

Appendix B - Evaluation of options for funding re-allocation

Option 1:

Summary: Funding is rolled over to the ZCC Grant scheme in 2022.

Advantages: Funding remains for the originally intended purposes. Greater scope for project funding in 2022.

Disadvantages: The opportunity to fund further projects this year is lost.

Option 2

Summary: Funding is added to the Community Chest Grant (CCG) provided that the Biodiversity Grant, as proposed by the Sustainable Communities Team within this meeting, is added to the criteria.

Advantages: Similar criteria to already-utilised CCG so no need to set up an additional grant project. More accessible to community groups.

Disadvantages: Funding limit is £2,000 so limits the scope of projects. Harder to monitor measurable 'doubling nature' outcomes.

Option 3

Summary: Funding is redirected into unfunded projects in Round 3 of the GAC. A summary of unfunded projects in Round 3 can be seen in **Appendix C**.

Advantages: Opportunities for unfunded projects to be revisited and awarded funding.

Disadvantages: Rejection letters have been issued which may be incongruous with re-awarding funding.

Option 4

Summary: Funding is returned to council reserves.

Advantages: Funding can be redirected to necessary areas.

Disadvantages: Funding may be diverted away from advancing the Zero Carbon and Doubling Nature Strategies.