

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

1 October 2018

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Report of the Local Area Manager

Recommendations

It is recommended that this Committee:

- (1) approves a contribution of £300 towards the Week of Action during October half term;
 - (2) approves funding of £5,161 for the installation of entrance barriers at Hedge End Train Station
 - (3) approves funding of £1,733 for the dropped kerb crossing at Downscroft Gardens; and
 - (4) notes the Chair's approval for emergency repair works of £392 for the boardwalk behind Berrywood School.
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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 young people to take part in the Week of Action for physical activity and mental wellbeing. The Downscroft Gardens' crossing will encourage the use of sustainable forms of transport. All of the projects are based on local need and are therefore in accordance with the Local First project.

Week of Action

2. At the recent Hedge End, West End and Botley (HEWEB) Youth Partnership, the Chair, PC Jason Steel discussed an initiative led by Hampshire Constabulary. This initiative is called a Week of Action and it will involve a programme of leisure activities for young people during the forthcoming October half term.
3. Members of the Youth Partnership will be providing their facilities in kind and a grant application to the Partnership requesting £300 will also be submitted to cover some of the costs. It is therefore recommended that this Committee provides match funding.
4. Councillors are therefore requested to approve expenditure of £300 from the youth initiatives' revenue budget.

Hedge End Train Station

5. The train station car park is a "devolved" facility to the HEWEB Local Area Committee. As such the Committee is responsible for income generation and costs associated with the facility. For example, recently the car park lights were replaced and painting of the entrance ramps was undertaken.
6. In order to ensure that the car park regulations regarding usage are enforced, it is recommended that entrance height restriction barriers are installed.
7. An initial estimate has been provided by the Council's Direct Services team of £5,161.
8. Further consultation is required with the Council's Planning Team; the catering concessionaire and South Western Railway before final location details can be agreed. However this Committee is asked to approve funding by allocating this developer's contribution:-

DC F/1576668 30 Bursledon Road, Hedge End £5161.46. Received 07/09/15

Downscroft Gardens

9. The footpath linking Turnpike Way to the Hedge End Retail Parks requires a dropped kerb crossing at Downscroft Gardens .This will enable better access for cyclists and pedestrians especially those with prams/buggies and shopping trolleys and people with disabilities.
10. Councillors are requested to approve funding of £1,733 to enable the completion of this scheme by allocating the following developer's contribution:-

DC F/09/64996 Kingsbridge Property Development, 41 Wildern Lane, Hedge End. £1,733.48. Received 08/06/09.

Berrywood Boardwalk

11. The boardwalk behind Berrywood School was in need of urgent repair as several planks of wood had rotted. These have now been replaced and the Boardwalk is fully open.
12. Given the urgency of these works, the Chair has approved expenditure from this Committee's revenue budget of £392 and Councillors are asked to note this approval.

Financial Implications

13. All of the recommended funding streams can be afforded using this Committee's revenue budget and developers' contributions where stated.

Risk Assessment

14. There is a reputational and financial risk if the barriers are not installed at the train station. Also if funding is not allocated for the other projects, the Council's corporate and local priorities will not be met.

Equality and Diversity Implications

15. The Equality Act is most relevant to the Week of Action initiative as the project relates to eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations between different people. An Equality Impact Assessment will be carried out by the members of the HEWEB Youth Partnership. The improved crossing point at Downscroft Gardens will assist a significant number of people within the community as stated.

Conclusion

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

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Appendices Attached:	None

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