

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

23 July 2018

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Report of the Local Area Manager

Recommendations

It is recommended that this Committee:

- (1) approves a contribution of £300 towards the Community Games to be held at Moorgreen Recreation Ground;
 - (2) approves funding of £2,119 for the hardstanding at Waterbeech Drive adjacent to properties 12 – 18; and
 - (3) approves funding of £1,500 for the repair of the Bird's Nest Tree play structure at Itchen Valley Country Park.
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Summary

The recommended funding will support projects which meet identified local needs. The projects will also contribute to the achievement of corporate priorities.

Statutory Powers

Section 1 Localism Act 2011

Strategic Implications

1. The proposed projects contribute to the Council's strategic priorities especially in relation to Enabling Healthier Lifestyles and Wellbeing by encouraging people to use country parks and to take part in the Community Games for physical activity and mental wellbeing. All of the projects are based on local need and are therefore in accordance with the Local First project.

Community Games

2. The Community Games is a popular annual event featuring sporting activities and the ever popular "kids versus kops" rounders match. The Games will be staged this year on 15 August at Moorgreen Recreation Ground.

3. The Games are free of charge and food is provided at a discounted price. West End Parish Council organise the Games and donate staff time and facility hire in kind.
4. The Hedge End, West End and Botley Youth Partnership has approved a grant of £300 to cover some of the costs and it is recommended that this Committee provides match funding.
5. Councillors are therefore requested to approve expenditure of £300 from the local initiatives revenue budget.

Waterbeech Drive

6. This Committee approved expenditure for a feasibility study to determine whether hard standing could be created to resolve the problem of vehicles overrunning the verge opposite those properties numbered 12 – 18 Waterbeech Drive and to improve access for emergency vehicles.
7. The study revealed that ownership of the land in question could not be determined but the scope of the works was approved by Hampshire Highways. There were also 2 manholes within the strip of land which required replacement. It was agreed that none of the existing trees needed to be removed and that Hampshire Highways would replace any damaged kerb stones.
8. The Council's Direct Services team can carry out this work at a cost of £2,119. This can be afforded from this Committee's small engineering works revenue budget and Councillors are therefore requested to approve this funding.

Play Equipment at Itchen Valley Country Park

9. The Birds' Nest Tree play structure at Itchen Valley Country Park is currently out of action. The suppliers, Wicksteed have provided a quote to repair the Nest totalling £1,500.
10. This play structure is very popular and early repair is needed to ensure that it is available for the majority of the forthcoming school holidays.
11. Councillors are therefore requested to approve expenditure of £1,500 from this Committee's revenue budget.

Financial Implications

12. All of the recommended funding streams can be afforded using this Committee's revenue budget.

Risk Assessment

13. There is a risk that there may be some remedial work required to the hardstanding in Waterbeech Drive in future years but this is not considered to be onerous given the current budgets and especially as the work can be

carried out in-house. There is a reputational risk if the play equipment at Itchen Valley Country Park is not repaired. Also if funding is not allocated, there is a risk that some of the Council's corporate and local priorities will not be met.

Equality and Diversity Implications

14. The Equality Act is most relevant to the Community Games as the project relates to eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations between different people. An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out by West End Parish Council.

Conclusion

15. The Committee is asked to approve the recommendations as outlined.

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Appendices Attached: None

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D

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