

# **BURSLEDON, HAMBLE-LE-RICE AND HOUND LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, 25 July 2019**

## **REVENUE PROJECTS**

### **Report of the Local Area Manager**

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#### **Recommendation(s)**

**It is recommended that the Committee confirm the payment of:**

- (1)** A £5000 grant from revenue reserves to Longoak Pre-School, Bursledon towards the running of the nursery.
  - (2)** A £5000 repayable grant from revenue reserves to Longoak Pre-School, Bursledon towards the running of the nursery.
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#### **Summary**

This report details a number of projects and schemes to improve the prosperity, environment and wellbeing of residents in the Bursledon, Hamble-le-Rice and Hound area. The Local Area Committee's support is sought to enable their implementation.

#### **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. The projects and work outlined in this report contribute to the following corporate priorities:
  - Local First. The projects support local facilities and services.
  - Healthy Communities. The projects relate to services that support families in an area of relative deprivation in the BHH area.

#### **Longoak Pre-school**

2. Longoak Pre-school is a charity run pre-school operating from the Pilands Wood Community Centre in Bursledon. They have been running for over 35

years, offering childcare for children from the ages of 2 to under 5 (term time only).

3. For the last 10 years the funding amount from central government for children's places has not increased and costs have dramatically increased. This has resulted in financial difficulties. They predicted a loss of £7360 in 2018/19 but with cuts and fundraising they reduced this to £4497. This is putting severe pressure on their service in the short term.
4. They are confident that with a predicted increase in birth rate and new housing developments in the area they will be able to increase income in the medium term but need financial assistance in the short term. They estimate that £10,000 would ensure that they are able continue serving their community.
5. Given that Long Oak is a charitable organisation and serves an area of relative deprivation, the committee can consider paying grants to support their work in the short term. This can be split between repayable and non-repayable with terms to be agreed.

### **Financial Implications**

6. There are no financial implications apart from the commitments set out for each project. All of the above grants can be met from the revenue budget.

### **Risk Assessment**

7. Failure to support the above project could result in the reduction of local services in an area of relative deprivation.
8. Otherwise there are no identifiable risks attached to these proposals which should be brought to the attention of the Local Area Committee and Council.

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

9. 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:

- (a) Providing good quality affordable childcare for local families

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**

10. These recommendations are now submitted for Councillors' final approval from the Local Area Committee's reserves/capital budgets. As further schemes are worked up, they will be brought before the Area Committee over the course of the coming months. Councillors are invited to indicate any

schemes which they feel should be publicised in Borough News and local communications with residents and partners.

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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.

None.