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New additions		
Page 69	<p>94074 Stocksbridge Town Fund – Oxley Park [phase 2]</p> <p>Scheme description</p> <p>Recreational facilities and access infrastructure within Oxley Park are tired and in need of significant investment with the consultation held in 2020 demonstrating that almost 80% of respondents felt that the park is in poor condition and the 2020 Leisure Centre refurbishment recently provided an upgraded café and more accessible building and toilets.</p> <p>This project is for the progression of the next priorities highlighted through the consultation for the site, and capitalises on opportunities by linking Oxley Park and the Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre together to provide an indoor and outdoor health hub for the community</p> <p>The project aim is to deliver the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace/refurbish the existing run-down skate park into an ‘All Wheels’ Park with link path • Deliver access improvements throughout Oxley Park and New Hall Woods including signage • Provision of Electric Car charging points at the Leisure Centre (ducting already installed) <p>What has changed?</p> <p>The project has previously been approved to conduct feasibility works which have now been completed and the overall cost of the project is calculated to be £683k. The cost of the works will be largely funded by Stocksbridge Town Funds with a £80k contribution from Public Health funds. Works will now commence on the full detail design and the project budget will be increased by £633.4k.</p> <p>Variation type: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget increase 	+633.4
	<p>Funding Stocksbridge Town Fund £603k. Public Health Fund £80k</p>	
	<p>Approval Route Stockbridge Towns Fund programme agreed in principle Co-operative Executive June 21</p>	
<p>94049 Stocksbridge Town Fund – Sports Hub (Pavilion)</p> <p>Scheme description</p> <p>The sports hub project is a multi-site proposal aiming to provide first class sport, leisure, cultural and community facilities, support people to be fit and healthy, and build on the success of existing community assets.</p>	+1,026	

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	<p>There is a demand for local sports and leisure facilities to meet community need, given Stocksbridge's remote location and poor links to other areas via public transport. The multiple site sports hub development will deliver improved sports, leisure and wellbeing facilities, and result in improved health and wellbeing and strengthen community assets within the town (impacts).</p> <p>The facility will provide be a new shared sports pavilion for Stocksbridge Cricket Club and Stocksbridge Junior Football Club.</p> <p>What has changed?</p> <p>The project has previously been approved to conduct feasibility works which have now been completed and the overall cost of the project is calculated to be £1,113k. The cost of the works will be fully funded by Stocksbridge Town Funds and works will now commence on the full detail design. The project budget will be increase by £1,027k.</p> <p>Variation type: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget increase 			
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	<p>Stocksbridge Town Fund – Bus Improvement Project</p> <p>Why do we need the project</p> <p>Stocksbridge is the most remote district centre within Sheffield. The topography of the town is challenging, with a rise of nearly 150 metres from the Little Don river to Bolsterstone. This creates significant challenges for accessing town centre services for non-car users. The bus improvement project was identified by the Stockbridge Towns Fund Board in the Stocksbridge Town Investment Plan (STIP). The project seeks to transform local connectivity, focusing £0.74m of the £24.1m Towns Fund investment pot on new bus services that connect: the heart of the town to the main residential areas, schools and leisure centre higher up the steep valley side; areas not well linked to Stocksbridge, such as Thurgoland, Crane Moor, and Wortley; and areas that are not currently served by public transport, including Smithy Moor and Bolsterstone.</p> <p>How are we going to achieve it?</p> <p>The approach for delivering this project will be to undertake an open competition exercise for an operator, which will be awarded a Capital Grant (£670k) to purchase buses to deliver the service. There will also be a small amount of farebox revenue support provided (£59k) with scheme administration costing £10K.</p> <p>Sheffield City Council (SCC) will receive the grant payments from Central Government as 'Accountable Body' and administer them on behalf of the Towns Fund Board to the successful operator at agreed project milestones, who will own, operate the buses.</p>	<p>+670</p>		

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It is proposed to run an open single stage grant expression of interest exercise with an output-based specification which focuses on a description of what is to be achieved rather than a fixed description of exactly how it should be done. This flexible approach is expected to encourage operator innovation to be used to identify the best ways of meeting the project objectives and scope. Bids will be scored against the following key areas with final criteria to be agreed in consultation with the Towns Fund Board:

- Operation of the Project;
- Project Delivery;
- Compliance with Strategic Objectives; and
- Customer Focus.

It is anticipated that a fully registered and approved operator of public bus services will be selected so that all new bus services will be registered with the Traffic Commissioner and SYPTE as an official service. This means that services will feature on published timetables, the Travel South Yorkshire website, online travel planners and various apps in the same way regular and existing bus services do. Senior citizens bus passes would then be able to be used on the new services with the operator recovering the fare in the normal way, and passengers would be able to pay for their fares with cash or through contactless card payments. The services would have regular professional drivers.

It is anticipated that the grant agreement will run for the duration of the Towns Fund grant agreement period (i.e. end of 2025/26). At the end of this period the operator retains the buses with an expectation that they maintain a service in the local area. The continuity of the project forms part of the grant application process, thereby enabling suppliers to have an input into how they propose to serve Stocksbridge beyond the grant agreement period.

What are the benefits?

- Improved local connectivity.
- Sustained services to destinations outside the town.
- Increased number of public transport trips (project funded by the Towns Board, with a target to deliver 150,000 passenger journeys per year).
- Reduction in use of private cars.

When will the project be completed?

Services expected to commence September 2023

Funding

Stocksbridge Town Fund

Approval Route

Stocksbridge Towns Fund programme agreed in principle Co-operative Executive June 21

Stocksbridge Towns Fund Manchester Road Placemaking

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Why do we need the project?

In common with many other district centres, Stocksbridge (Manchester Road) is suffering from a significant loss of trade, partly to the adjacent Fox Valley retail park, as well as partly due to changing retail habits, reduced accessibility, as well as loss of purchasing power locally. This £7.095m, project made up of three key strands, is part of the Towns Fund programme and has strategic fit with that locally and nationally: with Department for Levelling Up Housing & Communities (DLUHC) Towns Fund funding from Government for projects which will deliver local regeneration, enhance skills and improve connectivity. An initial Town Investment Plan (TIP) was drawn up in 2020 seeking £24.1m funding. This was approved in March by Government pending working up of business cases for the individual projects, including the Manchester Road Place Making proposal.

+6,952

How are we going to achieve it?

The three strands to the scheme are:

- **Public Realm & Infrastructure** - improving existing pavements and public realm between Lidl and the Co-op on Manchester Road. This includes additional planters, green spaces and the creation of a new link between Manchester Road and Victoria Street (£5.5m)
- **High Street Accessibility** - improving the car and cycle parks around Manchester Road, upgrading them and improving the links for pedestrians around Stocksbridge high street including, better pedestrian links between Fox Valley and the Manchester Road area encouraging more linked trips, Improved car and cycle parking provision and clear links through to the new crossover hub and continuity of signposting for car parking and key facilities across the town centre (£350k)
- **Shop Front Improvements** - The Shop Fronts part of the works will look to revitalise the shop fronts of the Arcade. This is to be achieved by the creation of a standardised style for the arcade, encouraging local shop owner participation through the development of a single shop front style. This standardised palette **will be** demonstrated on the shop fronts within the arcade/precinct on the southern side of Manchester Road. These works will be delivered via a Contractor appointed by SCC (£604k). On the northern side of Manchester Road grants of up to £10,000 will be provided to the Shop Owners for each of the 47nr shops to uplift shop fronts in line with this standardised palette. Subsidy control assessment will be completed for these grants and the process will replicate existing models used on other projects within the city (£630k).

What are the benefits?

- 0.2ha enhanced public realm
- Improved perceptions of the place by residents / businesses / visitors
- Increased land values
- Increased private sector investment
- Revitalised shop frontages
- Improved accessibility and visibility of the High Street
- Upgraded car parks to improve accessibility

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	<p>When will the project be completed? Winter 2024</p>	
	<p>Funding Stocksbridge Town Fund - £5,095,750 – Formal offer of funding awaited from DLUHC (£143,790 budget already approved from development funding already received for feasibility works) South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) Gainshare Funding - £2,000,000 – Allocated in SYMCA funding programme but awaiting formal offer of funding</p>	
	<p>Approval Route Stocksbridge Towns Fund programme agreed in principle Co-operative Executive June 21</p>	
<p>Variations and reasons for change</p>		
<p>Page 73</p>	<p>94073 Stocksbridge Town Fund – Hydrotherapy Pool</p> <p>Scheme description This project is for creation of a purpose-built hydrotherapy pool at the Stocksbridge Leisure Centre and funding has previously been secured from the Stocksbridge Town Fund. There is currently a lack of sufficient, suitable and accessible hydrotherapy facilities in the north of city with current facilities based mainly on hospital sites with limited access and restricted use. The presence of a hydrotherapy pool in Stocksbridge will not only cater to the needs of the core demographic but will also cater to rest of Sheffield and numerous sports clubs which require hydrotherapy. Once complete the ongoing operation of the facility will be the responsibility of the leisure centre.</p> <p>What has changed? The project has previously been approved to conduct feasibility works to finalise design and viability of creating the facility. These works are now complete and the project will progress to full design and tender. At this stage, the full cost of the project is estimated to be is £1,117k and will be fully funded by Stocksbridge Town Fund. The project budget will be increased by £1,083k</p> <p>Variation type: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget increase 	<p>+1,083</p>

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Page 74	<p>94048 Stocksbridge Town Fund – Manchester Road Hub</p> <p>Scheme description</p> <p>This project is for the development of a community hub with library, community space, office space and education hub and funding has previously been secured from the Stocksbridge Town Fund.</p> <p>The aim of the scheme is to create a community hub featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bespoke, high quality, digitally connected space, for entrepreneurs, start-ups and microbusinesses in high value service sectors, with a focus on digital, tech, creative, clean growth, professional, scientific and technical sectors, accelerating the diversification of the Stocksbridge economy into high productivity, high value sectors; • Actively managed co-working space for freelancers, home-workers and the self-employed, animated to gel people and communities to build the next generation of Stocksbridge's growth businesses • Individual flexible office units to assist the scaling up and growth of local businesses and entrepreneurs; • A modern library offering digital services accessible to all local people; • Flexible space for adult education and skills provision delivered by providers such as Northern College, providing residents with the opportunity to upskill locally, with learning tailored towards local sectors and growth priorities including skills required by microbusinesses; • Flexible space to accommodate 'pop-up' financial services, as well as the events, meetings, toddler groups, community groups etc currently accommodated within the library building • A vibrant café / food and beverage offer to drive footfall and create a buzz which puts Manchester Road on the map as a great place to meet and spend time. <p>What has changed?</p> <p>The project has previously been approved to conduct feasibility works to finalise design and viability of creating the facility.</p> <p>These works are now complete and the project will progress to full design. At this stage, the full cost of the project is estimated to be is £9,954k and will be funded by Stocksbridge Town Fund [£8,954k] and funding grant from South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority [£1m]</p> <p>The project budget will be increased by £9,412k</p> <p>Variation type: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget increase 		+9,412

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<p>Funding</p>	<p>Stockbridge Town Fund - £8,954,766 – Formal offer of funding awaited from DLUHC (£542,529 budget already approved from development funding already received for feasibility works)</p> <p>South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) Gainshare Funding - £1,000,000 – Allocated in SYMCA funding programme but awaiting formal offer of funding</p>	
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