

<b>Subject:</b>	Recommendation from Bacup Neighbourhood Forum on the Allocation of funding from the sale of Bacup Leisure Hall	<b>Status:</b>	For Publication
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<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required:	No	Attached: No
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## 1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1.1 Bacup Neighbourhood Forum recommends that £50,000 remaining from the sale of Bacup Leisure Hall be allocated towards the match funding for the Bacup Townscape Heritage Initiative bid.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To present the recommendation of the Bacup Neighbourhood Forum on the allocation of the remaining proceeds from the sale of the Bacup Leisure Hall.

## 3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:
- **A healthy and successful Rossendale** – supporting vibrant communities and a strong economy.
  - **A clean and green Rossendale** – A better environment for all, focusing on clean streets and well managed open spaces.

## 4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

The Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) bid for Bacup has successfully passed the first stage and the full bid is due to be submitted in July 2013. Up to £2m can be bid for with match funding of 25%. The £50,000 from the sale of Bacup Leisure Hall is a contribution towards the match funding. If the bid is unsuccessful, or if the required match funding cannot be found, the £50,000 from the sale of Bacup Leisure Hall will remain available for Bacup projects, as recommended by Bacup Neighbourhood Forum.

## 5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 5.1 When Bacup Leisure Hall was sold, Cabinet recommended that £150,000 from the proceeds from the sale would be used to support projects that provided a lasting legacy for Bacup and the surrounding area. Cabinet proposed that the Bacup Neighbourhood Forum would consult with the local community and make recommendations as to how the funding from the sale should be used.

- 5.2 In October 2010 consultation began on the initial £120,000 through the Bacup Neighbourhood Forum under the project 'Big Ideas for Bacup'. Residents of Bacup were asked to submit ideas which would improve the area, benefit the whole community, leave a lasting legacy, be suitable for capital funding and address a key issue in the Bacup Neighbourhood Plan. Shortlisted ideas were requested to submit a full business case for consideration by the Forum
- 5.3 The Neighbourhood Forum agreed that there were many good ideas but there was overwhelming support for the proposal for a Vocational Training Centre at Stubbylee Hall. In June 2011, following the recommendation from Bacup Neighbourhood Forum Cabinet agreed to allocate £100,000 towards the Vocational Training Centre.
- 5.4 In April 2012 Bacup Neighbourhood Forum undertook further consultation seeking ideas for the allocation of the remaining funds (£50,000).
- 5.5 There was a good response with over 23 submissions. A Sub-Group of the Forum met to shortlist the ideas against a set criteria resulting in two projects being shortlisted. Representatives from the two projects attended an extra meeting of Bacup Neighbourhood Forum on 27 September 2012 to present their projects.
- 5.6 Bacup Neighbourhood Forum agreed by majority to recommend that the remaining £50,000 from the sale of Bacup Leisure Hall be allocated towards the match funding for the THI bid, and if the bid was unsuccessful, the funding would remain available for Bacup projects, as recommended by Bacup Neighbourhood Forum.
- 5.7 The Forum members expressed a hope that many of the other ideas submitted could be included in the THI initiative or other funding streams.

#### **COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

##### **6. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

- 6.1 Financial implications are noted in the report

##### **7. MONITORING OFFICER**

- 7.1 No further legal comments.

##### **8. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)**

- 8.1 No HR implications.

##### **9. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

- 9.1 Consultation has been carried out through the Bacup Neighbourhood Forum. The Forum membership includes representatives from local community and voluntary groups and partner organisations. The request for ideas was widely publicised and a good response received. Extensive consultation took place in 2009/10 in developing the Bacup Neighbourhood Plan, which was updated in January 2012 and the THI project supports priorities identified by the local community in the Plan.

##### **10. CONCLUSION**

- 10.1 Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendation of Bacup Neighbourhood Forum that £50,000 from the sale of Bacup Leisure Hall be allocated to match funding for the Townscape Heritage Initiative bid. If the bid is unsuccessful, the funding will remain available for Bacup projects, as recommended by Bacup Neighbourhood Forum.

APPENDICES	
Bacup Big Ideas THI Form	Attached - Appendix 1
Initial Equality Impact Assessment	Attached Appendix 2