

Item: 4

The Orkney Fund Board – 26 September 2025

Budget Statement

1. Overview

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide budget statement for the UK Government's Plan for Neighbourhoods funding received up to 31 August 2025, along with a summary of costs incurred and committed.
- 1.2. Council has so far received:
 - i. £250,000 in 2024/25
 - ii. £200,000 in 2025/26
- 1.3. Costs totalling £86,823 were charged to the Council budget during 2024/25, with a budget residual of £163,177 carried over to the current financial year.

2. Background

- 2.1. In April 2024 the Council received an initial tranche of £50,000 from the UK Government as Town Fund capacity building revenue budget. This was followed by a further tranche of £200,000 received in December of that year. This tranche of funding was transferred to the Council prior to full funding guidelines being issued this financial year. The more recent guidance for the funding offered now uses the name Plan for Neighbourhoods Fund, but the Board has determined to use the name 'The Orkney Fund' locally.
- 2.2. During 2024/25 costs totalling £43,170 were charged to the budget with a further £43,653 of apportioned costs charged by the Council to cover relevant support service costs.
- 2.3. In July 2025, the Board decided to award up to £52,650 for five Local Place Plans. This has been accounted for in the budget table as an estimated figure until exact costs are claimed.
- 2.4. For general Council departmental cost recovery, apportioned costs are agreed to be charged on an annual basis in the Memorandum of Understanding and are transferred from the budget by the Council at the financial year end.

- 2.5. The following table provides a summary statement of annual Government income with summary costs incurred as well as projections of both apportioned costs and the agreed full staff cost for the dedicated Economic Development Officer post.

	2024/25 (actual)	2025/26 (actual/estimated*)
UK Grant income	£250,000	£200,000
Carry over		£163,177
In year budget	£250,000	£363,177
Costs charged to budget	£43,170	£896
Apportioned costs	£43,653	£45,000*
1 FTE Officer costs (incl. NI, LGPS etc)	£0	£52,300*
Funds committed to projects		£52,650*
Total	£86,823	£150,846*
Residual budget	£163,177	£212,331*

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. Board members are requested to note this budget summary statement.

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