation through the Communications Strategy.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

25. Organisations in receipt of Local Improvement Scheme Funding are required to adhere to the terms and conditions of the funding Agreement, which includes a provision for safeguarding.

Implications for Service Users

26. Nottinghamshire residents across all Districts will benefit from the various capital projects for at least three years.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

27. One criteria for the Local Improvement Scheme Capital Fund is that assets be available for public use, and/or leave a legacy for at least three years after the asset has been purchased and installed.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

- 1) Members approve in principle the capital funding for the projects as stated in appendix 1 to this report for all 27 organisations.
- 2) These approved projects are subject to the terms and conditions of the Local Improvement Scheme Agreement (Deed) which has been drafted in consultation with Legal Services.
- 3) Organisations awarded Capital Funding 2020-21 will have until 31 December 2021 to complete their project and that this is reflected in the funding agreement (Deed).
- 4) The Council offers proportionate practical support and/or signposting to organisations that have not been successful with their application.

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Constitutional Comments [SSR 25.11.2020]

The recommendations fall within the scope of decisions that may be approved by Communities & Place Committee.

Financial Comments (CT 25/11/20)

The funding to support the 2020/21 Local Improvement Scheme is already approved within the Communities and Place capital programme and expenditure against this budget will be monitored through the usual capital forecasting process.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 'None'

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- 'All'

Appendix 1: Recommended Projects

Organisation	Project summary	Additional funding	Amount recommended	Reason for approval
Besthorpe Parish Meeting	Installation of 2 brown tourist signposts to the Nature Reserve	£800	£1,200	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Clipstone Parish Council	Refurbishments to a community owned building including carbon neutrality measures	£70,000	£30,000	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
East Retford Rugby Union Football Club Ltd	To build a new clubhouse and changing facilities, improve access to the grounds and create a 2-way traffic system.	£20,000	£19,220	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Ellerslie Cricket Club	The design and installation of new entry gates to replace the old gates which are no longer fit for purpose.	£2,500	£1,500	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Farmeco Community Care Farm	To build an educational barn that includes small visitor reception with an all-weather accessible pathway.	£29,202	£20,000	Appropriate match-funding secured – partial funding in line with criteria
Friends of Bestwood Country Park	Refurbishment of kitchen area in the Dynamo House, including plumbing and electrics.	£4,050	£4,050	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Goosedale Sports Club	To provide disabled access to the clubhouse and improve the current toilets, including installation of a disabled toilet.	£5,500	£5,500	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Grassthorpe Parish Meeting	To purchase and install a village noticeboard.	£500	£1,793	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Holy Spirit Catholic Church	Roof and lighting replacements improving energy efficiency and heating in the church hall which hosts a range of different community events.	£5,600	£5,600	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Keyworth Cricket Club	A new cricket pitch.	£50,000	£25,000	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Kingston-on-Soar Village Hall	Refurbishment of hall including disabled access toilet, improved baby changing facilities and outdoor seating area.	£47,715	£2,380	Required amount of funding now clarified
Misterton Parish Council	Refurbishment of the sports field pavilion which is used by local cricket, football and bowls clubs.	£11,386	£11,386	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits

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Newark & District Community First Responders	To purchase two defibrillators and Community First Responder kits with breathing apparatus, monitors and emergency kit equipment.	£2,190	£2,190	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Norwell Parish Council	Two village gateway signs.	£6,745	£5,745	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Nottingham Hockey Club & Redhill Ladies Hockey Club	Upgrading the artificial grass pitch used by local hockey and football clubs.	£204,000	£30,000	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Practical Conservation Volunteers CIC	Green improvements to Nottingham Canal LNR wildlife corridor and interpretation panel.	£5,000	£6,000	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Rampton & Woodbeck Parish Council	A Remembrance Memorial Bench in each village of the Parish.	£1,120	£1,120	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Rempstone Parish Council	A replacement sign in the centre of the village.	£1,758	£1,758	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Retford Amateur Operatic Society	To undertake major improvements to the Society Rehearsal Hall, including kitchen, roofing, toilets, storage, security .	£4,500	£4,500	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Ruddington Village Centre Partnership	To purchase larger marquees for a community market and other community events, plus secure storage and rubber matting for pedestrian walkways.	£5,360	£5,359	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
St Michael's & All Angels Church Averham	To resurface, widen and light a public right of way from the end of Church Lane to Averham Church and install a composting toilet for public use in a new standalone wooden building.	£15,100	£15,100	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
St Michael the Archangel's Church West Retford	Installation of a ramp to the church hall to be used by the wider community.	£11,189	£10,920	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Thrumpton Cricket Club	The replacement of electric showers and changing all internal pavilion lighting to LEDs.	£2,100	£1,662	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits

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Thurgarton Parish Council	Installation of village gateway signs.	£1,530	£1,530	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
West Bridgfordians Cricket Club	To replace outdoor cricket nets which have become unsafe for purpose.	£14,400	£14,400	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Woodborough Parish Council	To create a new footpath in a recently acquired field to link with other existing rights of way.	£5,665	£4,000	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits
Worksop Christian Centre LIFE	Revovation of a building that serves as a community venue and also supplying some play equipment and a PA and sound system.	£20,000	£20,000	Appropriate match funding secured and community benefits

Appendix 2: Projects not recommended for funding

Organisation	District	Requested	Reason(s) for not recommending
1st Skegby Scout Group	Ashfield	£5,375	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
2nd Beeston Sea Scouts Group	Broxtowe	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
2nd Kimberley Scout Group	Broxtowe	£3,250	The application was withdrawn as the project was completed during lockdown
A453 Churches of South Nottinghamshire	Rushcliffe	£1,800	The project did not meet eligibility requirements for this Fund There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
All Saints' Church Eaton in the Parish of Idle and Sands	Bassetlaw	£8,750	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Ashfield Voluntary Action	Ashfield	£28,388	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project The project did not meet eligibility requirements for this Fund
Aslockton Parish Council	Rushcliffe	£4,340	A decision has been made to not fund interactive speed signs
Balderton Methodist Church	Newark and Sherwood	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Bassetlaw Citizens Advice Bureau	Bassetlaw	£12,586	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Bassetlaw Learning Disability Association	Bassetlaw	£21,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project Planning permission has not been received
Beeston Rylands Community Association (BRCA)	Broxtowe	£5,437	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Bilthorpe Miners' Welfare Scheme	Newark and Sherwood	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Bingham Cricket Club	Rushcliffe	£14,997	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Bingham Rugby Football Club Ltd.	Rushcliffe	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Bingham Town Council	Rushcliffe	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Brinsley Parish Council	Broxtowe	£1,540	Project was withdrawn due to COVID-19
Brinsley with Underwood PCC	Ashfield	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Calverton Gymnastics Club	No Councillor stated	£4,936	The application did not have County Councillor support
Caythorpe Cricket Club	Newark and Sherwood	£7,428	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project

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Central Methodist Church Hucknall	Ashfield	£8,500	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Christ Church, Newark	Newark and Sherwood	£30,000	The application was withdrawn
Coddington Village Hall Charity	Newark and Sherwood	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Collingham Tennis Club	Newark and Sherwood	£4,386	A decision has been made to not fund car parks
Cotgrave Futures	Rushcliffe	£15,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
East Leake Parish Council	Rushcliffe	£30,000	A decision has been made to not fund car parks
East Markham Primary School	Bassetlaw	£15,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project The project does not sufficiently meet Council priorities
Feel Good Gardens CIC	Newark and Sherwood	£6,725	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Fiskerton-Cum-Morton Parish Council	Newark and Sherwood	£13,500	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Flintham Village Hall	Rushcliffe	£27,750	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project Current lease expires in 2022 and an extension has not been procured
Friends of Berry Hill Park	Mansfield	£10,000	The application was incomplete / under-developed / ambiguous The project did not meet eligibility requirements for this Fund
Friends of Cotgrave Country Park	Rushcliffe	£6,589	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Friends of Leen Mills	Ashfield	£10,000	The proposed project is situated on school grounds
Gedling & District Youth Club	Gedling	£17,500	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Greasley Parish Council	Broxtowe	£5,085	The project did not meet eligibility requirements for this Fund
Gringley Parish Council	Bassetlaw	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Holy Cross Primary Parents Friends Group	Ashfield	£4,940	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project The proposed project is situated on a school field and not a public park
Holy Trinity Southwell	Newark and Sherwood	£1,217	The project did not meet eligibility requirements for this Fund
Hucknall Hope Lea Project	Ashfield	£10,664	There is no match funding confirmed

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Hucknall Hope Lea Project	Ashfield	£10,000	The application was withdrawn
Hucknall United Reformed Church	Ashfield	£2,150	The application was withdrawn
Huthwaite Boxing Club	Ashfield	£10,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
I-Pegasus CIC	Bassetlaw	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project The project does not represent best value for money
Kang Han Combat Academy	Ashfield	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Kirkby Portland Cricket Club	Ashfield	£12,900	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Lambley Parish Council	Gedling	£25,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Lammas Scout and Guide Group (5th Sutton Scout Group)	Ashfield	£5,500	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Laneham Memorial Hall	Bassetlaw	£1,800	The project did not meet eligibility requirements for this Fund
Laneham Parish Council	Bassetlaw	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Laneham Playground Committee	Bassetlaw	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Life Education Centre Nottingham	Newark and Sherwood	£30,000	The project did not meet eligibility requirements for this Fund There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Netherfield Forum	Gedling	£30,000	It is considered that the purchase of a building is not within the spirit of the Local Improvement Scheme
Newark Town Council	Newark and Sherwood	£30,000	Additional funding already meets or exceeds the cost of the project
Newton Parish Council	Rushcliffe	£3,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
North Leverton Parish Council	Bassetlaw	£15,000	A decision has been made to not fund car parks
Nottingham Corsairs Rugby Football Club	Rushcliffe	£22,500	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Nottinghamshire Clubs for Young People	Rushcliffe	£3,581	The project is based in Nottingham City
Nuthall Bowls Club	Broxtowe	£1,000	The application was withdrawn
Our Centre	Ashfield	£24,000	A decision has been made to not fund minibuses / vehicles

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Perlethorpe-cum-Budby Parish Meeting	Newark and Sherwood	£2,645	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Portland College	Ashfield	£7,500	The project did not meet eligibility requirements for this Fund
Rushcliffe Athletics Club	Rushcliffe	£5,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Rushcliffe District Scout Council	Rushcliffe	£9,750	The land is owned by Nottinghamshire County Council
Selston Football Club & Selston High School	Ashfield	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project The proposed project is situated on school grounds
Sherwood Forest Friends of the Earth	Mansfield	£1,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Social Action Hub - Rainworth Youth & Community Centre	Newark and Sherwood	£12,081	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
St John Ambulance Nottinghamshire	Newark and Sherwood	£15,000	A decision has been made to not fund minibuses / vehicles
St John's Outreach Project	Ashfield	£11,540	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Stanton Hill Community Help Centre	Ashfield	£5,282	The building is owned by an individual person as opposed to a community / voluntary sector organisation
Starbox Community Gym	Ashfield	£13,755	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Stoke Bardolph Heritage Association	Gedling	£4,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Stonebridge City Farm	Gedling	£2,150	The project is based in Nottingham City
Sturton le Steeple Parish Council	Bassetlaw	£2,500	A decision has been made to not fund interactive speed signs
Superbee Community Studio CIC	Newark and Sherwood	£14,230	The project did not meet eligibility requirements for this Fund
Sutton Bonington Bowls Club	Rushcliffe	£15,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
The Friends of Bennerley Viaduct	Broxtowe	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
The Good Shepherd Parent and Teacher Association	Gedling	£5,595	The project did not meet eligibility requirements for this Fund
The Riley Foundation	Ashfield	£30,000	The project did not meet eligibility requirements for this Fund
Thoresby Sporting Trust	Newark and Sherwood	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project

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Thorney Parish Council	Newark and Sherwood	£30,000	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Thurgarton Parish Council	Newark and Sherwood	£12,140	The application was withdrawn
W2 Academy	Bassetlaw	£3,413	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project Elements of the project are not eligible and there is little proven community support
Walkeringham Village Hall & Playing Field	Bassetlaw	£23,750	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project
Wellow Parish Council	Newark and Sherwood	£7,750	There is not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project