

CHANDLER'S FORD AND HILTINGBURY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday 12th September 2018

LOCAL AREA MANAGER'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING FROM MEMBER WORKING GROUPS

Report of the Local Area Manager

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that:

- (1) A grant of £500 is allocated from this Committee's Community Grants fund to Young People's/Eastleigh Counselling Service to enable counselling for young people in the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury Area.
 - (2) £2,345 (£2,170 if purchased with those at recommendation (3), below) is utilised from developer contributions to fund 7 new dual function bins for the North Millers Dale estate.
 - (3) £8,680 is utilised from developer contributions to fund 28 new bins across the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury local area.
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Summary

This report details projects in the local area that require consideration by this Committee and identifies funding for them.

Statutory Powers

Localism Act 2011 and Environmental Protection Act 1990

Introduction

1. This Local Area Committee considers request for funding for projects that benefit local residents, businesses and visitors. It has access to funds which it is empowered to allocate to such schemes.

Grant for Counselling Services

2. This Committee has a fund available for community grants. An application has been received from the Young People's/Eastleigh Counselling Service to assist with the costs of providing a service in this local area.
3. The service supports significant numbers of Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury young people with their mental health and wellbeing. Mental health and access to support is a significant area of concern with applications for counselling outstripping available services. Such support, when available, provides benefits to the whole family as well as reducing problems in schools and the wider community.
4. The grant application form, together with supporting documentation, can be seen at appendices I – 6 to this report.
5. Additional information which arrived after the application form is included at appendix 14.

Replacement bins

6. At its Member working group meeting in June 2018, Members considered the need for additional and replacement bins to serve the North Millers Dale and Scantabout estates. Maps are attached at appendices 6 – 12 to this report.
7. Following advice from the Council's Streetscene team it was agreed that a proposal to fund the installation of 7 dual function, 112 litre capacity bins should be brought to this Committee for consideration. The funding is available from a developer contributions 'pot' previously allocated for street furniture.
8. At its Member working group meeting in July 2018, Members considered a further report on the location, usage and need for bins across the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury area. The report is attached at appendix 13 of this report.
9. Where possible bins are now dual function and floor mounted. Post mounted bins are only installed where space makes floor mounting an obstruction.
10. The criteria for replacement are where bins are falling apart, tatty or where post mounted have slipped.
11. Following advice from the Council's Direct Services manager it was agreed that a proposal to fund the installation of 28 replacement bins should be brought to this Committee for consideration.
12. The cost of replacement bins is significantly reduced when a larger number is purchased and installed at one time. The cost to replace and install per bin for a small number is £335 per bin. The cost to replace drops to £310 per bin for an order exceeding 19 units. This would also mean the 7 North Millers Dale and Scantabout bin costs would also be reduced from £2,345 to £2,170.

13. The advantage of this wholesale replacement would be the enhancement of the local environment both visually and because there is a belief that smart and tidy bins are more likely to be used than those which appear somewhat unsavoury.

Financial Implications

14. Money for these schemes is available from capital and revenue funds available to this Committee.

Risk Assessment

15. If no grant funding was available for the counselling service the Organisation would be unable to afford the hire of rooms in the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury area. This would reduce access to the service for local families.
16. Failure to provide adequate bins would reduce the quality of life, health and wellbeing of local residents due to the environmental impact of dog and litter waste on this community.

Equality and Diversity Implications

17. The Equality Act is relevant to the decision in this report as the decision relates to eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity, or fostering good relations between different people in the following ways: young people who have no personal access to transport will be enabled to have support for their mental wellbeing within easy access of their home or school in a service specifically designed for young people and from counsellors professionally trained to work with this age group. Families on lower incomes without cars will also be able to ensure their children have access to this service without the need to find funds for transport.
18. The decision to fund replacement bins will support good relations between neighbours who do and do not have dogs by keeping the area clean and tidy. It will do this by ensuring that those who have less access to cars, who may be less able to walk long distances or go far from home (either for reasons of limited mobility or mental health) are able to enjoy the health and wellbeing impact of outdoor spaces close to home. A full Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has not been carried out, because while there are some equalities impacts, it is not proportionate to carry out a full EIA.

Corporate Plan Objectives

19. The proposals both meet the Corporate plan objective of supporting a Healthy Community by encouraging physical or mental wellbeing. The bins meet the objective of creating a Green Borough which is clean, attractive and provides for the social and recreational needs of the community.

Conclusion

20. The schemes meet corporate objectives and the needs of the local community. Funds are available to this Committee to enable the schemes to go ahead.

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Appendices Attached: 13

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.

Corporate Plan