

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

Thursday, 19 December 2019

FINANCIAL REPORT/FEES AND CHARGES

Report of the Temporary Local Area Manager

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee

- (1) approves the Hamble Square parking charges for 2020 as set out within the report;**
 - (2) approves the allocation of £5,068 of Developer Contributions to the replacement of a bus shelter on Station Road, Netley Abbey;**
 - (3) approves the allocation of £5,535 from reserves to fund the moving of the Bofors gun from Hamble Point; and**
 - (4) notes that £700 has been spent on new waste bins within the area.**
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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.
Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – planning obligations

Strategic Implications

1. The items discussed in this report contribute to the following Corporate Plan objectives:
 - Local First. The projects below are targeted to support the neighbourhoods and communities within the Bursledon, Hamble-le Rice and Hound Local Area Committee Area.
 - Excellent Environment for all. Protecting the Bofors gun. Providing support for sustainable transport.
 - Prosperous place. Ensuring the ongoing provision of local car parking facilities in Hamble.

Hamble Car Parking Charges

2. The annual review of car parking charges in Hamble Square car park has been undertaken. It is expected that yield increases by 3.0% in 2020.
3. Financial Services have indicated that there is likely to be a shortfall of approximately £1,000 in 2019 and this is likely to be repeated in 2020. However it is also felt that increasing charges will not help increase yield. Charges were increased for the first time in three years in 2018 and it is thought these are at an appropriate level.
4. The shortfall in 2019 and 2020 can be met through an underspend on a car park maintenance budget. Longer term Councillors may wish to investigate opportunities to meet the financial target.

Table 1. Proposed Parking Charges in Hamble in 2020

Option	2019 Tariff	Proposed 2020 Tariff
First ½ hour	Free	Free
Up to one hour	£0.80	£0.80
Up to two hours	£1.60	£1.60
Up to three hours	£2.20	£2.20
Up to four hours	£2.90	£2.90

Netley Bus Shelter

5. On the morning of 29 October 2019 there was a road traffic accident on Station Road, Netley. During this accident the Eastleigh Borough Council

owned bus shelter was badly damaged and had to be removed and made safe by Direct Services.

6. Eastleigh Borough Council's legal team are looking at recovering the cost of replacing the bus shelter through an insurance claim. However the shelter needs to be replaced as soon as possible.
7. The cost of replacing the bus shelter is £5,068.
8. In order to support this work it is recommended that the following Developer's Contribution be allocated.

Developer Contribution	Amount of DC remaining	Amount Required
DCF/17/80123	1,572.56	1,572.56
TRF/09/64956 Atlantic Housing Ltd, Garage Court to the Rear of 15-21 Moore Crescent, Netley Abbey	2,947.92	2,947.92
TRF/10/66873 Mr & Mrs Thorne, 51a,b,c Station Road, Netley Abbey	2,662.96	547.52
Total		£5,068

Hamble Point Gun Emplacement

9. The concrete World War II Bofors gun emplacement at Hamble Point has been badly damaged by the sea, to the extent that BHH had to take urgent action at the end of 2017 to fence it off to protect the public.
10. Since then the erosion by the sea has continued and there is a risk that it will collapse, destroying the gun.
11. The cost of repairing the emplacement is estimated to be in the region of £60,000.
12. The coastline in the area of Hamble Point has been designated by the Environment Agency (EA) as requiring "no active intervention" (no planned investment in defending against erosion - from the National Coastal Erosion Risk Map). In the medium term (to the year 2060) the EA estimate that the shoreline is likely to retreat 10m – well beyond the emplacement.
13. The emplacement forms part of a scheduled monument. This means that any works on the emplacement must be approved by Historic England (HE).
14. It is felt that the Bofors gun is the most identifiable element of the emplacement. Given the cost of repairing the concrete and the likely retreat of the coastline, repair is unlikely in the short term. For this reason it has been

proposed that the gun be removed to a place of safety (Eastleigh Borough Council's depot), whilst a longer term plan for the emplacement is considered. To this end an application to HE to move the gun was made and they have approved it with a number of conditions (see appendix 1).

15. A specialist lifting contractor has been contacted to give a quote to move the gun. The costs are as follows:
- Transport – Hire of 6 Wheel Lorry Loader to collect & deliver from Hamble Point to EBC Hedge End Depot up to 7000kgs incl. extra liability insurance £870.00
 - Crane Hire – Hire of 90 Tonne all-terrain mobile crane - contract lift inclusive of Lift Supervisor, Slinger and Lifting Tackle (8hrs max) £2450.00
 - Construction and Maintenance – Prior works for exploratory lifting of crane to include grinding of steelworks to gun £450.00
 - Construction and Maintenance – Day of Lift, to cordon off a safe working area whilst lift is ongoing from public to include 2no. operatives, Supervisor and all H&S equipment £975.00
 - Streetscene – Day of Lift to Marshall and co-ordinate car parking area, Depot off lift and all general works required up to and on day to include 2 operatives and Supervisor £790.00
- Total: £5535.00**
16. If Councillors approve the use of the revenue reserve to move the gun, officers will ensure that they work with HE to meet their conditions and move the gun as soon as possible.

Replacement Bins

17. The following bins have been/are due to be installed or replaced at a total cost of £700 (£350 each).
- Outside The Mercury Library and Community Hub in Hamble-le-Rice (the current bin allows rubbish to escape).
 - On Abbey Hill cycleway, Netley Abbey.

Financial Implications

18. It is likely that the Hamble Square car park will not meet its income target in 2019 which will need to be funded from existing budgets. This is likely to be repeated in 2020. However it is not thought that increasing prices will offset this. Whilst the shortfall can be covered in the short term, there needs to be a longer term plan for income generated from the car park.

19. All the recommendations for spending can be funded from the identified budgets.
20. There is a risk that the insurance claim for the bus shelter won't be successful.

Risk Assessment

21. The financial risks associated with car park charges and the bus shelter are outlined above.
22. Failure to move the Bofors gun could cause significant public upset if the emplacement collapses and it is damaged/destroyed.
23. Failure to comply with HE conditions is an offence so before the gun is moved their agreement must be obtained.

Equality and Diversity Implications

24. The Equality Act is not relevant to the decision in this report as the decisions do 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.

Climate Change and Environmental Implications

25. Encouraging the use of a car park does have implications for local air quality/CO₂ emissions etc. However maintaining the charges at current levels shouldn't significantly change the status quo.
26. Replacing the bus shelter promotes the use of sustainable transport and is a positive action.

Conclusion

27. These recommendations are now submitted for Councillors' final approval from the Local Area Committee's reserves. 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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Appendices Attached:	1 – Historic England Conditions

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.

* List Background Papers - None.