

**CHANDLER'S FORD AND HILTINGBURY LOCAL AREA  
COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday 18 January 2017**

**UPDATE AND ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

**Report of the Local Area Manager**

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**Recommendations**

It is recommended that :

- (1) This Committee allocates the following Developer contributions to the Hocombe Mead board replacement schemes bid: OS F/12/71216 Mr Alf Pink, 82 Lakewood Rd £403.30; OS F/14/74100 Mr Forsyth, 9 Hiltingbury Close £233.98; (for provision of equipment) OS F/14/74100 Mr Forsyth, 9 Hiltingbury Close, £713.04; OS O/08/63658 Mr A Young, 116 Park Road £1460.22; OS F/14/74100 Mr Forsyth 9 Hiltingbury Close £1,309.73 OS F/14/74177 Hamton Homes, 127 Kingsway £3,331.45 (purchase and installation of boards);
- (2) This Committee allocates £2,000 from its revenue reserve as partnership funding for Park Sport and Summer of Sport 2017;
- (3) This Committee allocates £500 from its revenue reserve to ThinkSafe 2017;
- (4) This Committee allocates £1,864.92 to underwrite the cost of no.2 plant towers and no.4 hanging baskets for 2017 from its revenue reserve and that the Local Area Manager explores partnership and sponsorship funding for these; and
- (5) That all proposed licenses or transfers of public amenity space and EBC land in the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury local area, which are managed by the Local Area Committee, are brought before a Member working group to seek approval and a list of such land that is currently held under licence be provided to this Committee at a working group.

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**Summary**

This report notes matters agreed by Members at their working group meetings and invites the approval of the allocation of available funds to schemes.

**Statutory Powers**

**S137 Local Government Act**

## **Introduction**

1. Members of this Committee hold regular progress meetings to consider schemes and urgent matters in the local area that meet corporate and local priorities. They examine available resources and allocate these, where appropriate.

## **Hocombe Mead, board replacement**

2. The boardwalks at this popular local resource have become worn and in need of replacement. The area is maintained by EBC and a local volunteer group. Emergency works were undertaken to repair to a safe standard and a bid to Veolia for funding for complete replacement. This bid had to go in quickly in order, if successful, to enable work to be done prior to the better weather when the area becomes more highly used.
3. The bid required matched funding of 20% (£7K) from this Committee. The total bid is for a further £28K which will include tools and equipment for the volunteers who support much of the work at this site. Developer contributions were identified that would provide this which Members agreed at their working group meeting in November 2016.
4. This report invites Members to formalise the allocation of the contributions as seen at recommendation (1) above

## **Park Sport 2017**

5. This Committee supported Park Sport last year which successfully engaged young people in positive activities during the summer break. All the activities were at nil (swimming) or minimal cost (booking fees only) and had the possibility to lead to ongoing participation. In addition, adults were provided with a programme of taster events ('Summer of Sport') to encourage a healthy lifestyle and promote wellbeing. The reports of these can be found on the Eastleigh Borough Council website.
6. Members were impressed by the positive outcomes and, in accordance with the discussions at the working group, are invited to allocate £2,000 to the activities for summer 2017.

## **ThinkSafe 2017**

7. 2016 again saw a successful partnership event provided for children from Eastleigh to learn skills to keep them safe in many life situations. These include dealing with risks in the home, around water, fire, roads and animals. The cost of the event is kept as low as possible with partnership and sponsorship funding. Members are invited to approve a contribution to this event of £500 for 2017.

## **Plant towers and hanging baskets**

8. This Committee has funded two plant towers and 4 hanging baskets in the local area. These popular items are considered an enhancement to the environment for local residents and, from feedback, improve the feeling of wellbeing for the community.
9. Members have agreed that they should be funded (at a cost of £1,864.92, including maintenance and watering) for the forthcoming year but have requested that the Local Area Manager explores sponsorship and partnership opportunities.

## **Public amenity space/land licences and transfers into private ownership**

10. Concerns have arisen where requests for transfer of ownership or granting of licences for publicly owned land currently within the management of the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury Local Area Committee have conflicted with previously expressed wishes of this Committee. This has led, in some cases, to conflict and legal action. At its recent working group, Members determined that in order to ensure a Local First perspective, continuity and consistency are maintained, all such proposals should come to Members at a working group, prior to a decision.
11. Additionally, Members requested an up to date list of all existing licences in the locality.

## **Financial Implications**

12. This Committee has funds available to cover the cost of the identified schemes.

## **Risk Assessment**

13. Without the funding, the schemes would not be able to progress.

## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

14. The Equality Act is not relevant to the decision in this report as the decision does not relate to eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity, or fostering good relations between different people. An Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out.

## **Conclusion**

15. This report notes considerations of key schemes in the local area and invites Members of this Committee to allocate available funding to them.

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D**

The following is a list of documents which disclose facts or matters on which this report or an important part of it is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. This list does not include any published works or documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information.

None.