

Allerdale Borough Council

Executive – 20 April 2022

Social Impact Investment Fund

Portfolio holder	Councillor Mike Johnson
Report from	Nik Hardy – Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance and Economic Strategy)
Wards affected	All
Is this a key decision	Yes

1.0 The reason for the decision

1.1 To agree the process for allocating funds from the Allerdale Social Impact Investment Fund, for 2022- 2023. This is reviewed annually, subject to the decision of the Sellafield Board to provide £500,000 each to Allerdale and Copeland for Socio-Economic activity.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That Executive approves the allocation of funds from the Social Impact Investment Fund of £500,000 for 2022-23 as outlined in paragraph 4.3 of the report.

3.0 Background and Introduction

3.1 Since 2014 the Board of Sellafield Ltd, has agreed annually to allocate up to £1,000,000 of funding for use by Allerdale and Copeland Borough Councils (£500,000 each) to support projects, initiatives and programmes of work that deliver social conditions for growth. In Allerdale, this has resulted in the creation of the Allerdale Social Impact Investment Fund (SIIF).

3.2 The general requirement of the fund is that activity must be in line with the objectives of Sellafield's current [Social Impact Strategy](#) and the [Energy Act 2016](#), in addition to the Council's own priorities in the current [Council Strategy 2020-30](#).

3.3 The purpose of this report is to consider the process by which this Council allocates monies from the Social Impact Investment Fund for 2022-23.

4.0 Content (to include alternative options considered)

4.1 In recent years the Council has used the SIIF Programme to support a wide range of socio-economic activity. In 2021-22 the Council utilised the funding to support

activity relating to the major regeneration programmes in Workington and Maryport in addition to supporting sports development and community resilience activities.

4.2 In 2022-23 the SIIF funding once more provides an opportunity to progress these key areas for the Council and support delivery against the Council Strategy.

4.3 It is therefore recommended that the SIIF Programme for 2022-23 be allocated as follows.

- £100,000 to support the implementation of the Council's Community Resilience Strategy. This activity will once more take the form of a grants programme which will support the voluntary and community sector and a small grants programme to support the development of new activity. It is recommended that this funding and the formation of the grants programme is delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance and Economic Strategy)
- £75,000 to support sporting development. This funding will continue the work from previous years and support grassroots sporting development and increasing participation rates across the Borough. It is recommended that this funding is delegated to the Chief Officer (Assets)
- £125,000 to support the Council's economic development activity linked to the delivery of the Allerdale Recovery and Growth Strategy and activity linked to the Levelling Up Agenda. It is recommended that this funding is delegated to the Programme Director (Workington)
- £200,000 to support the Council's regeneration priorities. This funding will be utilised primarily to support the implementation of the regeneration programmes in Maryport and Workington. It is recommended that this funding is delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive (Innovation and Commercial)

4.4 The allocation of funds within the SIIF programme must be allocated in line with the Sellafield [Social Impact Strategy](#) and the [Energy Act 2016](#), in addition to the Council's own priorities in the current [Council Strategy 2020-30](#). Members may choose to allocate the funding within the SIIF programme differently but any amendments must still be in line with these key documents.

5.0 Delivery arrangements

5.1 Individual elements of the programme are delegated to various Chief Officers to be delivered by service areas across the Council. Grant programmes will be delivered in line with previous grant programmes and utilising best practice from across the Council. Major activity linked to the delivery of the regeneration programmes will be supported by the Projects and Programme Office.

6.0 Implications and Impact

6.1 Contribution to Council Strategy Priorities, Outputs and Outcomes

The delivery of the SIIF programme in 2022-23 will support a wide range of activity within the Council Strategy. It will make a significant contribution to the Thriving Towns and Villages and Invest to Grow through the delivery activity related to the Allerdale Recovery and Growth Strategy and the major regeneration programmes.

The SIIF will also make a significant contribution to the Resilient Communities theme in addressing the resilience of sporting clubs and supporting the voluntary and community sector.

6.2 Finance/Resource implications

The funding to support the development of the SIIF is provided by Sellafield Ltd and augments the Council's existing resources.

6.3 Legal and governance implications

There are no legal or governance issues arising from this report.

6.4 Risk analysis

A scored and mitigated risk log

Risk	Consequence	Controls required	Mitigated score
Allerdale do not deliver the SIIF in line with the funders key strategic documents	Potential clawback of funding	Ongoing dialogue and discussions with Sellafield Ltd on the Council's programme	1x2
Cost overruns on individual elements of the fund	Budget overspend	Regular finance monitoring	1x2

6.5 Increasing satisfaction and service

There are no service issues directly arising from this report.

6.6 Equality impacts

The fund will have a positive impact on people seeking work and those on low wages as part of the Council's overall approach to economic growth and regeneration. It is also likely that many young people will benefit from grants into sporting organisations. There will no adverse impacts on other equality groupings.

6.7 Health and Safety impacts

There are no health and safety impacts arising from this report.

6.8 Health, wellbeing and community safety impacts

The SIIF programme will have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of residents. This will be achieved by continued support for the grass roots sporting community which in turn will lead to improved participation rates in physical activity.

6.9 Environmental/sustainability impacts

There are no environmental or sustainability impacts arising directly from this report.

6.10 Other significant implications

There are no other significant implications arising from this report.

Appendices attached to this report

Appendix number	Title of appendix

Background documents available

Name of background document	Where it is available

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