



Hebburn Community Area Forum Funding Report

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Report to Hebburn Community Area Forum

Cabinet Portfolio/Lead Member: Cllr Susan Sybenga

Report of Stuart Reid – Director of Business and Resource

Subject: 2025/2026 Community Area Forum Funding

Date: 13 July 2026

Wards affected: Hebburn North, Hebburn South and Monkton

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 2026, for the 2026/27 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 Schemes (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	83,333
Housing Capital Funding	64,803
Local Neighbourhoods Scheme	25,000
Total CAF Allocation	148,161

2.3 In accordance with the Council constitution the Housing Capital Scheme must be used to support investment that benefits local authority dwellings. While £64,803 has been approved, members are asked to decide how this is split by number of Council houses or an equal split. Members voted to be split by Council house.

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.

Hebburn North	HCS (£)*	ECS (£)	LNS (£)
Allocation	20,889	27,778	8,166
Spent			
Balance			
Proposed Projects on report			
Proposed Balance if all projects are approved as per the report			Depending on decisions with members

Hebburn South	HCS (£)*	ECS (£)	LNS (£)
Allocation	24,048	27,778	8,166
Spent			
Balance			
Proposed Projects on report			
Proposed Balance if all projects are approved as per the report			Depending on decisions with members

Monkton	HCS (£)*	ECS (£)	LNS (£)
Allocation	19,866	27,778	8,166
Spent			
Balance			
Proposed Projects on report	5,000		
Proposed Balance if all projects are approved as per the report	£14,866		Depending on decisions with members

3.2 One application for Local Neighbourhood Scheme funding have been approved since the last meeting under delegated decision.

Elmfield Bowling Club	Community Fun Day	£500 – split between 3 wards.
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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 7 projects to be considered, detailed below.

Ward, CAF and Proposing Elected Member	Monkton Hebburn Cllr Jones	
Project – including address	Phase 3 Lukes Lane fencing scheme Morecambe Parade, Skegness Parade, Scarborough Parade, Colwyn Parade This project will replace the rear fencing on the Lukes Lane Estate with new 6 ft fencing to provide privacy to the rear of the properties. There will be a cross-services project group set up to assist with the implementation of the scheme as several unauthorised fences will need to be removed from the front of properties. Total Price is £78,123 This was part funded with HCS and ECS and LNS 2025/2026 with £73,000. The Monkton Councillors have agreed to use £5,000 from their allocation to complete this phase.	
Risk, mitigation & other relevant information	Increase in material costs. This scheme may take longer than normal as the consultation will need to continue throughout the scheme.	
Benefit to the wider environment / community	This will be phase 3 of a large scheme implementing new fencing, whilst removing unauthorised fencing will improve the aesthetics of the estate and provide residents with privacy at the back of their properties.	
Council Ambition	Stronger Communities	
		Y/N
Housing Capital Scheme	Yes – Eligible - £5,000	Y
Environmental Capital Scheme		Y

Local Neighbourhoods Scheme			N
Total Cost from CAF funding (£)	£5,000		Cost Valid July 2026
Other Contribution (£)			Provided SH

Applicant	Total Cost (£)	Group Contribution (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Maximum Grant Limit (£)
Association of Jarrow Bowling Clubs Monkton Ward	3000.00	2000.00	1000.00	1000.00
Purchase of Electric Wheelchair				
Council Ambition				
Residents will enjoy good mental wellbeing and physical health throughout their lives. Targeting support to make things fairer.				
Breakdown of Cost				
			CAF	GROUP
Electric Wheelchair – Bush Hills Bowls - £3,000.00			£1,000.00	£2,000.00
Type of Group:	Purpose			
Community Interest Company Applying for Charitable Status	The electric wheelchair will enable us to support wheelchair bound residents participate in sport, this will lead to disabled people being more active within the community.			
Proposed Ward Contribution				
1 Ward = £1,000				
Background and Project Details				

The electric wheelchair will enable us to include disabled people into the park to participate in a game of lawn bowls, people from across the borough will be made aware of the new opportunities via support groups/carers.

Electric bowling wheelchairs are manufactured to enable disabled bowlers to tilt forward without the worry that they may slide out of the chair.

Electric bowling wheelchairs improve comfort and posture for the bowler.

As we start to get different areas of the community involved an Electric bowling wheelchair will enable us to be more inclusive with our user groups

Electric bowling wheelchairs use give the users greater independence, no reliance on anyone to manoeuvre you on the mat

We have secured a grant for £1800.00 and raised £200 via a tombola.

Conditions – Groups are required to:	Yes	No
Seek funding through the Council's funding portal, or other funding sources, before making an application to CAF seeking funding to purchase any equipment or for activity such as events	√	x
Evidence a financial contribution towards the total cost of the project	√	x
Agree to submit receipts for any spend exceeding £500	√	x

Applicant	Total Cost (£)	Group Contribution (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Maximum Grant Limit (£)
Friends of Irish Night Christmas Hooley 27 December 2026	870.00	370.00	500.00	500.00
Council Ambition				
Part of strong communities.				
Breakdown of Cost				
			CAF	GROUP
Christmas Hooley, Iona Club, Hebburn Sunday 27 December 2026 – Marty Craggs Ban (Ex Lindisfarne and Happy Cats - £800.00			£500.00	£300.00
Food Nibbles – Aldi and Morrison - £70.00			-	£70.00

Type of Group:	Purpose
Community Interest Company	To promote the culture of Irish Music and dance throughout South Tyneside. We often have Irish Dance Groups perform and a collection taken to finance them in competitions competing throughout Europe. We regularly have collections for charities with our events published in local media including radio. We own our own equipment through your grants!
Proposed Ward Contribution	
1 Ward – Hebburn North	

Background and Project Details		
We usually have our attendance of 170 out of the above 210 attending the Hooley and they included several disabled with 2 wheelchairs and several who walk with the aid of sticks. This Event is the highlight of their festive period indeed, in some cases, their year!		
Conditions – Groups are required to:	Yes	No
Seek funding through the Council's funding portal, or other funding sources, before making an application to CAF seeking funding to purchase any equipment or for activity such as events	x	√
Evidence a financial contribution towards the total cost of the project	√	Yes
Agree to submit receipts for any spend exceeding £500	√	x

Applicant	Total Cost (£)	Group Contribution (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Maximum Grant Limit (£)
Iain Connolly Hebburn Roots	£538	£38	£500	£500
Council Ambition				
Residents will enjoy good mental wellbeing and physical health throughout their lives. Part of strong communities				
Breakdown of Cost				
13 x Peony (Green fingers) Thyme (Green fingers) English Bluebells (Green fingers) 2 x Long Handle Spade (Green finger) 2 x Leaf Grabbers (Green fingers) 5 x Gloves (Green fingers) 1 x Edging Iron (Green fingers)		CAF £20 £18	GROUP £200 £100 £100 £60 £40	
Type of Group:	Purpose			
Other (no details given)	We are a community group, our aim is to encourage education with schools, support local people with isolation and support and encourage people with fresh air and improve the local area.			
Proposed Ward Contribution				
1 ward Hebburn South				
Background and Project Details				

We are continuing to plant in Hebburn Carr Ellison Park, we are purchasing plants locally. We will expect around 10 to 20 people to support the project. We have done lots of work in the park and want to continue improve the park. Work is ongoing and will benefit all who attend the park.		
Conditions – Groups are required to:	Yes	No
Seek funding through the Council's funding portal, or other funding sources, before making an application to CAF seeking funding to purchase any equipment or for activity such as events	x	
Evidence a financial contribution towards the total cost of the project	x	
Agree to submit receipts for any spend exceeding £500	x	

Applicant	Total Cost (£)	Group Contribution (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Maximum Grant Limit (£)
James Dunnett Monkton Leek Vegetable and Floral Society	£2,019	£1,019	£1000	£1000
Council Ambition				
Part of strong communities				
Breakdown of Cost				
Society Memberships Public Liability Insurance Marquee Judges Engraving (estimate) Monkton Village Christmas Tree Tables £6.90 x 100 Open night hospitality, Mayor/Mayoress flowers, Buffett etc.			CAF £120 £350 £690	GROUP £79 £320 £180 £100 £180
Type of Group:		Purpose		
Other		To encourage the cultivation and exhibiting of vegetable and flowers. To encourage and engage with our community to become actively in growing plants, thereby encouraging a healthy wellbeing and lifestyles through horticulture.		
Proposed Ward Contribution				
1 Ward = 333 2 Wards =333 3 Wards = 333				
Background and Project Details				
The grant allows the hire of marquee to host the 163 rd leek and vegetable show, the tables, and the insurance. To take place on 5 th /6 th September 2026				
Conditions – Groups are required to:			Yes	No
Seek funding through the Council’s funding portal, or other funding sources, before making an application to CAF seeking funding to purchase any equipment or for activity such as events			x	
Evidence a financial contribution towards the total cost of the project			x	
Agree to submit receipts for any spend exceeding £500			x	

Applicant	Total Cost (£)	Group Contribution (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Maximum Grant Limit (£)
West Park Community Group – Monkton Ward	2,969.52	1,969.52	1,000	1,000
Council Ambition				
Stronger Communities				
Breakdown of Cost				
		CAF	GROUP	
Bins – STC - £276.40		X		
Event Insurance – SJL Insurance - £307.20		X		
Insurance - £350		X		
3 x Bands – West Park Community Group			X	
Toilets – Castle wood Hire - £535			X	
First Aiders – The Excel Group - £135			X	
Refreshments West Park Community Group - £400			X	
Raffle Prizes – Various - £65		X		
Type of Group:	Purpose			
Friends of Group	We Support the Community by bring people out for events all throughout the year, all ages, gender and ethnicity.			
Proposed Ward Contribution				
1 Ward = 1,000 2 Wards =500 3 Wards = 333				
Background and Project Details				
Our Annual Party in the park is a day of fun and bands playing in the park bandstand. It brings people of all ages from South Tyneside and beyond. This is a free event and we expect around 2000 people, weather dependent.				
Conditions – Groups are required to:			Yes	No
Seek funding through the Council's funding portal, or other funding sources, before making an application to CAF seeking funding to purchase any equipment or for activity such as events			x	
Evidence a financial contribution towards the total cost of the project			x	
Agree to submit receipts for any spend exceeding £500			x	

Applicant	Total Cost (£)	Group Contribution (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Maximum Grant Limit (£)	
Byron Avenue Social Club	£552.00	£52.00	£500.00	£500.00	
Council Ambition					
Residents will enjoy good mental wellbeing and physical health throughout their lives. Part of strong communities.					
Breakdown of Cost					
Buffett Entertainer (Singer)			CAF £402.50 £98.00	GROUP £52.00	
Type of Group:		Purpose			
Residents Association		This group provides social inclusion for Housing Plus, tenants and surrounding communities. This group also supports local charities.			
Proposed Ward Contribution					
1 Ward = Hebburn North					
Background and Project Details					
Event date: December 2026? Community Event Christmas party to provide social inclusion, preventing isolation to people who live along in Housing Plus and surrounding community.					
Conditions – Groups are required to:				Yes	No
Seek funding through the Council’s funding portal, or other funding sources, before making an application to CAF seeking funding to purchase any equipment or for activity such as events				x	
Evidence a financial contribution towards the total cost of the project				x	
Agree to submit receipts for any spend exceeding £500				x	

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