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To: Members of the Baldock and District Committee of North Hertfordshire District Council

Councillor Janine Paterson (Chairman), Councillor Valentine Shanley (Vice-Chairman), Councillor Steve Jarvis, Councillor Jim McNally, Councillor Michael Muir and Councillor Michael Weeks

You are invited to attend a

MEETING OF THE BALDOCK AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

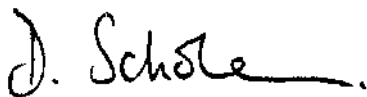
to be held in the

**BALDOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE,
SIMPSON DRIVE, BALDOCK**

On

MONDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2018 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,



David Scholes
Chief Executive

Agenda **Part I**

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2. MINUTES - 5 MARCH 2018 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on the 5 March 2018.	(Pages 1 - 6)
3. MINUTES - 17 MAY 2018 To take as read and approve as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 17 May 2018.	(Pages 7 - 8)
4. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS Members should notify the Chairman of other business which they wish to be discussed by the Committee at the end of the business set out in the agenda. They must state the circumstances which they consider justify the business being considered as a matter of urgency. The Chairman will decide whether any item(s) raised will be considered.	
5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chairman of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest, wished to exercise a 'Councillor Speaking Right', must declare this at the same time as the interest, move to the public area before speaking to the item and then must leave the room before the debate and vote.	
6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION To receive petitions and presentations from members of the public including: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Baldock Community Orchestra2. Baldock Young at Heart Club3. Merry Go Round Under 5s4. Ashwell United Reformed Church5. Ashwell Village Trust6. Friends of Sandon School7. Headway8. Letchworth, Baldock & Ashwell Scouts	

- 7. SECTION 106 AND UNILATERAL UNDERTAKINGS** (Pages 9
REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION MANAGER - 24)

This report and appendix provides Members of the Area Committees with the annual update on the details of the current Section 106 agreements and Unilateral Undertakings within the wards/parishes in the area as at the 20th February 2018. It also provides an update on the relevant legislation.

- 8. BALDOCK COMMUNITY EVENTS**
To receive a quarterly oral update on Baldock Community Events.

- 9. GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE** (Pages
To advise the Committee on the current expenditure and balances of the Area Committee budgets. 25 - 36)

- 10. WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS**
To receive any oral reports from Members regarding Ward matters and Outside Organisations.

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Agenda Item 2

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

BALDOCK AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD IN THE BALDOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE, SIMPSON DRIVE, BALDOCK
ON MONDAY, 5TH MARCH, 2018 AT 7.30 PM

MINUTES

Present: *Councillors Councillor Michael Muir (Chairman), Councillor Janine Paterson (Vice-Chairman), Steve Jarvis, Jim McNally, Val Shanley and Michael Weeks.*

In Attendance: *Ashley Hawkins (Communities Officer), Ian Gourlay (Committee and Member Services Manager) and Amelia McNally (Committee and Member Services Officer).*

Also Present: *Sergeant Alan Clarke (Hertfordshire Constabulary)
At the commencement of the meeting, 6 members of the public, including public speakers, were present.*

45 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

46 MINUTES - 4 DECEMBER 2017

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Baldock and District Committee Meeting held on 4 December 2017 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

47 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

48 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Sergeant Alan Clarke from Hertfordshire Constabulary and those making presentations to the committee;
- (2) The Chairman advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;
- (3) The Chairman drew attention to the item on the agenda front page regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.

49 HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Sergeant Alan Clarke (Hertfordshire Constabulary) thanked the Chairman very much for the opportunity to address the Committee. Sergeant Clarke pointed out that across the ten Community Safety Partnerships that make up Hertfordshire, North Herts was the third safest place per crime per thousand of the population in the whole of the county. He stated that Baldock in particular was a very safe area in North Hertfordshire. Sergeant Clarke provided the Committee with a brief overview and breakdown of some of the crime figures in the Baldock and District area as follows:-

Staffing

Baldock Safer Neighbourhood Team, (SNT) consisted of Sergeant Alan Clarke, PC Shaun Deal, PC Katie Golledge and PCSO Sara Masella.

Crime Figures

Overall crime data figures were current and up to date for that Baldock Area Committee meeting. The figures gave comparisons of the period of 1st April 2016 – 4th March 2017 and 1st April 2017 – 4th March 2018. The data showed a slight increase in “All Crime” recorded over those periods, but showed less in Baldock than in the rest of North Hertfordshire. There had, however, been less of an increase in overall crime recorded in the County as a whole. Sergeant Clarke explained that the increase in North Hertfordshire could be attributed to there being much stricter National Crime Recording Standards rules, in that, there were more ways to report crime and active encouragement from the Constabulary for victims of crime to report them.

Burglary

Baldock had bucked the CSP (Community Safety Partnership) and county trend of increases, remaining the same in the number of burglaries to people’s homes. North Herts was placed 2nd in Hertfordshire in terms of safest CSP (Community Safety Partnership) for burglary to dwellings. The number of burglaries carried out to residential non-dwelling that included outbuildings or sheds not considered integral parts of an address, had remained the same, at only seven. Premises not directly linked to a person’s residence that included allotments, community halls and businesses, had shown a decrease of 2 offences during that period.

Motor Vehicle Crime

North Hertfordshire was placed first in terms of safest location for motor vehicle crime in the country. Baldock had seen a small increase in that crime type, but it had been a smaller increase than North Hertfordshire as a whole. Theft from Motor vehicles made up 37 offences carried out in Baldock and keyless entry to Ford Transits was still caused concern.

Domestic Abuse

It was reported that there had been an overall increase in Domestic Abuse recorded throughout the Constabulary. Due to active encouragement from the Police of victims to come forward and report such crime, enabled better safeguarding of those vulnerable which ensured positive action was taken against offenders. The outcome rate (crimes solved) in North Herts was the second highest in the county.

Violence Against a Person (Victim Based)

The increase in offences recorded in Baldock mirrored that across the county. However, the outcome rate in Baldock was higher than that in both North Herts and the county.

Criminal Damage

Baldock had seen a 21% decrease in criminal damage caused during that period. Again, that figure had bucked the CSP (Community Safety Partnership) and county trend, both of which had seen an increase in offences.

Theft from Shops

Baldock had seen a massive 65% decrease in offences. Once more that was in contrast to the CSP (Community Safety Partnership) and the county. Of the offences recorded, 52.6% had been solved, which was an impressive number and partly attributed to the close working relationship the local officers had forged with Tesco and other outlets to ensure early reporting and evidence captured.

Neighbourhood Watch

Sergeant Clarke reported that Neighbourhood Watch membership had continued to grow, thanks to the excellent work carried out by Mr John Hammond. He stated that there was a very pleasing approximate 1,000 membership for the town of Baldock.

Sergeant Clarke went on to answer and make comment on a few questions as follows:-

A member made comment on the issue of van break in's and the theft of work tools, asking how that may be prevented. Sergeant Clarke confirmed that it was a tricky offence to deal with, but confirmed that the Police were always thinking of ways to help cease that particular criminality. He informed the Committee there was financial constraints on their own buying power, however, there were several types of "after market locks" that could be fitted to vehicles. He pointed out, however, that superior locks and devices were unfortunately extremely expensive and not everyone wanted to fit what were rather large, unsightly steel devices. Sergeant Clarke informed the Committee that in several previous cases, victims of such a crime had been given by the Police, shed alarms that victims of such a crime could fit onto their vehicle. Sergeant Clarke further informed the Committee that the Police also ran tool marking events which helped aid the chance of tool recovery.

In answer to a member's question, Sergeant Clarke confirmed that in more rural areas, the type of crimes committed were mainly theft of plants, criminal damage to crops and "hare-coursing".

The Chairman reported on behalf of a member of public present, that there was an issue of illegal parking on both Sun Street and Church Street, particularly from large vans and lorries. She had informed that she resided where both roads met and had been witness to a continual blocking of those roads due to unlawful parking on double yellow lines, thus prohibiting emergency access and was deeply concerned. Sergeant Clarke informed those present that it was paramount to report that type of crime as it happened in order that action could be taken by the Police.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Clarke very much for his presence, and very informative presentation. Sergeant Clarke was also thanked for all of the work he and his team had undertaken for the Baldock and District area.

50 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - BALDOCK COMMUNITY FORUM CIC

Prior to the item being discussed, Councillor Jim McNally declared a declarable interest. He explained that he was the director of Baldock Community Forum CIC. He advised that he would move to the public area of the meeting room, answer any questions and then leave before the debate and vote on the item, (as per paragraph 7.3 of the current Code of Conduct)

At this point Councillor McNally moved to the public area of the meeting room.

It was explained to the Baldock Area Committee by the Communities Officer that Baldock Events Forum was set up in May 2017 to continue the events previously carried out by the Baldock Town Partnership. The Baldock Area Committee was advised that Baldock Community Forum CIC was seeking financial support to assist with the purchase of some essential equipment to enable them to carry out their annual calendar of events. Some of the equipment required included 4 gazebos, 25 barrier fences and high visibility vests. The Communities Officer pointed out the equipment the group wished to purchase would not only help with the events carried out by Baldock and District areas, but would also aid other events within the whole of North Herts District.

The Communities Officer reported that Baldock Community Forum CIC was requesting £1,500 against an overall project cost of £2,000.

The Communities Officer who reported on the Baldock Community Forum was thanked by the Chairman.

51 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - WALLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Mr Paul Morris thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding application for Wallington Village Hall.

Mr Morris explained that the outside play area of Wallington Village Hall required renewal of the protective surface. He commented that the play area was extremely well used by the children in the village. He further confirmed that the bark chippings used as protective surfacing had not been replaced since 2011, and on health and safety grounds, it had been recommended by ROSPA for that surface to be replaced.

The total cost of the project was £600, for which an application had been made for grant funding of £500.

The Chairman thanked Mr Morris for his application.

52 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - WESTON CRICKET CLUB

Mr William Pugh thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding application for Weston Cricket Club.

Mr Pugh explained to the Committee that Weston Cricket Club was seeking funding support to assist with the purchase of a lawn mower to allow for enhanced maintenance of their cricket pitch. He stated that currently they were paying £1,500 annually to a grass cutting contractor for their services. He further stated that the Cricket Club was in a position to contribute £1,500 toward the potential £3,000 cost to purchase a second hand mower and Weston Cricket Club themselves would take on the responsibility of maintenance.

Mr Pugh informed the Committee that Weston Cricket Club hosted between 40 and 50 matches a year. He stated their club consisted of three youth teams and other players, of all age ranges, came from both Weston and the surrounding villages. Mr Pugh pointed out that owning a mower would fulfil the essential requirement to cut the grass more regularly during the cricket season.

The total cost of the grant funding application was estimated at £3,000, of which Weston Cricket Club was seeking £1,500.

The Chairman thanked Mr Pugh for his presentation.

53 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - SANDON STROLLERS CRICKET CLUB

Mr David Green thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding application for Sandon Strollers Cricket Club.

Mr Green explained to the Committee that the Cricket Club was looking to improve and enhance their facilities. They were requesting funding support to assist with the purchase of a new bowling machine, a lawn mower for the cricket table and they also wished to connect a much needed water supply to the cricket table.

Sandon Strollers Cricket Club was requesting £500, against an overall project cost of £1,050.

The Chairman thanked Mr Green for his presentation.

54 BALDOCK COMMUNITY EVENTS

Councillor Jim McNally updated the Committee on the recently held Baldock Beast Half Marathon. He confirmed there had been approximately 500 entries that year, with a turnout of an estimated 400, making it the largest Baldock Beast Half Marathon. Councillor McNally

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stated that the event had been a huge success reporting too that the weather had been kind to the runners. He informed the Committee that there had been really positive feedback on both how the event had gone but also how well the event had been organised.

Councillor McNally thanked all of those who had been involved in that event. The Committee formally acknowledged the input of the Communities Officer in to Baldock Beast Marathon and thanked him for his time and effort in helping to make success of that event.

55 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

The Communities Officer introduced the report of the Communities Manager in respect of Grants and Community Update.

The Communities Officer drew attention to the updated budget funding remaining for the Committee to allocate in the 2017/18, set out in Paragraph 7.3 of the report. He corrected a mistake made in the figure of 2017/18 Base Budget which, in the report, should have read £1,207, not £1,477.

The Communities Officer explained, as per paragraph 8.1.5 of the report, he was assisting Baldock Scouts with the organisation of their St George's Day Parade due to take place in Baldock on 22 April 2018.

The Communities Officer reported that Sports Therapy 4 U were putting plans in place for a 5Km run which would be held in Baldock that September as part of their 10 year anniversary celebrations. The Communities Officer confirmed he had, himself, run the course, enabling the provision of course route advice. He stated that the organisers were working closing with Highways and Police regarding potential road closures to ensure smooth running of the event, allowing for little road disruption.

RESOLVED: That the actions taken by the Community Development Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Royston and District be endorsed.

REASON FOR DECISION: To keep Members of the Committee apprised of the latest developments in community activities in the Baldock and District area.

56 GRANT APPLICATION - BALDOCK COMMUNITY FORUM CIC

Prior to the item being discussed, Councillor Jim McNally had declared a declarable interest and at that point he left the room.

Noting the grant application for £1,500 against an overall project cost of £2,000, the Committee was minded to grant fund the full cost of the project of £2,000.

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £2,000, (split £1,520 from Baldock Town and £480 from Baldock East) be awarded to Baldock Community Forum CIC, to assist with the purchase of essential equipment to enable them to carry out their annual calendar of events.

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

57 GRANT APPLICATION - WALLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £500 be awarded to Wallington Village Hall, (split £445 from Weston and Sandon, and £55 from Baldock Town) to assist with the purchase of additional bark chippings for the play area at Wallington Village Hall.

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

58 GRANT APPLICATION - WESTON CRICKET CLUB

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1,500 be awarded to Weston Cricket Club, (split £1,000 from Weston and Sandon, £300 from Baldock Town, £90 from Baldock East and £110 from Arbury to assist with the purchase of a lawn mower to allow for the better maintenance of the pitch at Weston Cricket Club.

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

59 GRANT APPLICATION - SANDON STROLLERS CRICKET CLUB

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £500 be awarded to Sandon Strollers Cricket Club, (split £433 from Weston and Sandon, and £67 from Baldock Town) to assist with the purchase of a new bowling machine, a lawn mower for the cricket table and also to connect a water supply to the cricket table.

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

60 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Chairman informed the Committee that road re-surfacing to the South end of Baldock High Street was the only outstanding item remaining in 2017/18 fund allocation. He confirmed that the re-surfacing would be carried out before the close of that financial year.

The Chairman reported he had allocated £60,000, being two thirds of the county council budget. He added that the remainder of the money would be allocated upon receiving confirmation of the cost of a Zebra Crossing in South Road near Monkhill Lane. The Chairman further reported there had been approximately 12 roads within Clothall Common that would be micro surfaced, (a thin layer of tar that sealed and would protect road against bad weather). He stated that the process gave a further life span of between 5 to 10 years before repairs would once again be required.

It was agreed by the Committee that any remainder of unallocated funds be used for town centre enhancements.

The meeting closed at 8.48 pm

Chairman

Agenda Item 3

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

BALDOCK AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, GERON ROAD,
LETCWORTH GARDEN CITY ON THURSDAY, 17TH MAY, 2018 AT 7.50 PM

MINUTES

Present: *Councillors Steve Jarvis, Jim McNally, Janine Paterson and Michael Weeks.*

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Muir and Valentine Shanley.

2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Janine Paterson be appointed Chairman of the Baldock & District Committee for the 2018/19 Civic Year.

3 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Valentine Shanley be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Baldock & District Committee for the 2018/19 Civic Year.

The meeting closed at 7.51 pm

Chairman

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**BALDOCK AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
4 JUNE 2018**

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

AGENDA ITEM No.

7

TITLE OF REPORT: SECTION 106 AND UNILATERAL UNDERTAKINGS

REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION MANAGER
EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING ENTERPRISE AND TRANSPORT
PRIORITY: PROSPER AND PROTECT

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report and appendix provides Members of the Area Committees with the annual update on the details of the current Section 106 agreements and Unilateral Undertakings within the wards/parishes in the area as at the 20th February 2018. It also provides an update on the relevant legislation.
- 1.2 As with previous years, this does not include the Hertfordshire County Council contributions over which this Council does not have any control.
- 1.3 The appendix shows the contributions received and where monies have been committed to specific projects i.e. the Council's capital projects and the associated timescales where possible. Comments have also been included, where appropriate, as to the justification for the receipt of certain contributions.
- 1.4 Where Section 106 obligations are negotiated for a site, contributions tend to be for a specific purpose whereas the unilateral undertakings entered into and agreed use the formula set out in the Supplementary Planning Document: - Planning Obligations adopted in November 2006.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the contents of the report be noted.
- 2.2 That a report shall continue to be presented on an annual basis to each of the Area Committees.
- 2.3 That, other than where a contribution has been negotiated for a specific purpose or project, Ward Members of the area where Section 106 or Unilateral Undertaking funding is generated and the Area Committee be consulted prior to funding being allocated away from that area or from a village location to a town.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure that there is a robust system for negotiating and managing Section 106 and Unilateral Undertakings.
- 3.2 To ensure that this is kept under constant review and that the risk associated with this activity is managed in an appropriate manner.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 It is not considered that an alternative viable option is available for the Council to manage and maintain records of Section 106 and Unilateral Undertakings.

5. CONSULTATION WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND WARD MEMBERS

- 5.1 This report is being presented to each Area Committee so that all Ward Members are fully aware of the progress and updated in relation to this matter. No external organisations have been consulted.

6. FORWARD PLAN

- 6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1 The Council introduced a Planning Obligations supplementary planning document (SPD) in 2006 giving a formula for developers to calculate as to what their section 106 costs might be. Its introduction has led to the majority of sites within the District since 2006 contributing towards the cost of infrastructure. Unilateral undertakings are a particular type of obligation under section 106 that are only signed by the developer, instead of bilaterally by both the Council, and the developer.
- 7.2 The main objective of the SPD was to ensure that the additional demands upon infrastructure, services and facilities from new development are provided for and are put in place at the right time and contribute to the Council's priorities and capital programme.
- 7.3 The Community Infrastructure levy (CIL) regulations came into force in April 2010. It is unlikely that the Council will adopt a Community Infrastructure Charging Schedule until after 2018 following the adoption of a Local Plan. A decision whether to adopt a CIL charging schedule will also depend on regulations at that time, bearing in mind that the government has revised CIL regulations every year since their inception in 2010.

- 7.4 The implementation of the changes to the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations introduced in April 2015 with regard to the pooling limits has meant that the 'tariff' system used to calculate contributions as set out in the SPD is now principally used only as a negotiating tool associated with a specific infrastructure project or otherwise it has little or no relevance.
- 7.5 It has been agreed previously that annual reports on the status of the agreements be presented to the Area Committees so that Members are fully aware of the infrastructure projects the contributions are used towards in their particular area.

8. ISSUES

8.1 Current legislation

8.1.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) regulations set out three tests which must be satisfied in order for planning obligations to be required. These tests are also set out within The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which came into force on 28 March 2012. The three statutory tests are as follows:

- **Necessary to make the proposed development acceptable in planning terms;**
- **Directly related to the proposed development; and**
- **Fair and reasonably related in scale and kind to the proposed development**

8.1.2 The pooling limit introduced in April 2015 applies to any obligation which was completed after 6 April 2010. From 6 April 2015, in the determination of a planning application after this date the LPA is not allowed to request S106 funding for an 'infrastructure project' or 'types of infrastructure' if more than 5 obligations since 6 April 2010 have already been committed to that project.

A 'type of infrastructure' relates to the categories set out in the Council's SPD and is as follows:-

- community centre/halls;
- leisure facilities;
- play space;
- pitch sport;
- informal open space;
- sustainable transport; and
- waste collection facilities and recycling.

There is also provision for contributions towards public realm from non-residential development.

8.1.3 The Housing White Paper (February 2017) indicated that CIL was to be reviewed in Autumn 2017 in preparation for the Budget which was to include reform of S106 Obligations. The White Paper however did not specify what these reforms might be or whether the limitations of the 'pooling restrictions' will be reviewed. This reform was not part of the recent Budget and whilst there is indication that some reforms are in the pipeline I have no further updates from my March 2017 Area Committee report on reforms to CIL regulations.

8.2. Implications for the collecting of infrastructure contributions

8.2.1 The restriction relates to the determination of planning applications after 6 April 2015 but it does not prevent:-

- i) the pooling of the contributions from more than 5 obligations which have been completed since 6 April 2010. This means that already collected S106 money from obligations after 6 April 2010 can still be pooled more than 5 times and spent after 6 April 2015. I would also confirm that this does not affect any funds that remain from prior to 2010 which to date have either not been allocated to a specific project or the implementation and spend is beyond 2015.
- ii) payments being collected after 6th April 2015 provided the obligations were before this date and they can be allocated as at present.

8.2.2 I would confirm that since 6 April 2010 more than 5 obligations have already been agreed breaching the pooling limit on each of the categories in the SPD and from April 2015 no further obligations have been agreed using the 'tariff system' within the SPD.

8.2.3 As the agreement to contributions now relate to specific infrastructure projects and needs to have regard to pooling limits it is necessary for the Local Planning Authority to be a party to any agreement so the present and future use of Unilateral Undertakings will be limited and only used in exceptional circumstances.

8.2.4 Negotiations to seek contributions in accordance with the legislation and in particular the tests continue but, as reported in previous years, there have been more challenges by developers citing amongst other matters the viability of a scheme and the specific need for the contributions. Given the direction from some appeal Inspectors, without a proven justification a decision is made to determine applications either without or with a reduced level of contribution.

8.2.5 Over the last few months, since the changes to the regulations Officers have progressed a limited number of agreements for major developments with the emphasis being the justification in order that the authority are not open to challenge. The agreed heads of terms for any application are set out in the report to the Planning Control Committee.

8.2.6 Members may recall that last year I advised at the Area Committee meeting that the government had updated and modified the Planning Practice Guidance as of the 28th November 2014 and it stated that no contributions should be sought from developments of 10 or less units and in certain designated rural areas the Council may apply a lower threshold of 5 units or less where no affordable housing or tariffs should be sought. For 6-10 units the contributions are to be sought in the form of commuted cash payments.

8.3 Use of existing funds

8.3.1 The three tests set out in paragraph 8.1.1 equally apply when allocating the monies received for the defined purpose. The applicant who has entered into a section 106 agreement or a unilateral undertaking has a right to seek a refund if these monies are not used for the appropriate purposes identified in either the specific agreement or the adopted SPD. Moreover, most S106 Obligations contain a 10 year pay back clause which the Council must meet if it has been unable to spend / allocate the funds to the identified project.

The important issue in this respect is that the spending of the contributions must be to **mitigate the effect of the development** i.e. that is the only reason for seeking contributions in the first instance.

An example of this would be an increased use and pressure on any play space within the vicinity of the site which may require additional equipment. There is no restriction for drawing down contributions from both Section 106 and UUs for a specific project subject to the recent changes in legislation.

8.3.2 To summarise the overall strategy for the spending of this money is principally by way of the Council's adopted capital projects and strategies e.g. the Greenspace Management Strategy which provides the background and justification for projects.

8.3.3 For infrastructure projects in Royston and the rural parishes, outside of the control of this Council, where a commitment is shown and there is a justifiable need to improve the infrastructure, a project plan is required together with an order or receipt, before the contributions would be payable. Finally other projects have been identified and come forward through local Councillors or the Community Development Officers.

8.4 Income and Expenditure

8.4.1 The financial position for the Section 106 monies for this Council from 2001/02 are set out in the table below:-

Year	Receipts in year £	Allocated in year £	Total interest received on all S106 balances in year to General Fund £
2001/02	17,729	2,000	192
2002/03	224,542	181,341	1,166
2003/04	5,000	0	3,076
2004/05	364,461	49,166	13,107
2005/06	76,900	53,919	20,957
2006/07	199,278	13,000	26,921
2007/08	164,884	22,650	42,253
2008/09	313,397	78,824	46,753
2009/10	264,798	103,544	29,839
2010/11	405,478	267,976	23,039
2011/12	477,000	59,936	32,888
2012/13	449,650	108,474	42,303
2013/14	570,022	486,347	33,027
2014/15	1,289,621	228,686	35,017
2015/16	223,166	425,862	39,704
2016/17	137,920	490,475	33,100
2017/18 to date	434,106	346,750 tbc	
	5,617,951	2,918,950	423,341

8.4.2 The sites that have benefited from the funding during the last financial year include:-

Baldock – Clothall Road Allotment Enhancement and Expansion
£15,091.36

Various District - Waste & Recycling

£13,164.04

Knebworth – Lytton Fields Recreation Ground enhancement
£27,638.62

Transition Town Letchworth Cycle Initiative
£101,542.12

St Ippolyts - External gym/exercise equipment at Recreation Ground
£2098.31

- 8.4.3 The spend on the Council's capital projects will not be finalised until year end.
- 8.4.4 I would also confirm that no contributions received have been required to be returned this financial year. As can be seen from the attached appendix this is closely monitored through this working document.
- 8.4.5 For Baldock the following discretionary funds remain to be allocated to projects over the coming year:
- Sustainable Transport: £7,188.32
 - Play Space: £21,010.36
 - Open Space: £17,546.50
 - Leisure: £34,106.00
 - Informal Open Space: £13,887.12
 - Community Centres: £22,499.80
- 8.4.6 Members must note that as is explained above the discretionary funds will diminish and very if any new discretionary funds will be received from now on as all S106 Obligations entered into since April 2015 identify the specific project which the funds must be spent on within the document so that the project is identified when planning permission is granted.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The Council requires Section 106 Agreements and Unilateral Undertakings where appropriate under the Town and Country Planning Acts where development involves matters which cannot be controlled by planning conditions. There are strict rules which govern the negotiation and implementation of matters covered by Section 106 Agreements and in essence, these need to relate to the development proposed both in scale and kind. The Section 106 SPD has been formulated with those principles in mind and the implementation of the SPD is being undertaken in a satisfactory manner.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Interest accruing on S106 receipts is pooled corporately and included in the total income arising from investments. This is the case with all of the Council's 'reserves' and investment interest is then used to contribute towards General Fund revenue expenditure. Risk arising from interest rate fluctuations is considered in the Corporate Business Planning process and is a consideration when setting the level of balances. There may be occasions where the S106 agreement requires a refund with interest in the event that prescribed works are not acted upon.
- 10.2 The financial implications of a planning permission may be agreed but if the planning permission is not implemented the monies will not be received.
- 10.3 When negotiating monies for capital schemes there may be a delay in implementing those schemes which may result in a change of cost.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The work associated with the implementation of the requirements of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations and the Section 106 SPD is currently contained within the existing work plans and resources. A review of the document has been incorporated within the work programme for the Local Plan following the resolution of Cabinet in July 2103 not to pursue a Community Infrastructure Levy for this Council for the time being.

12 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 The Equality Act 2010 came into force on the 1st October 2010, a major piece of legislation. The Act also created a new Public Sector Equality Duty, which came into force on the 5th April 2011. There is a General duty, described in 12.2, that public bodies must meet, underpinned by more specific duties which are designed to help meet them.
- 12.2 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of its functions, give **due regard** to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 12.3 There are not considered to be any direct equality issues arising from this report.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 As the recommendations made in this report do not constitute a public service contract, the measurement of 'social value' as required by the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 need not be applied, although equalities implications and opportunities are identified in the relevant section at paragraphs 12.

14 HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 There are no new human resource implications arising from the contents of this report as the monitoring of Section106 and Unilateral Undertakings is currently undertaken using existing staff resources.

15. APPENDICES

- 15.1 Monitoring report on Section 106 and Unilateral Undertakings

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17. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 17.1 Section 106 Section 106 Supplementary Planning Document adopted November 2006 and monitoring reports.

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	Monitoring Report for Planning Obligations (Section 106 Agreements and Unilateral)		Live contribution need to be allocated and or spent							
			Agreement fulfilled							
			Payment Required							
	Baldock		Agreement not requiring NHDC involvement							
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Baldock	06/00335/1 - Erection of linked 2 and 3 storey block comprising 17 two bedroom and 1 one bedroom flats, 26 surface parking spaces, new 'T' junction access onto Weston Way, amenity area and ancillary works following demolition of existing dwellings as a variation of planning permission ref 05/00013/1 granted 21 July 2005. Site:191 & 193, Weston Way, Baldock, SG7 Applicant: Daniels Bros (Shefford) Ltd	S106	Community Safety Measures Spent as part of a scheme for a project at Nightingale Park (agreed as appropriate at Baldock Area Committee on 22/02/11). Project included new markings for the basketball court at the park (previously well used by teenagers) to attract young people to the facility again and provide a safe managed environment. As well as the basketball marked out a street scene that can be used by community groups / primary schools for pedestrian safety training and also possibly for cycle training which is undertaken by Baldock Police Community	10 years from receipt with interest.	£3,237	2,586.00		650.84	Part Spent - balance to be allocated	Community safety measures. Only balance of £650.84 is to be allocated and spent
Baldock	08/00004/1 23-25 Whitehorse Street, Baldock	UU	Pitch Sport Allocated North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings		£183.96	193.91			Allocated	
Baldock	08/00949/1 Tranters Yard, Whitehorse Street Erection of terrace of 6 x 2 bedroom dwellings and two detached 2 bedroom dwellings, car parking (8 no. spaces), bin, cycle stores and associated infrastructure	UU	Pitch Sport North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings	N/A	£2,428.28	2,428.28			Allocated	
Baldock	08/00949/1 Tranters Yard, Whitehorse Street Erection of terrace of 6 x 2 bedroom dwellings and two detached 2 bedroom dwellings, car parking (8 no. spaces), bin, cycle stores and associated infrastructure	UU	Sustainable Transport - £2000 spent on installation of dual charge points for electric vehicles at The Twitchell. Balance remains available for allocation	N/A	£5,016.54	2,000.00	£2000.00 31/03/2015	3,016.54	Part Spent - balance to be allocated	
Baldock	08/01253/1 Burleigh House, 41 & 43 Letchworth Road, Baldock Proposed extensions and alterations to existing care home increasing the number of bedrooms on site from 19 to 45; additional car parking (total 15 spaces), cycle storage, refuse storage and ancillary development following demolition of existing extensions at no. 41 and demolition of no. 43 Letchworth Road	UU	Sustainable Transport	N/A	£5,643.61			5,643.61	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	09/00144/1 36 Salisbury Road, Baldock Erection of a 4 x 3 bedroom semi-detached dwellings following demolition of existing bungalow; alteration to existing and creation of 3 new vehicular crossovers, 8 associated car parking spaces, bin stores landscaping and ancillary works	UU	Informal Open Space	N/A	£1,971.45			1,971.45	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	09/00144/1 36 Salisbury Road, Baldock Erection of a 4 x 3 bedroom semi-detached dwellings following demolition of existing bungalow; alteration to existing and creation of 3 new vehicular crossovers, 8 associated car parking spaces, bin stores landscaping and ancillary works	UU	Pitch Sport - Allocated North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings	N/A	£1,798.95	1,798.95			Allocated	

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Baldock	09/00144/1 36 Salisbury Road, Baldock Erection of a 4 x 3 bedroom semi-detached dwellings following demolition of existing bungalow; alteration to existing and creation of 3 new vehicular crossovers, 8 associated car parking spaces, bin stores landscaping and ancillary works	UU	Sustainable Transport	N/A	£5,088.72			5,088.72	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	09/00479/1 72 & 74 South Road, Baldock Residential development comprising 6 x 2 bedroom apartments and 8 x 3 bedroom houses, 22 associated car parking spaces and ancillary works.	UU	Pitch Sport North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings	N/A	£5,144.17	5,144.17			Allocated	
Baldock	09/02296/1 Land off Icknield Way, Baldock Erection of a 2 storey building with some accommodation in roof space to provide 14 x 2 bedroom flats, new vehicular access onto Icknield Way following closure of existing access, 19 car parking spaces, turning area, landscaping, bin & cycle stores and ancillary works following demolition of existing vehicular repair workshop	UU	Informal Open Space	N/A	£4,810.44			4,810.44	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	09/02296/1 Land off Icknield Way, Baldock Erection of a 2 storey building with some accommodation in roof space to provide 14 x 2 bedroom flats, new vehicular access onto Icknield Way following closure of existing access, 19 car parking spaces, turning area, landscaping, bin & cycle stores	UU	Pitch Sport - Allocated North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings	N/A	£4,389.52	4,389.52			Allocated	
Baldock	09/02296/1 Land off Icknield Way, Baldock Erection of a 2 storey building with some accommodation in roof space to provide 14 x 2 bedroom flats, new vehicular access onto Icknield Way following closure of existing access, 19 car parking spaces, turning area, landscaping, bin & cycle stores	UU	Sustainable Transport	N/A	£11,914.29			11,914.29	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	10/00761/1 Land at r/o California, Baldock Residential development comprising 2 x 2 bedroom dwellings, 5 x 3 bedroom dwellings and 3 x 4 bedroom dwellings, 10 garage spaces and 13 parking spaces, new vehicular access from Sale Drive, landscaping and ancillary works. Extension of	UU	Pitch Sport - Allocated North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings		£4,580.23	4,580.23			Allocated	
Baldock	10/00761/1 Land at r/o California, Baldock Residential development comprising 2 x 2 bedroom dwellings, 5 x 3 bedroom dwellings and 3 x 4 bedroom dwellings, 10 garage spaces and 13 parking spaces, new vehicular access from Sale Drive, landscaping and ancillary works. Extension of rear gardens at Nos. 1 and 5 California.	UU	Sustainable Transport - £6220.00 spent on provision of footpath and lighting as part of scheme for the formalisation of the pedestrian footway access to the rear of Sale Drive. Balance available for allocation £8202.56	N/A	£14,422.56	6,220.00		8,202.56	Part Spent - balance to be allocated	
Baldock	10/02640/1 31a Hitchin Street and The Maltings, Park Street, Baldock Alterations and one-and-a-half storey extension to facilitate the conversion of 31A Hitchin Street into 4 x 2 bedroom dwellinghouses. Alterations including part demolition to facilitate the conversion of part of the former Maltings into 2 x 2 bedroom dwellinghouses. Erection of 3-storey building to provide 3 x 2 bedroom dwellinghouses. Erection of two detached buildings to provide 2 x 2 bedroom residential apartments and 2 x 2 bedroom dwellinghouses	UU	Pitch Sport - Allocated North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings		£3,919.66	3,919.66			Allocated	
Baldock	11/01390/1 13 Whitehorse Street, Baldock Change of use and conversion of Baranite House from Use Class B1 (offices) into a single dwelling house with 5 associated car parking spaces and ancillary works	UU	Pitch Sport - Allocated North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings		£562.65	562.65			Allocated	
Baldock	11/01789/1 9 and 11 Whitehorse street, Baldock Change of use from B1 offices to 4 two bed residential units with the retention of one retail unit. Insertion of dormer window on second floor (south east elevation).	UU	Pitch Sport Allocated to North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings		£1,322.23	1,322.23			Allocated	

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Baldock	11/02103/1 Former Gospel Hall, Orchard Road, Baldock Erection of a two storey 3 bedroom detached dwelling with 3 associated car parking spaces (with one space accessed off Jackson Street) following demolition of Gospel Hall	UU	Pitch Sport - Allocated North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings		£330.56	330.56			Allocated	
Baldock	11/02156/1 7-8 Meeting Place, Baldock Change of use of existing offices (Use Class B1) to a three bedroom dwelling with 2 associated parking spaces.	UU	Community Centres -allocated to DDA enhancements at Baldock Town Hall		£501.19	501.19			Allocated	
Baldock	11/02156/1 7-8 Meeting Place, Baldock Change of use of existing offices (Use Class B1) to a three bedroom dwelling with 2 associated parking spaces.	UU	Informal Open Space		£494.98			494.98	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	11/02227/1 Garages at Womback Yard r/o 25 and 23 Whitehorse Street, Baldock Renewal of extant planning reference 08/01050/1 granted permission on 18 September 2008 for Erection of three storey building to provide 3 x one bedroom houses with single integral garages and ancillary	UU	Pitch Sport - Allocated North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings		£747.45	747.45			Allocated	
Baldock	11/02227/1 Garages at Womback Yard r/o 25 and 23 Whitehorse Street, Baldock Renewal of extant planning reference 08/01050/1 granted permission on 18 September 2008 for Erection of three storey building to provide 3 x one bedroom houses with single integral garages and ancillary development following demolition of existing buildings.	UU	Play Space - to be allocated and appropriate form required	N/A	£1,610.19			1,610.19	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	11/02227/1 Garages at Womback Yard r/o 25 and 23 Whitehorse Street, Baldock Renewal of extant planning reference 08/01050/1 granted permission on 18 September 2008 for Erection of three storey building to provide 3 x one bedroom houses with single integral garages and ancillary development following demolition of existing buildings.	UU	Waste & Recycling - Baldock Waste and recycling schemes		£90.31			90.31	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	11/02346/1 19 Whitehorse Street, Baldock Change of use of ground floor from Use Class A2 (estate agents) to veterinary surgery (sui generis) and change of use of first floor from Use Class A2 (estate agents) to a 1 bedroom flat and ancillary works.	UU	Pitch Sport - Allocated North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings		£230.93	230.93			Allocated	
Baldock	11/02346/1 19 Whitehorse Street, Baldock Change of use of ground floor from Use Class A2 (estate agents) to veterinary surgery (sui generis) and change of use of first floor from Use Class A2 (estate agents) to a 1 bedroom flat and ancillary works.	UU	Sustainable Transport	N/A	£8,054.51			8,054.51	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	11/02869/1 31 Whitehorse Street, Baldock Change of use and conversion of existing commercial premises to 3 x 2 bedroom houses with 4 associated parking spaces. Installation of entrance gates on North East elevation, removal of external staircase, alterations to fenestration and ancillary works	UU	Community Centres - allocated to DDA enhancements at Baldock Town Hall		£1,060.50	1,060.50			Allocated	
Baldock	11/02869/1 31 Whitehorse Street, Baldock Change of use and conversion of existing commercial premises to 3 x 2 bedroom houses with 4 associated parking spaces. Installation of entrance gates on North East elevation, removal of external staircase, alterations to fenestration and ancillary works	UU	Pitch Sport - Allocated North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings		£965.97	965.97			Allocated	

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Baldock	11/02869/1 31 Whitehorse Street, Baldock Change of use and conversion of existing commercial premises to 3 x 2 bedroom houses with 4 associated parking spaces. Installation of entrance gates on North East elevation, removal of external staircase, alterations to fenestration and ancillary works	UU	Sustainable Transport	N/A	£1,881.20			1,881.20	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	12/01751/1 1 High Street, Baldock Change of use of commercial offices to provide 4 bedroom residential accommodation.	UU	Community Centres - allocated to DDA enhancements at Baldock Town Hall		£609.54	609.54			Allocated	
Baldock	12/01751/1 1 High Street, Baldock Change of use of commercial offices to provide 4 bedroom residential accommodation.	UU	Pitch Sport - Allocated North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings		£570.83	570.83			Allocated	
Baldock	12/01751/1 1 High Street, Baldock Change of use of commercial offices to provide 4 bedroom residential accommodation.	UU	Play Space £228.84 spent - enhancements at Bush Springs play area. Balance (£928.45) allocated to new play equipment - Holdroyd Crescent (See comments)		£1,157.29	228.84 928.45	31/03/2016		Allocated	Baldock £928.27 allocated to Holroyd Crescent - capital project for 20/21 so code not yet known. Advised Service Provider funds allocated awaiting code for spend in 20/21
Baldock	13/00275/1 54 High Street, Baldock, SG7 6BL Erection of 4 x 4 bedroom dwellings, 2 x 3 bedroom dwellings, and 2 x 2 bedroom dwellings, 16 associated parking spaces, landscaping and ancillary works following demolition of the former police station, police house and garage	UU	Pitch Sport Allocated North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings	N/A	£4,013.58	4,013.58			Allocated	
Baldock	13/00275/1 54 High Street, Baldock, SG7 6BL Erection of 4 x 4 bedroom dwellings, 2 x 3 bedroom dwellings, and 2 x 2 bedroom dwellings, 16 associated parking spaces,	UU	Play Space Allocated to wheeled sports facility to serve Baldock	N/A	£8,137.11	8,137.11			Allocated	
Baldock	13/00275/1 54 High Street, Baldock, SG7 6BL Erection of 4 x 4 bedroom dwellings, 2 x 3 bedroom dwellings, and 2 x 2 bedroom dwellings, 16 associated parking spaces, landscaping and ancillary works following demolition of the	UU	Sustainable Transport	N/A	£8,054.41			8,054.41	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	13/00427/1 10 Royston Road, Baldock Erection of one detached 4 bed dwelling with detached single garage.	UU	Pitch Sport - Allocated North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings		£594.09	594.09			Allocated	
Baldock	13/01292/1 Quenbys Yard, Baldock Change of use of existing workshop/office to 1 x 2 bedroom dwelling and two car ports. Erection of 1 x 2 bedroom dwelling and 2 x 3 bedroom dwellings with attached garages; 4 associated car parking spaces; rebuilding of archway and ancillary works following partial demolition of existing workshop fronting onto Pond Lane	UU	Play Space	N/A	£3,756.01			3,756.01	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	13/02318/1 Hill Cottage, Royston Road, Baldock Erection of one number 4 bedroom detached dwelling and 2-car carport and one parking space behind gates and ancillary works following demolition of barn adjacent to number 22 Royston Road	UU	Informal Open Space	N/A	£545.29			545.29	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	13/02318/1 Hill Cottage, Royston Road, Baldock Erection of one number 4 bedroom detached dwelling and 2-car carport and one parking space behind gates and ancillary works following demolition of barn adjacent to number 22 Royston Road	UU	Pitch Sport Allocated North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings	N/A	£588.82	588.82			Allocated	
Baldock	13/02318/1 Hill Cottage, Royston Road, Baldock Erection of one number 4 bedroom detached dwelling and 2-car carport and one parking space behind gates and ancillary works following demolition of barn adjacent to number 22 Royston Road	UU	Play Space	N/A	£1,193.78			1,193.78	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	13/02318/1 Hill Cottage, Royston Road, Baldock Erection of one number 4 bedroom detached dwelling and 2-car carport and one parking space behind gates and ancillary works following demolition of barn adjacent to number 22 Royston Road	UU	Community Centres - allocated to DDA enhancements at Baldock Town Hall	N/A	£637.25	637.25			Allocated	
Baldock	13/02319/1 Hill Cottage, Royston Road, Baldock Erection of one number 4 bedroom detached dwelling and 2-car carport and one parking space behind gates and ancillary works following demolition of barn adjacent to number 22 Royston Road	UU	Informal Open Space	N/A	£645.29			645.29	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	

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Baldock	13/02319/1 Hill Cottage, Royston Road, Baldock Erection of one number 4 bedroom detached dwelling and 2-car carport and one parking space behind gates and ancillary works following demolition of barn adjacent to number 22 Royston Road	UU	Community Centres - allocated to DDA enhancements at Baldock Town Hall	N/A	£637.25	637.25			Allocated	
Baldock	14/00067/1 Land adj 12 Royston Road and rear of 10-12 Royston Road, Baldock Erection of 1 x 4 bedroom dwelling and 2 x 3 bedroom dwellings and associated car parking and landscaping. Use of existing vehicular access onto Royston Road and formation of new vehicular access onto Kings Mount. Alterations to position of boundary fence with rear gardens of No 10 and 12 Royston Road and ancillary works	UU	Pitch Sport - Allocated North Herts Leisure Centre enhancements - new sports hall floor with associated court and pitch sport markings		£1,593.29	1,593.29			Allocated	
Baldock	14/00067/1 Land adj 12 Royston Road and rear of 10-12 Royston Road, Baldock Erection of 1 x 4 bedroom dwelling and 2 x 3 bedroom dwellings and associated car parking and landscaping. Use of existing vehicular access onto Royston Road and formation of new vehicular access onto Kings Mount. Alterations to position of boundary fence with rear gardens of No 10 and 12 Royston Road and ancillary works	UU	Play Space	N/A	3230.22			3,230.22	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	14/00067/1 Land adj 12 Royston Road and rear of 10-12 Royston Road, Baldock Erection of 1 x 4 bedroom dwelling and 2 x 3 bedroom dwellings and associated car parking and landscaping. Use of existing vehicular access onto Royston Road and formation of new vehicular access onto Kings Mount. Alterations to position of boundary fence with rear gardens of No 10 and 12 Royston Road and ancillary works	UU	Sustainable Transport	N/A	4510.53			4,510.53	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	14/00471/1 80 Icknield Way, Baldock Approval of details relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 5 x 3 bedroom dwellings and 7 x 2 bedroom dwellings; new vehicular access onto Norton Road and 26 associated car parking spaces (pursuant to outline planning permission ref no. 12/00544/1 allowed on appeal on 3 April 2013)	UU	Informal Open Space	N/A	£5,419.67			5,419.67	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	14/00471/1 80 Icknield Way, Baldock Approval of details relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 5 x 3 bedroom dwellings and 7 x 2 bedroom dwellings; new vehicular access onto Norton Road and 26 associated car parking spaces (pursuant to outline planning permission ref no. 12/00544/1 allowed on appeal on 3 April 2013)	UU	Play Space	N/A	£10,026.38			10,026.38	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	14/00471/1 80 Icknield Way, Baldock Approval of details relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 5 x 3 bedroom dwellings and 7 x 2 bedroom dwellings; new vehicular access onto Norton Road and 26 associated car parking spaces (pursuant to outline planning permission ref no. 12/00544/1 allowed on appeal on 3 April 2013)	UU	Sustainable Transport	N/A	£16,753.38			16,753.38	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	15/01357/1 and 16/03138/1 Land fronting Station Road and Royston Road, Station Road, Baldock Residential development of 50 units comprising 4 x 3 bedroom dwellings; 29 x 2 bedroom flats and 17 x 1 bedroom flats, with associated car parking, landscaping and ancillary works	S106	Community Centre To be used towards provision of disabled access at Baldock Town Hall. Payment to be index linked and due prior to first occupation of first dwelling of development. 10 year payback clause from	13/11/2027	22,469.60			22,469.60	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	

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Baldock	15/01357/1 and 16/03138/1 Land fronting Station Road and Royston Road, Station Road, Baldock Residential development of 50 units comprising 4 x 3 bedroom dwellings; 29 x 2 bedroom flats and 17 x 1 bedroom flats, with associated car parking, landscaping and ancillary works	S106	Leisure To be used as a contribution towards the cost of providing a skate park and/or BMX track in Baldock. Payment to be index linked and due prior to first occupation of first dwelling of development. 10 year payback clause from date of receipt.	13/11/2027	34,106.00			34,106.00	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	15/01357/1 and 16/031348/1 Land fronting Station Road and Royston Road, Station Road, Baldock Residential development of 50 units comprising 4 x 3 bedroom dwellings; 29 x 2 bedroom flats and 17 x 1 bedroom flats, with associated car parking, landscaping and ancillary works	S106	Open Space To be used by the Council towards the costs of providing boundary fencing and a gate for and at the Clothall Road Recreation Ground, Clothall Road, Baldock, SG7 6PB.	22/12/2027	17,546.50			17,546.50	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	15/01357/1 and 16/03138/1 Land fronting Station Road and Royston Road, Station Road, Baldock Residential development of 50 units comprising 4 x 3 bedroom dwellings; 29 x 2 bedroom flats and 17 x 1 bedroom flats, with associated car parking, landscaping and ancillary works	S106	TRO For reviewing the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to amend the Controlled Parking Zone B to include Icknield Way East, Bramley Close and Larkins Close and Salisbury Road		5,103.71			5,103.71	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	
Baldock	15/01357/1 and 16/03138/1 Land fronting Station Road and Royston Road, Station Road, Baldock Residential development of 50 units comprising 4 x 3 bedroom dwellings; 29 x 2 bedroom flats and 17 x 1 bedroom flats, with associated car parking, landscaping and ancillary works	S106	Waste & Recycling Due prior to occupation of first dwelling of development. 10 year payback clause form date of receipt	13/11/2027	7,188.32			7,188.32	LIVE TO BE ALLOCATED	

BALDOCK & DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE
04 June 2018

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

AGENDA ITEM No.

TITLE OF REPORT: GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES MANAGER

EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS

**PRIORITY: ATTRACTIVE AND THRIVING / PROSPER AND PROTECT / RESPONSIVE
AND EFFICIENT**

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To advise the Committee on the current expenditure and balances of the Area Committee budgets.
- 1.2 To bring to the Committee's attention details of recent requests received for Area Committee Grant Funding, made by community groups and local organisations, which conform to the Authority's Grants Policy approved by Cabinet on June 14th 2016.
- 1.3 To advise the Committee of the activities and schemes with which the Community Officer has been involved.
- 1.4 To bring to the Committee's attention some important community based activities that will take place during the next few months.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers Grant Award of £400 to Baldock Community Orchestra to help towards the costs of equipment as detailed in 8.1.1.
- 2.2 That the Committee consider Grant Award of £700 to Baldock Young at Heart Club to help towards venue hire, publicity costs and entertainment costs as detailed in 8.1.2.
- 2.3 That the Committee considers Grant Award of £880 to Merry Go Round Under 5's to help towards the costs for a fenced off vegetable garden and storage unit as detailed in 8.1.3.
- 2.4 That the Committee considers Grant Award of £250 to Ashwell United Reformed Church to help towards the costs of equipment as detailed in 8.1.4.
- 2.5 That the Committee considers Grant Award of £150 Ashwell Village Trust to help towards the costs for a storage unit at the Ashwell Community Garden as detailed in 8.1.5

- 2.6 That the Committee considers Grant Award of £500 to Friends of Sandon School to help towards the costs of resurfacing the playground as detailed in 8.1.6
- 2.7 That the Committee considers Grant Application of £2,500 to Headway to help towards the costs for running local support groups and providing home based sessions with brain injury survivors and their carers as detailed in 8.1.7.
- 2.8 That the Committee considers an in principle grant award of £410 to Letchworth, Baldock & Ashwell District Scouts, subject to officers receiving the appropriate supporting documentation in line with the Authority's grant criteria and as detailed in 8.1.8
- 2.9 That the Committee allocates funding in the first instance from underspent budgets from the 2017/18 financial year.
- 2.10 That the Committee endorses the actions taken by the Community Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Baldock.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure the Committee is kept informed of the work of the Community Officer.
- 3.2 This report is intended to inform Members of the financial resources available to the Committee. It draws attention to the current budgetary situation by assisting in the effective financial management of the Area Committee's budget. This ensures that all actions are performed in line with the Authority's Financial Regulations, the Council's Constitution, and the guidance of the existing Grants policy as agreed by Cabinet in June 2016.
- 3.3 The awarding of financial assistance to voluntary organisations and the use of discretionary spending allows the Committee to further the aims of the Corporate Plan.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 There are no alternative options being proposed other than those detailed within the text of this report. However in the course of debate at committee, Members may wish to comment and offer additional views on any of the items included within this report.

5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

- 5.1 Consultation with Members has occurred in connection with the allocation of funds for Community Projects.
- 5.2 Consultation with the respective officers and external bodies/groups has taken place with regard to funding proposals for Area Committee Funds.

6. FORWARD PLAN

- 6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1 Members are asked to note the information detailed in Appendix 1 Baldock Area Committee Budget Spread sheet, which relates to the Area Committee budget balances for 2018/19.
- 7.2 The spreadsheet also details pre-allocated sums carried forward from the previous financial years, including balances and past expenditure relating to the allocated and unallocated Area Capital Visioning Budgets available to the Committee.
- 7.3 Funding remaining for the Committee to allocate in the 2018/19 is summarised below:

	2017/18 Carry Forward	2018/19 Base Budget	Total
Baldock Town	£3,269	£3,000	£6,269
Baldock East	£1,983	£1,200	£3,183
Arbury	£1,097	£1,100	£2,197
Weston & Sandon	£0	£900	£900

8. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 Update on Community Engagement & Grant Request

8.1.1 Baldock Community Orchestra

The Baldock Community Orchestra is seeking funding support from the Baldock & District Area Committee to purchase new equipment including music stand banners and a digital drum pad. Funding will also be used to assist with publicity costs.

The Baldock Community Orchestra was set up in September 2015 and is made up of 7 Committee Members, 1 part time paid staff and 15 volunteers. The group meets weekly at Knights Templar School and currently has 22 members with the age range ranging from 13 to 70 years.

The Orchestra gives performances in a variety of settings including local community festivals (Baldock Festival, Baldock Christmas Fair, and Baldock Beer Festival), schools, community arts centres, gardens and pubs. As the orchestra grows they are also keen to bring music to those who may find it difficult to attend concerts such as residents of care homes.

The group currently has 4 concerts planned for 2018. The application is criteria compliant.

This organisation receives no Rate Support or other formal benefits from NHDC.

This organisation has not received an NHDC grant in the last five years.

8.1.2 Baldock Young at Heart Club

Baldock Young at Heart Club is seeking funding support from the Baldock & District Area Committee to assist with room hire costs, publicity costs and costs for hire of entertainment at their sessions.

Baldock Young at Heart Club was previously known as the Baldock Seniors Club. The group meets at Baldock Community Centre. The group used to meet on a weekly basis but due to funding constraints currently meets monthly.

The group is looking to increase membership and also increase the frequency of its meetings to twice monthly. Funding support will help them to better promote the club and to attract new members. This is an important group which enables elderly residents of the town to meet socially.

This organisation receives no Rate Support or other formal benefits from NHDC.

This organisation last received a grant in June 2016 when it was known as the Baldock Seniors Club.

8.1.3 Merry Go Round Under 5s

Merry Go Round Under 5s would like to build a dedicated vegetable garden.

The funding requested would be used to cover the cost of fencing off the area and a storage unit for storing gardening tools. The school has a number of children who due to their living accommodation have no access to a garden. The group would like to give not just these but all children at the group the opportunity to grow their own fruit and vegetables which they can then eat at snack time. Alongside the fruit and vegetables the school would like to plant sensory plants e.g. smells, touch and colour. These are beneficial for all children but children with additional needs would find these particularly beneficial. The group will also encourage them to explore the natural world around them and understand how everyone has a part to play in looking after it.

Merry Go Round Under 5's is a registered charity that has been operating for 30 years. The group is made up of 9 committee members, 12 part time paid staff and 2 volunteers.

The group caters for approximately 50 children aged 2 1/2 to 5. It provides an essential early years education programme to the children of Baldock. As well as providing key learning, the group also gets involved in community initiatives including the Princes Trust Team Programme and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The application is criteria compliant.

This organisation receives no Rate Support or other formal benefits from NHDC.

In the last five years, this organisation has received the following awards:

03/03/2014	Funding Support for new play equipment,	£950
03/03/2014	Funding Support for new play equipment,	£300
02/03/2015	Funding support for the purchase of a listening post,	£115
02/03/2015	Funding support for the purchase of a listening post,	£365

Total awards: £1730.

8.1.4 Ashwell United Reformed Church

The church is currently undergoing works to fix its ceiling. The church is using the opportunity to redecorate and improve the whole church building including the vestibule and two vestry rooms returning them to their unique English art nouveau style. The church building is currently used by non-church organisations for concerts, events and meetings, installing the kitchenette facility in one of the vestry rooms will greatly enhance the use of the church providing a refreshment making facility independent of the hall which will mean that the two buildings can be used at the same time but independently by the village.

The church has managed to secure the £53k for the project through grants from Thames North Synod URC (£20k), Beds & Herts Churches Trust (£10k) and the churches own funds. The church is seeking funding of £500 to assist with the purchase of equipment for the new kitchenette including cups and saucers, plates, glasses, new kettles etc

The Ashwell United Reformed Church and the Church Rooms are both well used and considered the centre of the village. By upgrading the kitchenette in the main church, the church will be able to open its doors to more community groups and events in the future. The group has match funding in place and the Arbury Ward member has agreed to support the application. The application is criteria compliant and the recommendation is an award of £250.

This organisation receives no Rate Support or other formal benefits from NHDC.

In the last five years, this organisation has received the following awards:

18/07/2011 Improvement works to toilet and changing facilities at Hall, £312
31/08/2012 Funding support for purchase of tables and chairs for the church, £500
22/01/2013 replacement of cast iron arch window, £4000

Total awards: £4812.

This organisation receives no Rate Support or other formal benefits from NHDC.

8.1.5 Ashwell Village Trust

Ashwell Village Trust is seeking funding support from the Baldock & District Area Committee to assist with costs for a storage unit to store gardening equipment at the Community Garden.

The Ashwell Village Trust is a registered charity that was set up in 1986. The group is made up of 8 committee members and 10 volunteers. The Trust is responsible for and maintains the community garden in the centre of Ashwell. Volunteers attend the garden on a monthly basis and the funding would allow for a permanent storage unit at the site for storing of gardening tools and other equipment.

The application is criteria compliant and the officer recommendation is an award of £150.

This organisation receives no Rate Support or other formal benefits from NHDC.

8.1.6 Friends of Sandon School

Friends of Sandon School group is working on a project to enhance the playground area at the school. This will involve resurfacing and extending the playground and lining for a range of sports.

Sandon School places high importance on health and fitness and this is emphasised by the wide range of outdoor afterschool clubs offered at the school on the playground. As well as school activities, the outdoor areas of the school are also used by the Friends of Sandon School for the annual summer fete, the annual 5km/10km fun run and the quarterly Farmers Market. The funding requested will help towards costs for replacing and extending the playground. The works are also being carried out on health and safety grounds as the current surface and matting is slippery and dangerous.

Whilst Sandon School is in the Weston & Sandon ward it should be noted that a third of pupils that attend the school are from Baldock. The application is criteria compliant and the recommendation is an award of £500.

This organisation receives no Rate Support or other formal benefits from NHDC.

8.1.7 Headway

Headway Hertfordshire is a registered charity set up in Hitchin in 2001 aiming to reach all those affected by brain injury in Hertfordshire and help them lead the best lives they can. The application is for funds to support local group and home-based therapeutic sessions, peer-support groups, and activity sessions (arts & crafts, well-being, etc.)

The annual cost of providing services is £20k. Headway is aiming to cover 50% the costs of therapeutic and peer support activities. They have applied for £6,000 from Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation and £4000 from the Peoples Post Code Lottery fund.

The organisation has requested grant funding support to a total of £10,000 from North Hertfordshire District Council to go towards the cost of these sessions for those affected by a brain injury.

The service supports people from Hitchin, Letchworth & Baldock. The £10k has been divided by per capita percentage between the three Area Committees £3,750 from both Letchworth and Hitchin and £2,500 from Baldock.

There is a need to support a highly vulnerable group of people affected by a brain injury, to enable them to reach their potential. Running the project will enable those individuals to return to meaningful activity, reducing social isolation and enable them to rebuild their confidence.

This organisation receives no Rate Support or other formal benefits from NHDC.

This organisation has not received an NHDC grant in the last five years.

8.1.8 Letchworth, Baldock & Ashwell District Scouts.

The Letchworth, Baldock & Ashwell District Scouts are seeking £410 to assist with the purchase of 30 numbered bibs that will be used for both day and night hikes. These are needed for hikes that will be taking place in July.

At the time of compiling this report, the group was unable to submit the required paperwork within the application deadline window. If the Committee was minded to consider an award, grant funding could be released in time via the Delegated Authority process.

In terms of breakdown, 54 cubs/scouts are from Ashwell, 118 cubs/scouts are from Baldock and 248 cubs/scouts are from Letchworth. The bibs being purchased will be made available to all those scouts within Letchworth, Baldock & Ashwell District Scouts.

Based on the numbers above, if an award was to be approved, contributions from the Letchworth and Baldock & District Area Committees would work out to be:-

- Letchworth Area Committee £246
- Baldock & District AC - Town Ward £123 and Arbury Ward £41.

8.1.9 St George's Day Parade

The Baldock CO and Communities Manager assisted the Scouts with the St George's Day Parade which was held in Baldock on Sunday 22nd April. Support included assistance with road closure arrangements and marshal support on the day. The parade was well supported with up to 600 Beavers, Cubs Scouts, Explorers and Leaders in attendance.

8.2.0 Baldock Festival

The Baldock CO provided event support to the Baldock Festival Committee including support with licence applications, parking arrangements and paperwork as required by the NHSAG. The Baldock CO also provided publicity support for the festival and marshal support at the Street Festival on Saturday 19th May and also support at the two Community Lunches which were held on Friday 11th and Friday 18th May.

8.2.1 Sports Therapy 4 U Charity 5km run

The Baldock CO continues to support Sports Therapy 4 U with plans for a 5km run which will be held in Baldock in September.

The event is being organised by the business as part of its 10 years of operation celebrations. The race will start and finish on the grassed area of Whitehorse Street.

The Baldock CO is providing advice on the course route and continues to liaise with colleagues in Highways and Police regarding the road closure requirements.

8.2.2 Baldock Big Lunch and Baldock Cycle Challenge

The Baldock CO is providing support and advice to the Baldock Events Forum for their two upcoming events namely the Baldock Big Lunch on Sunday 3rd June and the Baldock Cycle Challenge which will be returning for a 7th time on Sunday 15th July. As well as providing advice, the Baldock CO will also provide marshal support at both events

8.2.3 Baldock Fair

The Baldock Fair will be returning to Baldock High Street and Whitehorse Street in October, operating on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th October. The Baldock CO will be helping with the event paperwork and will be assisting with Traffic Management arrangements and publicising the event to the households and businesses of the town. The Baldock CO and Community Manager will also assist and oversee the removal of street furniture prior to the fairs arrival and will be attendance to oversee the Fair pulling onto Baldock High Street at midnight on 1st October.

8.2.4 Baldock Community Fireworks

The Baldock Community Fireworks event will be returning to Hartsfield School for a sixth time on Saturday 20th October. The Baldock CO will assist the event organisers with the planning of the event and will also provide marshal support at the fireworks.

8.2.5 Developer Contributions / s106 & other Capital Funding projects

The Baldock Community Officer & Communities Manager have worked with external groups and colleagues in the Planning Department in the potential utilisation developer contributions and other sources of capital funding available..

Sandon School Friends of Group

- As well as assisting the friends of group to find external funding to enhance the outside sporting & play provision at the school, officers have contacted the Parish Council to see if it would support the utilisation of some of the collated Pitch Sports & Play Space developer contributions collated for the Sandon area to go towards the scheme of works.

If the PC is in agreement and has no current schemes of a similar nature planned within the Parish, officers will formally seek authority from colleagues in Planning to possibly assign such funds over to the scheme.

Baldock Arts & Heritage Centre

- The Management Committee at the BH&C plans to refurbish and reconfigure the majority of the ground floor of the former Town Hall Building utilising funding via a number of sources including a Capital Projects Grant from the Authority, Phase 2 improvement works capital funds and some developer contributions assigned to DDA works which are to be encompassed within the overall enhancements.

Baldock Community Centre

- As with the Arts & Heritage, the Management Committee at the Community Centre is seeking to refurbish the foyer and toilet area possibly next Summer. Community Officers will assist & advise the project team in securing appropriate funding for the scheme as well as procuring project plans & specification costings in order for the works to be tendered out.

Ashwell Parish Council

- Officers have met with the Parish Clerk & Vice Chair to run through possible schemes likely to be able to make a call on collated developer contributions collated for the Ashwell area.
- The main project the PC is considering relates to significant enhancements of the toilet facilities on the recreation ground. At present approximately £40k of developer contributions have been assigned to such works and officers have suggested that the PC submits a grant application to the next round of the Community Facilities Capital Projects Fund schedule for later in the year.

8.3 **Highways Matters**

This section is included within the community update report for each committee cycle to facilitate debate and enable appropriate feedback on any of the proposed or listed Highways related schemes.

Any new proposals or revised schemes will be forwarded to the respective Herts County Councillor for consideration who will in turn report back and advise the Committee accordingly.

9. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 The Area Committees have delegated power under section 9.8.1 (a) & (b) to allocate discretionary budgets and devolved budgets within the terms determined by the Council and outlined in the current Grant Policy agreed by Cabinet in June 2016.

Section 9.8.2 (g) of Constitution in respect of Area Committees' Terms of Reference provides that they may: "establish and maintain relationships with outside bodies/voluntary organisations operating specifically with the area including, where appropriate, the provision of discretionary grant aid/financial support etc. but excluding grants for district-wide activities".

9.2 Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides a General Power of Competence which gives local authorities the powers to do anything:-

- An individual may generally do
- Anywhere in the UK or elsewhere
- For a commercial purpose or otherwise, for a charge or without a charge
- Without the need to demonstrate that it will benefit the authority, its area or person's resident or present in its area.

9.3 Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 provides specific authority for the Council to incur expenditure on anything which is in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to its area. This includes a charity or other body operating for public service.

10. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 In 2018/19 the Baldock & District Area Committee has an overall budget of £6,200, which is split as follows – Baldock Town £3,000, Baldock East £1,200, Arbury £1,100 and Weston & Sandon £900.

10.2 The Baldock & District Area Committee has carried over budget of £6,349 from 2017/18 which is split as follows – Baldock Town £3,269, Baldock East £1,983 and Arbury £1,097.

10.3 Members are asked to spend from their carry forward prior to allocating from the 2018/19 base budgets.

11. **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no relevant risk entries that have been recorded on Pentana Performance, the Council's performance and risk system. Individual events should have their own risk assessments in place to mitigate any health and safety issues. Whenever a request for grant funding for equipment is received, the recipient of the funding will be advised to obtain insurance for the item to avoid a repeat request for funding in the event of the equipment being stolen or damaged. There are no pertinent risk implications for the Authority associated with any items within this report.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 12.2 Area committee funding is awarded to community groups that clearly demonstrate a positive impact on the community and wider environment. The projects outlined in this report seek to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between all members of the community. ..

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 The Social Value Act and “go local” policy do not apply to this report.

14. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 There are no pertinent Human Resource implications associated with any items within this report.

15. APPENDICES

- 15.1 Appendix 1 - 2017/18 financial year budget sheet

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17. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 17.1 Review of Policies and Procedures for Financial Assistance to Voluntary and Community Organisations, November 2002.
- 17.2 Review of Grant Policy Cabinet June 2016.

BALDOCK AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2018/19

FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 2017/18

SUMMARY/ TOTALS	Funding	Allocated	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget					
BALDOCK TOWN	£9,011	£5,742	£1,942	£3,800	£3,269					
BALDOCK EAST	£3,753	£1,770	£570	£1,200	£1,983					
ARBURY	£2,057	£960	£110	£850	£1,097					
WESTON & SANDON	£2,628	£2,628	£1,878	£750	£0					
Total	£17,449	£11,100	£4,500	£6,600	£6,349					

2018/19 BUDGET

SUMMARY/ TOTALS	Funding	Allocated	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget					
BALDOCK TOWN	£3,000	£0	£0	£0	£3,000					
BALDOCK EAST	£1,200	£0	£0	£0	£1,200					
ARBURY	£1,100	£0	£0	£0	£1,100					
WESTON & SANDON	£900	£0	£0	£0	£900					
Total	£6,200	£0	£0	£0	£6,200					

BALDOCK TOWN	Funding			Project	Allocated	Date	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
Funds Brought Forward from 17/18	£9,011			Baldock Community Mini Bus	£3,800	07.03.16	£0	£3,800		
				Baldock Community Forum CIC	£1,520	05.03.18	£1,520	£0		Total grant £2,000
				Wallington Village Hall	£55	05.03.18	£55	£0		Total grant £500
				Weston Cricket Club	£300	05.03.18	£300	£0		Total grant £1,500
				Sandon Strollers Cricket Club	£67	05.03.18	£67	£0		Total grant £500
Total	£9,011				£5,742		£1,942	£3,800	£3,269	

BALDOCK TOWN	Funding			Project	Allocated	Date	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
18/19	£3,000									
Total	£3,000				£0		£0	£0	£3,000	

BALDOCK EAST	Funding		Project	Allocated	Date	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
Funds Brought Forward from 17/18	£3,753		Baldock Community Mini Bus	£1,200	07.03.16	£0	£1,200		
			Baldock Community Forum CIC	£480	05.03.18	£480	£0		Total grant £2,000
			Weston Cricket Club	£90	05.03.18	£90	£0		Total grant £1,500
Total	£3,753	11951046980		£1,770		£570	£1,200	£1,983	

BALDOCK EAST	Funding		Project	Allocated	Date	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
Base Budget 18/19	£1,200						£0		
Total	£1,200			£0		£0	£0	£1,200	

ARBURY	Funding		Project	Allocated	Date	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
Funds Brought Forward from 17/18	£2,057		Baldock Community Mini Bus	£850	07.03.16	£0	£850		
			Weston Cricket Club	£110	05.03.18	£110	£0		
Total	£2,057			£960		£110	£850	£1,097	

ARBURY	Funding		Project	Allocated	Date	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
Base Budget 18/19	£1,100								
Total	£1,100			£0		£0	£0	£1,100	

WESTON & SANDON	Funding		Project	Allocated	Date	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
Funds Brought Forward from 17/18	£2,628		Baldock Community Mini Bus	£750	07.03.16	£0	£750		
			Wallington Village Hall	£445	05.03.18	£445	£0		Total grant £500
			Weston Cricket Club	£1,000	05.03.18	£1,000	£0		Total grant £1,500
			Sandon Strollers Cricket Club	£433	05.03.18	£433			
Total	£2,628			£2,628		£1,878	£750	£0	

WESTON & SANDON	Funding	Code	Project	Allocated	Date	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
Base Budget 18/19	£900								
Total	£900			£0		£0	£0	£900	