

**Subject:** External Funding

**Status:** For Publication

**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011

**Report of:** Head of Health, Housing & Regeneration

**Portfolio**

**Holder:** Regeneration

**Key Decision:** No

Forward Plan  General Exception  Special Urgency

## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the level of new investment and external funding brought into the Borough during 2010/11.

## 2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:-

**A clean and green Rossendale** – creating a better environment for all.

**A healthy and successful Rossendale** – supporting vibrant communities and a strong economy.

**Responsive and value for money local services** – responding to and meeting the different needs of customers and improving the cost effectiveness of services.

## 3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

## 4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 One of the objectives of the Housing and Regeneration Team is to identify opportunities for accessing external funding and also provide support to partner organisations to build up and develop projects which may attract investment.

- 4.2 The table below provides some detail on the funding secured during 2010/2011. Pipeline projects have yet to be confirmed at the time of writing this report.
- 4.3 The ability to attract new funding into the Borough is important and is a demonstration of the fact the Borough is recognised as one which delivers and importantly this funding assists in supporting the key priority of ensuring Rossendale is a healthy and successful place.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Confirmed Projects</b>		
European Regional Development Fund	1,850,000	The development of a Lancashire Innovation Network to encourage businesses to develop new products and ideas and take them forward. (Work undertaken on behalf of Regenerate for a product available across Lancashire).
Social Enterprise Investment Fund	370,000	Developed with Whitworth Elderly & Disabled Care Trust to secure funding to refurbish Sunnyside Rest Home
Communities Local Government (Homes & Communities Agency)	944,000	Development of affordable housing at Rochdale Road, Bacup
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)	5,000	Support for introduction of National Food Hygiene Rating System
Communities Local Government	180,000	To enable joint working between all 12 housing authorities in Lancashire and Children's Social Care for a county wide scheme in relation to homeless 16/17 year olds
Communities Local Government (Homes & Communities Agency)	1,860,000	Completion of Housing Market Renewal Programme
North West Efficiency and Improvement Programme	160,000	Funding to acquire and fit out the mobile advice unit (STAN)
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)	26,577	Funding to support investigations into areas of contaminated land.
<b>Total Confirmed</b>	<b>5,395,577</b>	

<b>Pipeline Projects</b>		
European Regional Development Fund	800,000	Support to Regenerate to develop a bid for Pennine LEAP a High Value Enterprise Programme in Pennine Lancashire
Social Enterprise Investment Fund	360,000	Developed with with Whitworth Elderly & Disabled Care Trust to secure funding to develop Springfield Court, Bacup into a New Dementia Unit.
Arts Council	75,000	A bid to develop a Creative Entrepreneurship Programme to support Creative Industries (digital & media) across Pennine Lancs
Communities Local Government (Homes & Communities Agency)	350,000	Refurbishment of a supported housing project
Communities Local Government (Homes & Communities Agency)	255,000	Affordable Housing at Holly Mount, Rawtenstall
<b>Total Pipeline</b>	<b>1,840,000</b>	

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

##### **5. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

5.1 Any financial implications are commented upon in the body of the report.

##### **6. MONITORING OFFICER**

6.1 Any legal implications are commented upon in the body of the report.

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

7.1 Any HR implications are commented upon in the body of the report.

##### **8. CONCLUSION**

8.1 The Borough Council has successfully sourced external funding to the value of £5,395,577 during 2010/2011. This will result in increased investment directly into Rossendale; improvements to services offered by the Council and increased opportunities for local businesses and its population.

##### **9. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

7.1 That this report be noted.

**10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

10.1 Portfolio Holder

**11. COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Is a Community Impact Assessment required No

Is a Community Impact Assessment attached No

**12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required No

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment attached No

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No background papers