

CLEANER SAFER STRONGER FUND

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Summary: This report presents the Cleaner Safer Stronger Fund (CSGF) 'application' to be sent to Government Office North West in relation to South Whitehaven.

Recommendation: That the application be approved.
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Impact on delivering the Corporate Plan: If successful the CSGF application contains elements which directly impact on delivery of the corporate plan and improvement in the Council's Best Value Performance indicators. By coordinating production of the application and the projects within it the Council is directly supporting LSP activities.

Impact on other statutory objectives (e.g. crime & disorder, LA21): The application has been developed with input from the police and thus helps support Section 17 Crime and Disorder objectives.

Financial and human resource implications: The application is for £2.1 Million spread over two years. There is no direct impact on this Council's financial resources although if successful mainstream financial and human resources will need to be flexed in support of individual projects.

Project & Risk Management: If successful the overarching project will need to be project managed and a project officers costs have been built into the application.

Key Decision Status

- **Financial:** None
- **Ward:** None

Other Ward Implications:

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Council has been allocated £2.1 million for the "Cleaner, Safer, Greener" element of the £105 million Safer Stronger Communities Fund. The funding has been available to authorities if they have Super Output Areas in the 3% most deprived nationally. A super output area relates to a resident population of about 10,000 people and for

Copeland is represented by South Whitehaven. The £2.1 million has been split between the 06/07 and 07/08 financial years with £970,000 in the first year and the balance in the second.

- 1.2 The funding is intended to fund improvements to the physical environment so that people feel safer and to enhance 'livability' ensuring that abandoned cars are removed quickly, streets are free of litter and graffiti and there is basic leisure provision for young people. Some flexibility is built into the funding and local communities are able to shape the how the funding is used but ultimately local authorities will be accountable for how the money is spent. At the time of writing it is assumed Cumbria County Council will be the accountable body but will wish to passport the funding to this Council to use or distribute locally.
- 1.3 Appended to this report is the funding application which has been noted by the Environmental Well-being sub Group and Strategic Coordination Group of the West Cumbria Partnership. The application form includes targets and milestones where these could be completed and cross refers to Best Value Performance Indicators where there is likely to be a positive impact on these. It should noted, as implied on the application itself, the proposal has been developed with significant contributions from other partners and community organisations active in South Whitehaven. These contributions include other statutory authorities such as the Police, Environment Agency and County Council as well as local voluntary, young people and sports organisations.
- 1.4 Executive is asked to approve the application as written but note that amendment may be necessary once Government Office North West have formed a view on its contents.

List of Appendices: Cleaner Greener Safer funding application form

List of Background Documents:

List of Consultees: Corporate Team Cllr Holliday