

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Monday, 25 January 2021

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA ACTION PLAN 2021/22

Report of the Local Area Manager

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (1) note the progress on identified projects and priorities during 2020; and
 - (2) approve the Hedge End, West End and Botley (HEWEB) Local Area Action Plan 2021/22 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. The new Local Area Action Plan for 2021/22 is presented to the Committee for its approval.

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 the key objectives in the Corporate Plan and is in line with the Local First project which focuses on local need and local priorities. It is aligned with the Council's aim of "Supporting Communities and Improving Lives."

Introduction

2. The Council has agreed a set of Borough-wide objectives to improve the 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. This Committee has approved a Community Investment Programme (CIP) for 2019 – 2024, which prioritises local projects and initiatives. The CIP 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 as well as outlining the roles of the Committee and Local Area Manager.

Progress in 2020

5. A summary review of progress on this Committee's current LAAP for 2020/21 is contained within Appendix One of this report. Whilst the effects of the Covid restrictions are evident for some projects, there has been some encouraging progress, most notably with the completion of the Wildern swimming pool roof and spectator seating project.
6. Local councillors also wish to express their thanks and admiration for the work that has been undertaken by volunteers in response to the Covid crisis.
7. The proposed Hedge End West End and Botley (HEWEB) Local Area Action Plan for 2021/22 is based on the review in Appendix One. Also two new projects associated with climate change have been added along with the public art projects at Snowdrop Place care home in Hedge End and at Hatch Farm, West End. It is hoped that despite the recent lockdown, progress can be made on all of the projects in the forthcoming year.
8. Local councillors have been consulted on this updated Plan and it is now recommended that the HEWEB Local Area Action Plan 2021/22 is approved for adoption and publication as shown in Appendix Two.

Financial Implications

9. There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations. Funding for projects is approved via separate reports usually to this Committee or the Council's Cabinet.

Risk Assessment

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

Equality and Diversity Implications

11. The Equality Act is relevant to the decision in this report. The existing projects have been previously assessed. For example, the design of the community facilities at Boorley Park allows for accessibility and the community

agreements will ensure that a broad programme of activities is available for all sections of society to enjoy. The four new projects as previously described are at the concept stage and all will be assessed in terms of the equality and diversity implications as part of the Council's Project Management process which will be approved by the relevant Project Board.

12. **Climate Change and Environmental Implications**

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

13. The report presents the draft HEWEB Local Area Action Plan 2021/22 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 2020/21