

<b>Cabinet Meeting</b>	
<b>Meeting Date</b>	13 April 2022
<b>Report Title</b>	One Off Project Funding
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr Truelove, Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance
<b>SMT Lead</b>	Lisa Fillery
<b>Head of Service</b>	Lisa Fillery
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Lisa Fillery
<b>Key Decision</b>	No
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Recommendations</b>	1. That Cabinet note the schemes funded from the Improvement & Resilience Fund; the Special Projects Fund and the High Street Fund.

## 1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report details the projects that have been funded from one-off reserve allocations to deliver a range public improvements for the sake of Swale's community. Improvements have been focussed on the public realm, open spaces and town centres, along with measures to support the Council's climate emergency agenda. Especially since 2020, funds have been used to support resilience and recovery in our local communities following the arrival of the Covid pandemic.

## 2 Background

- 2.1 The Improvement & Resilience Fund was established as part of the budget build for 2021/22 as a one off allocation to support public improvement projects across the district.
- 2.2 The fund was allocated as follows:

Priority Area	Allocation
Economic Development	250,000
Health	125,000
Communities	125,000
Planning, Heritage & Culture	250,000
Climate Emergency	250,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

- 2.3 The fund has been fully committed to deliver projects across the borough, the details of which are included in Appendix I.
- 2.4 The Special Projects Fund has been allocated funding of £3.2m since the creation of the scheme in 2019/20. Details of the projects delivered from this fund are included in Appendix II.
- 2.5 The High Street Fund was created to deliver improvements to the districts three main high streets. The forecast of how the £800,000 allocation is to be spent across the three High Streets is included in Appendix III.

### **3 Proposals**

- 3.1 Cabinet is asked to note the total funds committed from the Improvement and Resilience Fund and approve that uncommitted allocations are transferred back to the initial funding source of the Pooled Business Rates Reserve.

### **4 Alternative Options**

- 4.1 To allocate the unspent funds to I&R projects for 2021/22, this option does not allow sufficient time for the funds to be spent within the current financial year.
- 4.2 To transfer the unspent funds to an alternative reserve. This is not recommended due to the purpose for which the reserve funded is held.

### **5 Implications**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Implications</b>
Corporate Plan	Funding allocated to deliver on the priorities identified within the corporate plan.
Financial, Resource and Property	Contained in the report
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	None identified
Crime and Disorder	None identified
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	Funding allocated to projects to deliver on tackling the ecological emergency.

Health and Wellbeing	Funding allocated to projects to deliver support to health and wellbeing.
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	None identified
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified
Equality and Diversity	None identified.
Privacy and Data Protection	None identified

## **7 Appendices**

7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

- Appendix I: Improvement and Resilience Fund commitment details
- Appendix II : Special Project Fund project details
- Appendix III: High Street Fund project details.

## **8 Background Papers**

Budget and Council Tax for 2021/22 Report to Cabinet 24 February 2021