

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

4 March 2019

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Report of the Local Area Manager

Recommendations

It is recommended that this Committee approves:

- (1) funding of £5,500 as a contribution towards the Young People's Wellbeing Service;**
- (2) funding of £2,000 for Park Sport 2019;**
- (3) funding of up to £19,392 from this Committee's reserves to match fund the Assistant Local Area Manager's position for one year;**
- (4) funding of £4,200 for nine flower towers;**
- (5) the renewal of the service level agreement for Friday Night Football at Botley Recreation Ground for a further 24 months with funding of £2,130 per year;**
- (6) the allocation of developers' contributions of £3,430.92 for the purchase of ten litter bins at Itchen Valley Country Park;**
- (7) the allocation of developers' contributions of £29,893.97 to assist with the kitchen project at Boorley Park's new community centre;**
- (8) the allocation of a developer's contribution of £700 for an access gate onto Cutbush Lane Playing Fields;**
- (9) the allocation of the developer's contribution of £20,526 as a contribution towards the kitchen project at the Hedge End Youth and Community Association (HEYCA) building; and**
- (10) the allocation of the developer's contribution of £5,000 for the upgrade of the boardwalk behind Berrywood School.**

Summary

The recommended funding will support projects which meet identified local needs. The projects will also contribute to the achievement of corporate priorities. Councillors are requested to approve this funding as recommended.

Statutory Powers

Section 1 Localism Act 2011 and Section 151 of the Local Government Act

Strategic Implications

1. The projects will assist the Council in achieving its corporate aims. In particular, the work of the Young People's Wellbeing Service will help to encourage healthier lifestyles and the Park Sport and Friday Night Football projects are also providing different opportunities to enhance young people's health. The "Wellness Café" will also provide a facility whereby health, both mental and physical, can be enhanced. The new kitchen and resulting café at Boorley Park will have similar social objectives. Provision of an access gate at Cutbush Lane will also provide opportunities for visitors to spend time outside their homes enjoying this open space.
2. The provision of litter bins at Itchen Valley Country Park will help with the corporate aim of keeping the environment clean and the upgrade of the boardwalk behind Berrywood School will assist with both the healthy lifestyles' aim and increasing the use of sustainable transport. The flower towers will enhance the environments within the shopping centres.
3. All of these projects are based on local need and are therefore in accordance with the Local First project.

Young People's Wellbeing Service

4. The Young People's Wellbeing Service (YPWS) incorporates the Teenage Drop-In Centre (TADIC) at Hedge End and Hamble and Eastleigh Youth Counselling. It provides a valued and quality service for local young people.
5. The Young People's Wellbeing Service is based at the Hedge End Medical Centre. Weekly sessions are held at the Centre and also additional provision is offered at Wildern School.
6. The stated objectives of the charity are to provide the following for young people:-
 - A confidential and accessible service.
 - An opportunity to discuss all aspects of daily living
 - The knowledge to empower them to make informed choices regarding their own physical, emotional and sexual health.
7. This provision is operated by a dedicated team of health specialists including doctors, sexual health nurses and counsellors as well as support services provided by a voluntary administration team. The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees.

8. A rolling 12 month service level agreement was established between Eastleigh Borough Council, Hedge End Town Council and YPWS which sets out the agreed service level in return for funding of £11,000. This funding is split equally between the two councils.
9. As part of this service level agreement, both councils receive six monthly reports which detail the number of visits and the reasons for the client's visit. Councillors have received the latest report which shows that there were 401 visits between April – September 2018. The service is primarily used by females, aged 17-18.
10. The service level agreement also includes a requirement to provide data using the postcodes of clients. This data reveals that 62% of clients live in Hedge End and a further 10% live in West End and Botley respectively. The current service level agreement is due to end on 31 March 2019.
11. Hedge End Town Council has indicated that the draft budget for 2019/20 contains funding for a further 12 months of £5,500 and it is recommended that this Committee continues to match fund with the Town Council for April 2019 to March 2020 with a review of this agreement in 6 months, ie, in October 2019.

Park Sport

12. The Council's Park Sport scheme is well established and provides activities for 8 -16 year olds in the Summer holidays. It is heavily reliant upon sponsorship and all of the five local area committees have provided funding in the past.
13. In 2018, the Town Council and Parish Councils provided their facilities free of charge. These facilities were Moorgreen Recreation Ground; the D.@art Centre; Woodhouse Lane tennis courts; Greta Park; Cutbush Lane Recreation Ground and Norman Rodaway Recreation Ground. 323 attendances were registered for 33 sessions. 25 free swimming sessions were also offered at Wildern Leisure Centre.
14. The Skate Jam session at Woodhouse Lane attracted approximately 100 young people. This session was run by a professional company, Team Extreme and involved competitions for skateboarders, BMX cyclists, Inline skaters and scooters. The only other skate jam in the Borough happened at Project Freespace.
15. Friday Night Football continues to be extremely popular at Botley Recreation Ground with an average of 35 young people attending the five summer sessions.
16. It is recommended that this Committee continues to support this popular initiative by providing £2,000 towards the funding of activities within HEWEB.

Funding for the Assistant Local Area Manager's position

17. Councillors will recall that the Assistant Local Area Manager's position was created to assist with the backlog and scope of work in the HEWEB and Eastleigh (ELAC) local areas. The Assistant Local Area Manager's time is split equally between the two local areas with the HEWEB Local Area Manager providing line management to ensure that the workload is co-ordinated.
18. The assistance and achievements of the Assistant Local Area Manager have been greatly appreciated by Councillors and the respective Local Area Managers. Consequently an extension of this secondment is proposed for another year as a minimum.
19. This internal secondment was funded from the Council's Transition Fund until July 2019. This Fund has now been spent and therefore any extension of the secondment must be funded by the two Committees currently and therefore a contribution from this Committee's reserves of up to £19,392 is recommended. This represents 50% of the total cost of the post including on-costs. The ELAC Local Area Manager will be making a similar recommendation for match funding to the Eastleigh Local Area Committee.

Flower Towers

20. Historically this Committee has funded nine flower towers for use within the shopping centres in Hedge End, West End and Botley. Each centre is allocated three towers.
21. Following discussions with local Councillors, it was felt that this expenditure should continue to be allocated for this use because of the positive effect that the towers have in these areas which are at the heart of the community.
22. Consequently, funding from the Committee's revenue budget of £4,200 is requested.

Friday Night Football in Botley

23. The Service Level Agreement (SLA) for Friday Night Football is due to expire on 31 March 2019. This agreement is based on the provision of weekly football sessions for 10 -19 year olds at Botley Recreation Ground.
24. As part of the SLA, Botley provides the facility free of charge; the Borough Council's Health and Wellbeing Specialist manages the project and this Committee allocates £2,000 per year to partially cover the football coaches' costs and replacement equipment.
25. These sessions remain extremely popular with an average attendance of 50 young people.
26. Committee members have expressed the view that the current cost of £1 per head must not be increased. However with costs increasing, there is now a funding gap of over £1,000 per year.

27. Friday Night Football was discussed at Botley Parish's Full Council meeting on 8 January 2019. It was acknowledged that there may be a funding gap which the Parish Council might have to consider funding.
28. Following a meeting with the Local Area Manager, the Parish Clerk has agreed to seek funding of £1,000 from the Parish Council's youth budget.
29. It is also proposed that the Parish Clerk, Health and Wellbeing Specialist and the Local Area Manager meet to complete a new service level agreement for April 2019 – March 2021.
30. Councillors are asked to approve funding of £2,130 for two years to support this project.

Litter Bins

31. The Country Parks Visitor Services Manager has reported that ten dog bins located at Itchen Valley Country Park are beyond their useful life. The proposal is to replace these with dual use bins and also to include an additional dual use bin towards the front of the park.
32. It is recommended that the following developers' contribution is allocated:-

**OSO/09/65168 Mr Ian Stovold, Cayton, 10 The Drove, West End
Receipt Date:19/07/2013 £242.56**

**OSF/12/71710 Paris Smith LLP, Land r/o Havana, Landor & Clovelly,
Kanes Hill, Southampton. Receipt Date: 31/10/2013 £3,188.36**

Boorley Park

33. Following discussions at the Boorley Green Working Group, it emerged that Botley Parish Council had identified a list of required fixtures and fittings for the community centre and sports pavilion at Boorley Park which totalled in excess of £100,000.
34. The Section 106 agreement for Boorley Park only provides for the construction of these two buildings and as a result it was agreed that this Committee's current developers' contributions would be reviewed to determine whether funding could be identified to conform to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) requirements.
35. The following funding is therefore recommended for the kitchen project within the Boorley Park community centre:-

**F/17/80382 Imperial Homes South, Braxells Farm, Winchester Road,
Botley £29,893.97**

Access to Cutbush Lane Playing Fields

36. Last year, West End Parish Council received a request from a resident of Atlantic Park View for disabled access onto Cutbush Lane Playing Fields when the facility is not open. The resident's husband is a wheelchair user and the playing fields provide a local flat area which they can safely visit whilst taking their dog for a walk. As an interim measure, the Parish Council has issued the residents with a key to the main gate.
37. The costs to install an accessible gate would be approximately £700 plus staff costs.
38. The Parish Council has indicated that their grounds maintenance staff could install the gate if the £700 could be identified within this Committee's developers' contributions. As a result, it is recommended that the following is allocated:-

OSF/12/71412 Mr S Taylor (HGS Developments Ltd) 1 Charmwen Crescent, West End Receipt Date: 28/11/2012 £700 PART

Hedge End Youth and Community Association (HEYCA)

39. This Committee has allocated funding towards a programme of renovation and refurbishment at the HEYCA building in Hedge End. Specifically this funding contributed to the upgrade of the roof and drainage system. These works have been completed and the building is now water tight.
40. One of the next priority projects as identified by local councillors is to upgrade the kitchen for the benefit of all users. In particular, there is a proposal for a new community project, with the working title of, "wellness café", which the Borough Council and Hedge End Town Council are keen to support.
41. The "wellness café" will provide opportunities for local residents to socialise with others. All ages will be welcomed and guest speakers on a range of subjects will be invited as the programme is developed.
42. Local councillors are well aware of residents who have become socially isolated due to different circumstances and this project aims to benefit these people in particular.
43. It is recommended that councillors approve the allocation of the following developer's contribution:-

F/15/76447 Kingsgate, Home Farm, St John's Road, Hedge End. £20,526

Boardwalk, behind Berrywood School, Hedge End

44. The walking/cycling route leading from Locke Road to Billington Gardens is popular with local residents. It is also due to become the walk to school route for the new Deer Park School.

45. Ward councillors will be aware that the existing boardwalk is rapidly deteriorating. It is being continually repaired by the Council's Direct Services team at a cost to this Committee.
46. The current boardwalk is made of wood which is rotting. It is proposed to replace the entire boardwalk with a composite material which will not splinter, split or rot. In fact there will be little maintenance required.
47. This product also has a warranty for ten years and the supplier's literature states that it is slip resistant.
48. It is therefore recommended that the following Developers Contributions are allocated:-

**TRF/14/74489 Physio World Ltd, Unit 12 Hedge End Business Centre,
Botley Road, Hedge End. Receipt Date: 03/07/2014 £2661.91**

TRF/08/63110 Mr Watts, land at 6 Pardoe Close, Hedge End. £2,338.09

Financial Implications

49. There is sufficient funding within this Committee's revenue and capital budgets to afford the proposed projects.

Risk Assessment

50. All of the recommended developers' contributions have been received by the Council. All conform to the CIL requirements.
51. Failure to approve the funding for these projects will affect the Council's ability to meet its corporate and Local First objectives. There is also a potential health and safety issue with the boardwalk at Berrywood.

Equality and Diversity Implications

52. The Equality Act is relevant to some of the decisions in this report as they relate to eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity or fostering good relations between different people in the following ways:-

- Provision of an access gate to Cutbush Lane Playing Fields

This will result in an improvement for people with the "protected characteristic of disability". A full Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has not been carried out because while there are some equality impacts, it is not proportionate to carry out a full EIA.

53. The Young People's Wellbeing Service, Friday Night Football and Parksport will bring benefits to younger people. These are longstanding projects which have bespoke equality assessments with regular reviews.

Conclusion

54. The recommended projects will provide future benefit to the local community and will help to sustain and create new services and activities. Councillors are requested to approve the recommendations.

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Appendices Attached: None

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

April – September 2018 The Teenage Drop-In Centres, Hedge End and Hamble
Park Sport report 2018 Eastleigh Borough Council