

13. DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS TOWN AND VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN FAULDHOUSE AND WHITBURN

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration setting out a proposed approach to considering applications for funding which was available for town and village centre improvements in Fauldhouse and Whitburn. The funding was available as a result of developer obligations relating to the Heartlands development site.

It was recommended that the panel notes and considers the following recommendations which are intended to be submitted to the Council Executive for approval :-

1. Notes the establishment of a fund for town and village improvements within Fauldhouse and Whitburn;
2. Approves the proposed means of disbursing monies from the fund for town and village improvements within Fauldhouse and Whitburn; and
3. Delegates to the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration to make awards from the fund following consultation with the Polkemmet Community Liaison Group, councillors representing the wards of Whitburn and Fauldhouse and the clergy of churches within Whitburn and Fauldhouse.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report;
2. To agree that the report be presented to a future meeting of the Council Executive for approval;
3. Prior to presenting the report to Council Executive further details on how the consultation would be carried out was to be included and an appendix detailing the clergy of churches was also to be attached; and
4. To note the comment that those applying for funds should not have to be constituted groups.