

**EASTWOOD AND KIMBERLEY LEVELLING UP FUND SUBMISSIONS****Report of the Chief Executive****1. Purpose of the Report**

To provide an update to the committee on the bid development, for a later submission to the governments Levelling Up Fund (LUF) for both Eastwood and Kimberley Towns.

**2. Background**

At the November 2020 Jobs and Economy committee, Councillors agreed to the development of two Town Investment Plans for both Eastwood and Kimberley. Following the publication of the LUF prospectus by government, the structure and availability of future funding was confirmed for round one. The deadline for round one was 18 June 2021.

Bids can be submitted for either one project of £20m or a set of up to 3 connected smaller projects totalling £20m. There are 3 themes for these investment bids:

1. Transport investments
2. Urban regeneration and town centre investment
3. Cultural investment

Proposals continue to be developed for both Eastwood and Kimberley that can be submitted for funding into the second round of the LUF programme. As part of the autumn budget, the government announced that round two will open in Spring 2022, with no further announcements on changes to the investment objectives, bid assessment criteria, award levels or deadlines for the programme delivery.

**3. Project Summaries**

Further updates will be provided verbally at the committee meeting.

See Appendix for more details.

**4. Financial Implications**

Social Economic Place Analysis has been agreed by the respective Town Task and Finish Groups, totalling £16,000. Broxtowe could receive up to £40m of investment for Eastwood and Kimberley should both bids be successful.

**Recommendation**

**The Committee is asked to NOTE the report.**

Background Papers: Nil

## APPENDIX

Eastwood

Three core projects are currently prioritised for this bid including;

- **Eastwood Community Hub.** To be ran as a social enterprise similar to that of the Beeston Middle Street Resource Centre. The aim is to create a safe welcoming place for people to come together and enjoy life; where everyone is accepted and a place to receive help and companionship and to give it to others. A place of peace and of comfort, of growing strength and resilience. Space to have a drink and something to eat with new friends.
- **Centrally Located Health Facility.** The creation of a new multiuse building with Doctors surgery, community nursing services, On site pharmacy, Improved library facility, Swimming facilities, Meeting and conference facilities;
- **Improvements to the walking and cycling connectivity.** Introducing a new walking and cycling routes, connecting Eastwood with the Panattoni Park and other employment site. The network could also connect to, a new site which may be available to purchase alongside the A610 on which to create new “green” industrial units. Building on links with Amber Valley, Erewash Canal and wider residential areas within Eastwood, to widen the cross county connectivity routes.

Kimberley

Three core projects are currently prioritised for this bid including;

- **The Central Eco-Business Cultural Park.** Redevelopment of the existing Cricket ground into a centrally located Cultural Park with various outdoor exercise, rest and respite facilities with pond. Creation of a Multi-Purpose Pavilion with offices, conference facilities, business startup, and internet café.
  - **The “Victorianisation” of the Main Street and associated shopping area.** Involving the upgrading of most shop frontages to create an attractive and consistent design language for the town. An improved sense of place with Victorian style covered pavements and wrought iron stanchions, ornate signage and lighting lanterns, improved access from precinct to Main Street shopping via a newly formed copula.
1. **Improvements to the walking and cycling connectivity.** Development of cycle tracks and footpaths, with improvements to connectivity to the national cycle grid. Further connectivity improvements to Bennerley Viaduct, Erewash Canal, onto Nuthall Multi-User path, and then onto Nottingham cycle network. Designation of Cycle safe routes in Kimberley, and link from Kimberley School to Watnall footpath. Secure bike storage in Kimberley.