

CHANDLER'S FORD AND HILTINGBURY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 16 January 2019

LOCAL AREA MANAGER'S REPORT AND ITEMS FROM MEMBER WORKING GROUP INCLUDING LOCAL AREA ACTION PLAN 2019/20

Report of the Local Area Manager

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that

- (1) The Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury Local Area Action Plan 2019/20 shown in Appendix 1 is approved for adoption and publication.
 - (2) £1276 is allocated from this Committee's contingency budget to fund the repairs to the solar lighting at Peverells Wood/Constantine Avenue.
 - (3) This committee allocates up to £2000 from its reserves to provide flower towers and hanging baskets in 2019 and that the Local Area Manager seeks sponsorship contributions for these.
 - (4) This committee approves the fees and charges as shown in Appendix 2.
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Summary

This report identifies items for decision and monies to fund schemes. It also presents key strategic priorities for the coming year in the form of the Local Area Action Plan.

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.

Strategic Implications

1. This report seeks to address all of the key objectives in the Corporate Plan.

Local area action plan

2. The Council has agreed a set of Borough-wide objectives to improve quality of life for all. These are set out in the Corporate Plan 2015-25. The Council also seeks to enable decisions to be made at the most appropriate local level, mostly notably through the five Local Area Committees but also through our town and parish councils and other more local partnerships.
3. The Local Area Committee approves a Community Investment Programme (CIP), which lists all the local projects and initiatives that the Local Area Committee and Parishes would like to deliver in the short, medium and long term. The list is used to negotiate section 106 contributions from developers. These funds often need to be pooled from up to five developments and may need to be collected over several years in order to achieve sufficient project budget.
4. All five Local Area Committees are now seeking to set out a shorter-term list of priorities for the coming year and the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury Local Area Action Plan 2019/2020 is given in Appendix 1. The Plan will be used to determine budgets and staff resources as part of the Council's annual business planning cycle.
5. Local Area Councillors and the Cabinet have been consulted on the draft Plan and it is now recommended that the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury Local Area Action Plan 2019/20 be approved for adoption and publication, subject to minor formatting changes.

Solar lantern replacements

6. Following a report from members of the public it was drawn to the attention of the Council that the solar lamps at Peverells Wood/Constantine Avenue are broken. A specialist was required to inspect the damage and provide an estimate to repair. This was at a cost of £90 (plus VAT). The repair requires new solar lanterns which will cost £1186 to supply and fit. This will take three to four weeks from the order being placed. It is requested that Members authorise the repair using the contingency fund available for such unplanned works.

Planters and hanging baskets

7. Members are invited to allocate funds to provide two plant towers and 12 hanging baskets to enhance the quality of life, sense of wellbeing and commercial attractiveness in the local area. The Local Area Manager is seeking sponsorship towards this provision. Funds would be allocated from the Committee's reserve.

Fees and charges

8. Members discussed the proposed increase in cemetery charges at a recent working group. Any variation from the fees outlined at Appendix 2 would be the funding responsibility of this committee. Members requested that a recommendation to approve the fees, as shown, be brought to the Local Area Committee meeting for decision.

Financial Implications

9. The projects in this report can be funded from monies available to this Committee.

Risk Assessment

10. The plant towers and solar lamp replacements could not take place if monies are not allocated to these projects.

Equality and Diversity Implications

The Equality Act is relevant to the decisions in this report as the decisions relates to eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity, or fostering good relations between different people. 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

11. The report presents the draft Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury Local Area Action Plan shown in Appendix 1 and the cemetery fees and charges for approval shown at Appendix 2. It also presents projects for funding which will be of benefit to the wellbeing of local area residents.

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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.

Background Papers – Eastleigh Borough Council Corporate Plan 2015-20