

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Monday 2 March 2020

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Report of the Local Area Manager

Recommendations

It is recommended that this Committee approves

- (1) The allocation of £2,000 from its revenue budget for the Park Sport scheme;
 - (2) The allocation of £5,000 from its reserves as a contribution towards the funding of Eastleigh Borough Council's Senior Sports Development Officer post for 2020/21 and 2021/22;
 - (3) Renewed revenue funding of £5,500 as a contribution towards the Young People's Wellbeing Service for 2020/21;
 - (4) The allocation of up to £16,500 to complete the Midlands Estate car parking improvement scheme;
 - (5) The allocation of £2,500 to both the Friday Night Project, Hedge End and the Cutbush Lane Youth Club, West End and £1,500 for youth activities at Boorley Park from the Committee's revenue budget; and
 - (6) The developer's contributions of £1,166,735.15, £1,507,379.28 and £83,255.56 plus indexation are allocated to the Woodhouse Lane projects as identified in the report
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Summary

This report identifies funding for provision to meet local need and to enhance the local area.

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 proposals will help to address some of the objectives in the Corporate Plan. For example, Park Sport and the youth projects at Hedge End, Cutbush Lane and Boorley Park will help to enhance young people's health and well-being by targeting deprivation, improving physical health, social skills and mental health. The Young People's Wellbeing Service contributes to the same outcomes. The Senior Sports Development Officer's work will have an impact on all ages through different activities such as Healthwalks, GP referrals and Park Sport. Additional car parking schemes help to prevent damage to verges and include planting schemes to enable a green borough. The Woodhouse Lane projects will create opportunities for physical activity, improved green space and landscaping.

Park Sport

2. Eastleigh Borough Council's Park Sport scheme celebrated its 15th anniversary last summer. The summer activities programme for 8-16 year olds in Hedge End, West End and Botley (HEWEB) consisted of Boxercise at the Ageas Bowl, cycling at Botley Recreation Ground and swimming at Wildern Leisure Centre. Swimming proved extremely popular with an average of 31 youngsters attending the sessions. Unfortunately the skate jam at Woodhouse Lane was cancelled due to bad weather. However Friday Night Football at Botley continued throughout the summer with an average of 24 people per session which is still the best attended scheme in the Borough.
3. The intention is to hold another Park Sport scheme this summer. Once again the local area committees are being asked for sponsorship along with local companies and housing associations. The town and parish councils will also be asked to support the scheme, either financially or by offering facilities in kind.
4. This Committee has traditionally allocated £2,000 towards Park Sport from its revenue budget and the same amount is now requested for approval.

Senior Sports Development Officer

5. The Council's Head of Health and Wellbeing has advised that following the departure of the Council's Senior Sports Development Officer that this position will be a full time role of 37 hours which is an increase of 7 hours per week.
6. Longer term this increase will be funded corporately or via external funding but for the next 2 financial years, there is a gap of £10,000. The Eastleigh Local Area Committee has agreed to fund half of this figure and this Committee has been asked to contribute the same amount.
7. The post holder will oversee specific projects in Hedge End, West End and Botley in return for this investment. Initial project ideas include a review of access to leisure facilities and activities within HEWEB; increased partnership working to develop the community offer at the Ageas Bowl; input into the

masterplan for Itchen Valley Country Park and the development of leisure programmes at Boorley Park.

8. Therefore Councillors are requested to approve the allocation of £5,000 from the Committee's reserves for the financial years 2020/21 and 2021/22.

Young People's Wellbeing Service

9. Currently the Young People's Wellbeing Service (YPWS) incorporates the Teenage Drop-In Centre (TADIC) at Hedge End Medical Centre and Eastleigh Youth Counselling. Unfortunately TADIC at Bursledon closed in November due to a lack of clinical nurses. Young people from this area have now been directed to TADIC at Hedge End.
10. The YPWS is a charity and it provides a confidential and accessible service and an opportunity to discuss all aspects of daily living. The service also gives young people the knowledge to empower them to make informed choices regarding their own physical, emotional and mental health.
11. The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees and the service is provided by a team of health specialists including doctors, sexual health nurses and counsellors who are supported by an administration team.
12. A rolling 12 month service level agreement between Eastleigh Borough Council, Hedge End Town Council and the YPWS sets out the agreed service level in return for funding of £11,000. This is equally split between the 2 councils.
13. A report detailing usage of the service during April – September 2019 has been provided as part of the service level agreement. This has revealed that 62% of those using TADIC reside in Hedge End with a further 13% coming from West End and Botley. It will be interesting to see how these percentages are affected by the closure of TADIC in Bursledon.
14. The majority of clients are female, aged 17 – 19 which is a slight increase in age based on last year's report.
15. Hedge End Town Council's Clerk has indicated that the Town Council is minded to support a further 12 month's funding, i.e., £5,500 from April 2020 to March 2021. It is therefore recommended that this Committee matches this funding arrangement but that a formal review is undertaken by all parties named in the service level agreement in October 2020.

Ratcliffe Road and Midlands Estate – car parking improvements

16. As previously reported to this Committee, the Ratcliffe Road car parking project was completed last autumn. It has been well received by residents.
17. Progress on the Midlands Estate project has been hindered by design issues and the discovery of a pipe below the site. Subsequently it has been

determined by the Council's Senior Engineer that this pipe is sufficiently deep enough that it will not affect the proposed works.

18. The commencement of work on the adjacent Vivid development has exacerbated the parking issues in this corner of the Midlands Estate. This was brought to the attention of the Committee by residents at the January meeting.
19. Due to an uncompetitive market for this type of work, tenders for both projects have been considerably over budget. Design changes and planning requirements for the inclusion of tree planting have meant that further expense has been incurred. In order to complete the Midlands Estate project, it is requested that additional expenditure of up to £16,500 is approved. This can be afforded from the Committee's reserves as previously allocated funds for the Assistant Local Area Manager's secondment are no longer required and it is recommended that these funds are reallocated to this project.

Youth projects

20. In September 2019, this Committee received a report regarding funding for youth provision. This involved the redistribution of the funding for the HEWEB Youth Leader position based on consultation with key local stakeholders. This approach was also agreed by the HEWEB Youth Partnership.
21. Based on this approach, several projects have now been identified for the residual funding of £6,500.
22. The Friday Night Project based at the Community Hub in Hedge End provides an invaluable service for youngsters with additional needs. Over half of the attendees live in the HEWEB area. The review of youth provision across the HEWEB area revealed that this provision was not replicated anywhere else and that local area committee funding was therefore appropriate.
23. The Cutbush Lane project in West End was established through National Lottery funding for 3 years. The Club attracts youngsters largely from the Townhill estate, one of the most deprived areas within HEWEB. This funding has now finished and therefore the main financial support is provided by West End Parish Council.
24. The community development officer at Boorley Park raised the issue of detached/outreach work for the new development at the last HEWEB Youth Partnership. The development of a local community is essential and with the imminent opening of the community centre and Multi Use Games Area, it is felt that this is another valid project for the Committee to fund.
25. The Committee is requested to allocate £2,500 to the Friday Night Project and also to the Cutbush Lane Youth Club with £1,500 granted to Botley Parish Council for youth activities at Boorley Park.

Woodhouse Lane development – additional community facilities

26. Staff from Hampshire County Council and Eastleigh Borough Council have been working together to develop plans for a floodlit artificial sports pitch, grass pitches and an extension to the sports hall to provide additional changing rooms and a multi-purpose room at the Woodhouse Lane development site in Hedge End as reported at the January local area committee meeting.
27. As part of the Section 106 planning agreement for planning permission O/18/83634, it is now appropriate to seek formal approval from this Committee for the allocation of the following developer's contributions:

| OBLIGATION | AMOUNT (£) + indexation | Project(s) | Payment schedule |
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| Community Infrastructure Contribution | 1,166,735.15 | Towards a community changing rooms, multi-purpose room and floodlit artificial sports pitch or alternative sports/community facilities if planning consent is not achieved for the above with improvements to Hedge End Town Centre; bins, benches and noticeboards in the HEWEB area | On commencement of development |
| Public Open Space & Play Provision | 1,507,379.28 | Towards part of the cost of the floodlit artificial sports pitch, the grass pitches on site and the provision and maintenance of public open space in the HEWEB area | 34% on commencement of residential development 33% 200 th occupation 33% 300 th occupation |
| Community Development | 83,255.56 | To be allocated for work | *25% on commencement |

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| Worker/Project Manager | | associated with the Woodhouse Lane site and Winchester Street | of residential development *25% 1 st occupation *25% 200 th occupation *25% 300 th occupation |
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28. The Council is also in discussion with the developer (Hampshire County Council) about the Section 106 agreement for Winchester Street, Botley. A contribution towards the artificial sports pitch may be agreed. Also a compensatory figure for the lack of playing pitches at Boorley Gardens is being finalised.

Financial Implications

29. All of the recommendations for funding can be afforded from the Committee's revenue and reserve budgets. The capital expenditure for Woodhouse Lane may require some front funding as the full cost of the projects is unknown currently and also some of the payments are dependent on the build out and occupation on site.

Risk Assessment

30. There is a risk that if the community projects and schemes are not funded that they will be unable to take place leading to a failure to deliver aspects of the Corporate Plan and Area Action Plan. There is a risk that the developer's contributions will not be forthcoming for Woodhouse Lane. However receipt of the front funded payment of £1,166,735.15 is imminent. Councillors should also note that planning permission has yet to be approved for the artificial sports pitch, grass pitches and the extension to the sports hall.
31. There is a risk to the committee that front funding of its own may be required, if and when, the projects progress as described in paragraph 29. Councillors will receive regular updates on the financial situation and payments received to keep them appraised.

Equality and Diversity Implications

32. The Equality Act is relevant to some of the decisions in this report because :
- We have due regard to Equality issues as the Park Sport scheme contains a bespoke assessment and the annual report analyses accessibility and deprivation. The Young People's Wellbeing Service is accessible by all and this is checked at the 6 monthly review in terms of

assessing the statistical evidence. Both youth club sessions have their own equalities assessment and focus on accommodating those with additional needs and tackling social deprivation. The service level agreement for Woodhouse Lane will contain a section on equalities and accessibility.

- The car parking schemes conform to the latest guidance under the Equality Act.

Climate Change and Environmental Implications

33. The provision of activities in the local area reduces the need to travel and will help to reduce carbon footprints. For example Hedge End Rangers players and coaches meet at over 20 different venues, some of which are outside the Borough. By centralising this provision within Hedge End, those associated with the club will have to travel less. In addition the Park sport scheme includes cycling which should encourage young people and possibly their families to choose this form of transport.
34. The Council's Biodiversity Officer is a key consultee for the development of Woodhouse Lane. Facilities will be built in line with environmental considerations and where possible biodiversity will be enhanced along with landscaping and drainage to prevent flooding.

Conclusion

35. The recommended projects will provide future benefit to the local community.

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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.

Background Papers:

April – September 2019 The Teenage Drop-in Centre, Hedge End and Hamble Park Sport report 2019 Eastleigh Borough Council