

Hedge End, West End and Botley Local Area Committee

Monday, 27 January 2020

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA ACTION PLAN 2020/21

Report of the Local Area Manager

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (1) note the progress on identified projects and priorities during 2019; and
 - (2) approve the Hedge End, West End and Botley (HEWEB) Local Area Action Plan 2020/21 shown in Appendix Two for adoption and publication.
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Summary

This report presents updates and priorities for the coming year for the Local Area Committee.

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 and is in line with the Local First project which focuses on local need and local priorities.

Introduction

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, most 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) annually, which lists all of the local projects and initiatives that the Local

Area Committee wishes to prioritise. The list is devised in conjunction with the Town Council and the Parish Councils. It is used to negotiate Section 106 contributions from developers which usually form the majority of the funds required. These funds often need to be pooled from several developments over several years in order to achieve sufficient funding for the project.

4. The Local Area Action Plan (LAAP) is used to determine budgets and staff resources as part of the Council's annual business planning cycle. It also highlights the key local partnerships within the local area.

Progress in 2019

5. All five Local Area Committees have reviewed progress on existing projects and priorities. An update for HEWEB is contained in Appendix One.
6. The proposed HEWEB Local Area Action Plan for 2020/21 has been updated based on this progress.
7. Local councillors have been consulted on the updated Plan and it is now recommended that the HEWEB Local Area Action Plan 2020/21 is approved for adoption and publication as shown in Appendix Two.

Financial Implications

8. There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations.

Risk Assessment

9. The allocation of resources and delivery of the projects would be adversely affected without the Plan.

Equality and Diversity Implications

10. The Equality Act is relevant to the decision in this report. All of the projects with the exception of climate change initiatives have been previously assessed and approved by this Committee. For example, access for all has been ensured through the design of community facilities at Boorley Park and community use agreements will secure a broad programme of activities for all sections of society. The climate change initiatives will be in line with the Council's Climate Change Action Plan which is currently at an outline stage.

Climate Change and Environmental Implications

11. Apart from supporting climate change initiatives, the Plan also aims to change residents' behaviour through projects such as the green routes public art and the Itchen Valley master plan will incorporate green initiatives such as upgrading pathways, tree and biodiversity enhancements. The major developments all have BREEAM requirements and align to internal and statutory external regulations to protect and enhance the environment.

Conclusion

12. The report presents the draft HEWEB Local Area Action Plan 2020/21 as shown in Appendix Two for approval.

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Appendices Attached: Two

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 2015-25
HEWEB Local Area Action Plan for 2019/20