

# CHANDLERS FORD LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday 6 June 2018

## LOCAL AREA MANAGERS REPORT INCLUDING ITEMS FROM WORKING GROUP

### Report of the Local Area Manager

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#### Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that

- (1) £2,000 is allocated to fund Park Sport 2018 from this Committee's reserves;
- (2) This Committee endorses the allocation of £335 from this Committee's contingency budget to the replacement of a bin in Alexandra Road, Chandler's Ford;
- (3) The allocation of £33.40 from developer contributions available for street furniture items is noted; and
- (4) £463 is allocated to the already allocated sum of £300 (total £763) to fund new and replacement signs for active Neighbourhood Watch groups in Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury.

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#### Summary

This report gives details of matters requiring expenditure relating to the work of this Committee.

#### Statutory Powers

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 i.e. the Local Authority's general power of competence, including power to act for the benefit of its area or persons resident or present in its area.

#### Introduction

1. The Local Area Manager commissions work on behalf of this Committee to the benefit of local residents and the community

## **Park Sport/Summer of Sport 2018**

2. This Committee has again been requested to contribute to the funding of the hugely popular Park Sport programme. The cost to the Committee for the 2018 programme will remain the same as last year (£2,000) as external sponsorship for the event is going to plan.
3. The skate jam element is to be altered in the light of feedback from parents and young users. Instead of the large 'jam' in each of the five local areas (which often attracted many experienced users who went to each of the five) there will be two such events (one in the north of the Borough at Freespace and one in the south – to be confirmed) and then three coaching events in other areas including Hildingbury. Chandler's Ford parents felt they would have liked a more tutored experience for their children who are just starting out in these activities. The programme hence will increase the variety on offer.
4. The team also advised that the adult event 'Summer of Sport' which aims to encourage adults into activities (funded by Sport England) will focus on encouraging participation in taster sessions on local outdoor spaces (to help overcome the reluctance of entering a sports venue). Some of these will take place whilst the children's events are happening, to develop the idea of active families.
5. As ever, all sports and activities within the programmes have routes into ongoing participation within a sensible local distance.

## **Replacement Bin**

6. A dog waste bin on Alexander Road with a severely broken lid was reported by a member of the public. The bin was well used and often overflowing. The matter arose when there was a particularly warm spell of weather and unpleasant aromas were coming from the bin.
7. The local area manager authorised an emergency replacement bin (lids cannot be purchased separately). The new bin is a dual function so can also be used for non-dog waste.
8. The local area manager has arranged for a presentation to a future member working group to enable understanding of and planning for the need for new/replacement bins throughout the area.

## **Anti-fly-tipping signs**

9. The local engagement officers (LEOs) have recently been making use of anti-dog fouling signs across the Borough. These are proving to be effective in discouraging fouling.
10. The team wishes to trial and monitor the effectiveness of similar signs to deter fly-tipping. This Committee has allocated £33.40 towards a pair of signs from developer contributions allocated to such street 'furniture'. The LEOs have

been asked to feedback on their effectiveness and on locations where they have been utilised.

### **Neighbourhood Watch signs**

11. At its meeting in March 2018 this Committee allocated up to £300 which it thought would be adequate for the provision of new or replacement signs for active Neighbourhood Watch groups. The Borough's Neighbourhood Watch group undertook a survey of all its groups to identify those still active and asked them to provide details of signs that need replacing.
12. The good news is that CFH has a large number of active groups. There is however an attendant need for a large number of signs and the total to provide overlays for 52 as well as 11 new signs will total £763. Members are therefore requested to allocate an additional £463 to this scheme from developer contributions available to this committee (subject to the receipt of the appropriate grant forms and prior removal of all redundant signs).

### **Financial Implications**

13. Funding is available from within existing budgets for these items.

### **Risk Assessment**

14. The recommendations are minor projects and carry a very low or zero risk to the Council.

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

15. 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. However, Park Sport provides enhanced equality of opportunity for young people to participate in activities in their local area which may otherwise be unattainable due either to distance or cost. Summer of Sport encourages women to participate in physical activity in which they are often underrepresented. Both schemes actively seek to increase participation by disabled people.

### **16. Corporate Plan Objectives**

These schemes contribute to the corporate plan objectives of Local First, Healthy Community and Green Borough (excellent environment for all).

### **Conclusion**

17. The schemes above contribute to local and corporate priorities and needs.

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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.