



South Tyneside Council

Riverside Community Area Forum Funding Report

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Report to Riverside Community Area Forum

Cabinet Portfolio/Lead Member: Cllr Sybenga

Report of Stuart Reid – Director of Business and Resource

Subject: 2025/2026 Community Area Forum Funding

Date: 9 June 2026

Wards affected: Beacon & Bents, Simonside & Rekendyke, West Park, Westoe

Council ambitions: Community Area Forum funding supports all five council ambitions with particular focus on “part of stronger communities” and “targeting support to make things fairer”

Does the report and any appendices contain information which has been identified as confidential or exempt?

- No, this report does not contain information identified as confidential or exempt.

For Executive Decisions only:

Is the decision a Key Decision? No

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

If not in the Forward Plan is the report: General Exception Rule / Special Urgency Rule

Relevant Scrutiny Chair: N/A

Is the decision eligible for call-in by Scrutiny? No

(If the decision is anything other than any executive decision made by the Cabinet or a Key Decision made by an officer under delegated powers, call-in is not applicable. This should be explained in the report).

Purpose of Report

1.1 This report contains details of the funding approved by Cabinet on 11 March 2025, for the 2025/26 financial year for this CAF from three funding schemes:

- Housing Capital Scheme
- Environmental Capital Scheme
- Local Neighbourhoods Scheme

1.1.1 This report also contains details of the current funding position for each ward.

1.1.2 This report contains split options for the Housing Capital Scheme (HCS).

1.1.3 This report contains details of applications to be considered.

Background Information

2.1 The approved CAF budget for 26/27 is £1,050 M

2.2 Funding split for this CAF is shown below:

Funding Scheme	Allocation to CAF's (£)
Environmental Capital Funding	111,111
Housing Capital Funding	58,385
Local Neighbourhoods Scheme	33,333
Total CAF Allocation	202,829

2.3 In accordance with the Council constitution the Housing Capital Scheme must be used to support investment that benefits local authority dwellings. While £58,386 has been approved, members are asked to decide how this is split by number of Council houses or an equal split. Figures are on the table below

Ward	No Council Houses	Split by Council Houses	Equal Split
Beacon and Bents	851	21,556	14,596
Simonside and Rekendyke	1,058	26,799	14,596
West Park	193	4,889	14,596
Westoe	203	5,142	14,596
Total	2,305	58,386	58,384

2.4 The Environmental Capital Scheme can be used for wider environmental improvements, such as verge hardening, highways resurfacing etc. **Each ward has been allocated £27,778**

2.5 The Local Neighbourhoods Scheme can be used for smaller environmental projects, which are not eligible for capital schemes. These projects are typically small-scale environmental improvements such as grass-cutting, weed treatment, managing shrubs, bulb-planting, or fence painting. This Scheme also has a provision for funding to eligible external organisations and community groups. **Each ward has been allocated £8,333**

2.6 The Leadership fund will continue to support small scale locally important projects which contribute to the Councils core ambitions, typically where the project supports residents across the whole borough. Where such a project is identified an appraisal will be made using the LNS operating procedure, with a recommendation to leadership by the Director of Business and Resources or the Director of Governance and Corporate Affairs. **The Leadership fund will be £5,000 the same as 2025/2026**

Current Funding Positions

3.1 The tables below show the current funding positions for each ward.

Beacon & Bents	HCS (£)*	ECS (£)	LNS (£)
Allocation		27,778	8,333
Spent			
Balance			
Proposed Projects on report			
Proposed Balance if all projects are approved as per the report			

Simonside Rekendyke	HCS (£)*	ECS (£)	LNS (£)
Allocation		27,778	8,333
Spent			
Balance			
Proposed Projects on report			
Proposed Balance if all projects are approved as per the report			

West Park	HCS (£)*	ECS (£)	LNS (£)
Allocation		27,778	8,333
Spent			
Balance			
Proposed Projects on report			
Proposed Balance if all projects are approved as per the report			

Westoe	HCS (£)*	ECS (£)	LNS (£)
Allocation		27,778	8,333
Spent			
Balance			
Proposed Projects on report			
Proposed Balance if all projects are approved as per the report			

Main issues and Options to be Considered

- 4.1 The report is for information, discussion, and decision by members of the Community Area Forum.
- 4.2 There are 0 projects to be considered, detailed below.

Implications

Financial and Resources

5.1 CAF funding is allocated on an annual basis and consists of three separate elements:

- Housing Capital Scheme (HCS)
- Environmental Capital Scheme (ECS)
- Local Neighbourhoods Scheme (LNS)

5.2 The aim of CAF funding is that the expenditure brings about real changes and improvements for the residents of South Tyneside.

5.3 The CAF Management Team will work with key stakeholders and teams to obtain a formal estimate of the cost of works and a summary of risks or service implications arising as a result of the proposed work.

5.4 Should members wish to proceed with a proposed scheme, the details of the scheme is presented to the CAF meeting and must be agreed by the majority of all CAF members.

Legal and Governance

6.1 There are no legal or governance implications arising from this report.

Risk

7.1 Risks are identified during the process to obtain a formal estimate of the costs of works associated with an identified CAF scheme.

7.2 Any identified risks are presented to all members of the CAF as part of the scheme proposal paperwork for consideration.

Equality and Diversity and Community

8.1 There are no negative equality, diversity or community implications arising from this report.

Environmental and Sustainability

9.1 Any environmental and sustainability risks identified during the process will be discussed and presented to all members during CAF.

Council Ambitions, Policies, Strategies and Plans

10.1 this report aligns to the 5 Council Ambitions of:

- Financially secure
- Healthy and well
- Connected to jobs
- Part of strong communities
- Targeting support to make things fairer

Consultation and Engagement

11.1 Officers would welcome feedback on the report, how the report is formatted along with information contained within the report and would welcome any suggestions or recommendations in relation to this report.

Recommendations

12.1 It is recommended that Members

- decide to approve / not approve the projects listed
- note the information contained in this report

Reasons for Recommendations

13.1 To fulfil the role of the CAF as set out in the Council's Constitution and to utilise the available funding for the benefit of the local community.

List of Appendices

14.1 None

CAF Funding Report

The following is a list of the background papers (excluding exempt papers) relied upon in the preparation of the above report:

Background Paper	File Ref:	File Location
Community Area Forum Grant application forms and supporting documentation		Community Resource Admin, Business and Resources