

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

30 September 2019

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME PRIORITIES IN HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY

**Report of the Local Area Manager in consultation with the Clerks to
Hedge End Town Council, West End Parish Council and Botley
Parish Council**

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Hedge End, West End and Botley Local Area Committee approve the revised documents outlining its Community Investment Programme Priorities for the period 2019 - 24 as shown in the Appendices to this report.

Summary

The Community Investment Programme (CIP) priorities for Hedge End, West End and Botley (HEWEB) have been reviewed in consultation with local stakeholders. Members are invited to endorse these local area priorities for the period of 2019 – 24.

Statutory Powers

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011

Strategic Implications

1. The current priorities are based on local need which has been identified by local stakeholders. This Committee is requested to approve the priorities which accord with the principles of the strategic project Local First and in particular the policy of taking local decisions at a local level.
2. The priorities are in line with the Council's Corporate Plan and where possible the priorities have been categorised as social, recreational and environmental improvements which support the corporate themes in particular Environment and Health and Wellbeing.

Introduction

3. The Community Investment Programme priorities for 2018 – 22 were reviewed and agreed by this Committee approximately 18 months ago. Some

of these priorities have been achieved and it is therefore timely to update these priorities and to include new projects.

Consultation

4. The priorities have been reviewed and updated after consulting a number of local partners including the Clerks from the Town and Parish Councils and local members; requests and comments from residents, formal groups such as local associations and other constituted groups such as the Hedge End, West End and Botley Youth Partnership have also been taken into account.
5. Although the priorities have been assigned to their geographical locations in Hedge End, West End and Botley, some of them have a strategic importance for the whole HEWEB area, for example at Wildern School, the Ageas Bowl etc.
6. Reference has also been made to the Borough Council's emerging Local Plan and Council priorities and strategies as shown in the appendices.

Importance of CIP Priorities

7. CIP priority lists may be used in negotiations with developers to secure appropriate and justifiable developers' contributions which must be linked directly to the impact of any local development. They have been used extensively in recent planning inquiries.
8. The Council has submitted an Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) as part of its evidence for the Local Plan. The IDP sets out the range of infrastructure requirements that support the delivery of the Local Plan. In some cases Section106 contributions may be allocated to these strategic infrastructure projects.
9. It should be noted that a rolling Transport Schemes Inventory (TSI) is also maintained by the Council's Transport and Engineering sections and Hampshire County Council.
10. Eastleigh Borough Council's Public Art Strategy has been adopted and a section of this relates to projects within the HEWEB area.

Review of CIP priorities

11. It is proposed that the priorities continue to be reviewed and updated after consultation with local stakeholders resulting in a report to be formally agreed by this Committee.
12. It is also important to confer with the relevant Borough Council Portfolio holders and managers as corporate policy, strategy and delivery is continuing to be developed within the new Council structure.

Financial Implications

13. An updated and evidence-based CIP list is essential in order to justify requests for developers' contributions. Investment in the local infrastructure and amenities would be severely restricted if not permanently lost, without this list.

Risk Assessment

14. There are no other risks associated with this report. However it is apparent that existing and projected developers' contributions will be insufficient to fund all of the identified projects. Consequently a strategic review of play areas in particular, is being undertaken by Hedge End Town Council and West End Parish Council in order to prioritise projects.

Equality and Diversity Implications

15. The Equality Act is not relevant to the decision in this report as the decision does not relate to eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity, or fostering good relations between different people. An Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out as the recommendation relates to the priorities for the Community Investment Programme. The equality and diversity implications will be assessed when funding is allocated.

Conclusion

16. Members are requested to review and approve the proposed CIP lists for Hedge End, West End and Botley for the period of 2019-24.

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Appendices Attached: 3

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