

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Delegated Officer Decision – 12 May 2026

Report Title

Authorisation to draw down £150,000 of the Pride in Place Phase 2 capacity funding.

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

Service Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

- Maltby East

Report Summary

The Pride in Place programme will provide up to £20 million investment in Maltby East, financially empowering residents to fund the improvements they want to see in their area.

Government has allocated an initial capacity budget of £150,000. It is intended that this will be used to support the establishment of the programme and the development of a new Neighbourhood Board, in addition to facilitating meaningful community engagement and creating a Regeneration Plan for Maltby East.

This report seeks delegation to draw down the capacity funding to commence the programme.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Service Director for Planning, Regeneration and Transport authorises spend of the £150,000 capacity budget for Maltby East Pride in Place, to support the establishment of the PiP programme and the development of a New Neighbourhood Board. This is alignment with the sub-scheme of delegation that authorises spend within approved budgets subject to the policies, Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules of the Council.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix A Climate Impact Assessment
Appendix B Equalities Impact Assessment

Background Papers

[Pride in Place Programme prospectus - GOV.UK](#)

[Pride in Place Programme: governance and boundary guidance - GOV.UK](#)

[Pride in Place Programme: funding profiles and timelines - GOV.UK](#)

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

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1 Background

- 1.1 The UK Government's Pride in Place fund is a £5 billion, 10-year investment programme aimed at regenerating hundreds of neighbourhoods and high streets across the UK. It empowers local communities by giving them control over how up to £20 million per area is spent to create safer, healthier, and more vibrant communities.
- 1.2 Maltby East is the second area in Rotherham that is set to benefit from up to £20 million from the fund, which will facilitate a decade long programme of investment in the area.
- 1.3 Designed with a grass roots approach, programme investment decisions will be led by Maltby East communities. To facilitate this, a new Neighbourhood Board will be established that is led by local people who represent and serve local priorities. The role of the Council is as the Accountable Body for the fund as well as providing key support to the programme.
- 1.4 The first, essential, stage in the journey is to establish the Neighbourhood Board and agree the local direction for the fund.

2 Key Issues

- 2.1 Once established, the Neighbourhood Board will direct funding decisions, with the Council acting as the Accountable Body for the programme. Until this point, as an interim measure, the Council in partnership with local MP Jake Richards, will commence the programme and lead on recruitment of the Chair and the selection of Board Members. There are costs associated with this work and authorisation is sought to utilise the dedicated capacity fund.
- 2.2 The funding is intended to be used to:-
- support the setup of the programme
 - support the development of the new Neighbourhood Board
 - enable meaningful community engagement
 - work on the development of a Regeneration Plan for Maltby East

3 Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 Do Nothing Option

The delegated officer could choose not to approve the spend which would prevent the programme from being progressed. This option is not recommended as it would inhibit essential investment.

3.2 **Option 1: Use the capacity fund for establishment of the Pride in Place Programme**

It is recommended that the delegated officer authorises the spend of the £150,000 capacity funding in accordance with the Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules of the Council. This will enable work to commence on securing £20 million for investment in Maltby.

4 **Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 Plans for the recruitment of the Neighbourhood Board are being made in consultation with Jake Richards MP, as stipulated by Government.
- 4.2 Consultation on the wider programme will be led by the Neighbourhood Board.

5 **Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 This report provides a record of the decision to utilise capacity funding that will support the initiation of the Pride in Place Programme in Maltby East. The approved workstreams will be progressed throughout 2026/27.
- 5.2 The Chair and Board members will be selected through an open recruitment exercise during March and April 2026.
- 5.3 The deadline to confirm the Neighbourhood Board membership with MHCLG is the 17th of July 2026.

6 **Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct procurement implications associated with the recommendations detailed in this report.
- 6.2 Maltby East is one of 169 neighbourhoods to receive up to £20mil of funding over the next 10 years under Phase 2 of the Government's Pride in Place (PiP) programme. This funding is split 37% revenue and 67% capital, with a profile as below:

Grant type (£000s)	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33	33/34	34/35	35/36	Total
Capital funding	0	120	670	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,460	12,430
Revenue funding	150	270	690	690	770	770	770	770	770	770	770	7,170
Total	150	390	1,360	2,150	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	19,600

These totals are rounded, in line with the Government's website.

This report seeks to drawdown the first tranche of revenue funding of £150k which was awarded in January 2026. In accordance with Government guidelines, this should be spent on supporting local community engagement and the establishment of a Neighbourhood Board. Further detail on how the allocation will be used will be submitted to MHCLG in December as part of the wider PiP plan submission.

For Phase 1, the Council's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) is required to submit an annual statement of grant usage, and the same requirement is expected to apply to Phase 2.

7 Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 As set out in the body of the report, pursuant to Government guidance in relation to the Pride in Place Programme, the Council is the Accountable Body for the funds, and is responsible for setting up the Neighbourhood Board. As such the proposals as described in the report are consistent with the requirements of the Pride in Place funding.

8 Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no HR Implications related to drawing down this funding.

9 Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 Engagement with children, young people and vulnerable adults will be a priority to ensure initiation of the programme meets the needs and addresses the ambitions of these groups.

10 Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 The Pride in Place objectives are centred on building stronger communities, growing stronger economies and constructing greater community influence on decision-making. The capacity revenue funding will provide the resource needed for establishing a process for community-decision making that represents and reach all groups.

10.2 Appendix A, Initial Equality Screening outlines the equalities implications of establishing the programme and the Neighbourhood Board.

11 Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 No notable impacts on carbon emissions are anticipated in establishment of the programme.

11.2 Appendix B, Climate Impact Assessment outlines potential minor impacts in relation to this decision.

12 Implications for Partners

Growth in Rotherham's most deprived areas relies on the shared commitment of all partners. The Pride in Place programme is expected to generate positive benefits for partners involved by creating more opportunities for collaboration and access to funding.

13 Risks and Mitigation

- 13.1 There is a potential risk that the £150,000 budget will not be sufficient to cover the costs of the recruitment and establishment of the Neighbourhood Board, in addition to facilitation of meaningful community engagement and the work which will go towards the development of the Regeneration Plan. This can be mitigated through the development of a cost plan alongside robust financial monitoring to ensure early identification of pressures or unexpected costs that may have arisen.
- 13.2 A key risk relates to meeting government deadlines; with the initial submission of the Neighbourhood Board, boundary, documentation and community engagement plan due on 17 July 2026. To mitigate this, early commencement of the programme has been prioritised. Nevertheless effective ongoing programme management will be required to meet this deadline.

14 Accountable Officers

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