

# CHANDLER'S FORD AND HILTINGBURY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 17 October 2018

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

### Report of the Local Area Manager

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#### Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that

- (1) A grant of £500 is allocated from this Committee's Community Grants fund to Solent Youth Action to enable the Organisation to establish a band for young people with learning disabilities who attend the youth group which operates in the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury Area.
  - (2) The two traffic studies for the 2018/2019 period for which funds are allocated in this committee's budget, be conducted i) in the North Millers Dale estate and ii) in Shaftesbury Avenue and Keeble Road.
  - (3) The priority traffic study for consideration for funding from existing revenue resources to be a comprehensive review of cycle routes and linkages in the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury local area.
  - (4) This Committee endorses the Member working group recommendation that no community orchard be planted at Cuckoo Bushes.
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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

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Localism Act 2011

## **Strategic Implications**

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

## **Introduction**

2. 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 Solent Youth Action**

3. This Committee has a fund available for community grants. An application has been received from Solent Youth Action to assist with the costs of setting up a band for young people with learning disabilities who attend a group situated in the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury local area. The proposed project is a specific request of young users of the group.
4. The service supports young people, including those from Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury. Such support provides benefits to wellbeing of the whole family, thus reducing the need for other services and providing benefit to the wider community.
5. The grant application form can be seen at appendix I to this report.

## **Traffic studies 2018/2019**

6. At its Member working group meeting in September 2018, Members considered the locations for the two traffic studies it has budget for.
7. Following advice from the Council's engineers, it was agreed that this year the two locations should be the North Millers Dale estate and secondly the Shaftesbury Avenue and Keeble Road area.
8. Members were invited to prioritise areas which would benefit from additional one-off corporate funding for traffic studies. The working group accordingly prioritised a comprehensive review of cycle routes and linkages (or lack thereof) between them across the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury area.
9. It was noted that in the above study, particular focus to be given to Hiltingbury Road, Winchester Road, Bournemouth Road, Hursley Road, Oakmount Road and Leigh Road (with the emphasis being finding off road alternatives).

## **Cuckoo Bushes community planting**

10. At the Member working group in September 2018 Members received a report giving advice in respect of planting a community orchard at the Cuckoo Bushes site. It was noted that the site was not suitable for such planting due

to issues of drainage and canopy cover which would not permit the survival of fruit trees.

11. Following this advice, Members recommended that no such planting take place at this location.
12. Members also noted that the parish council was looking into possible community planting/orchard schemes. It was felt that the outcome of the parish's deliberations should be awaited, although there was in principle support for such schemes.
13. Members noted their concerns regarding the general condition of Cuckoo Bushes and have requested further information on its maintenance and funding be brought to a future working group.

### **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 band service the Organisation would be unable to provide this service.

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

16. 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 learning disabilities will be enabled to have support for their mental wellbeing through participation in creating a band, which they have requested.
17. The decision to fund traffic studies assists those with least access to private cars, usually children, young people, disabled persons, older people and those on lower incomes 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.

## **Conclusion**

18. 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: 1

### **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