

BURSLEDON, HAMBLE, AND HOUND LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Thursday 1st December 2022

FINANCE MONITORING REPORT

Report of the Local Area Manager

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (1) Approves the allocation of £4,868 from reserves to fund the Walk and Talk project, delivered by the Country Parks team for a further 12 months;
 - (2) Approves the allocation of £865 to install two standard floor mounted Broxap Derby 120L dual waste bins on Lionheart Way and the footpath on Winchester Close;
 - (3) Approves the allocation of £1,432 from reserves to deliver the Window Gallery project in February 2023;
 - (4) Notes the spend of £68 to fund the replacement of a dragon's tooth at in Cunningham Gardens;
 - (5) Issues a grant payment of £2,000 from reserves to Hamble Parish Council to fund new litter bins on Hamble Foreshore;
 - (6) Approves the proposed fees and charges for 2023 set out in Appendix A;
 - (7) Note the achievements in the local area supported by the LAC, highlighted in appendix B
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Summary

This report contains recommendations for expenditure from the Committee's developers' contributions and identifies funding for provision to meet local need and to enhance the local 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. S.106 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Strategic Implications

1. The works outlined below contribute to the following strategic priorities:
 - Local First: where possible taking decisions at a local level about matters which affect people's lives, and using contributions from local developments for local projects;
 - Excellent Environment for all: creating a sense of place through improved pathways, additional bins, and air quality;
 - Enabling health and wellbeing and tackling deprivation; improving community infrastructure and places where different people can meet and receive support and services.

Walk and Talk project

2. Following a successful first year of the Walk and Talk project the Country Parks team is looking for an allocation of £4,868 to fund a further year of sessions.
3. The Country Parks team provide three walks per month in each of the three Parishes of Bursledon, Hamble-Le-Rice and Hound. The walks average around 3km and last about 1 hour followed by refreshments. There is also a strong element of social interaction during and after each walk.
4. The past year has seen 180 participants attend the Walk and Talk programme, with an average of ten per walk. They have been very well received and encouraged residents to take an interest in the local area and natural environment. It encourages an active lifestyle and gives residents the opportunity to meet new people.
5. It is recommended that walk and talk programme is approved and the cost of £4,868 is taken from reserves.

Replacement of two dual waste bins at Lionheart Way and Winchester Close

6. The BHH committee has an ongoing programme for extending the coverage of dual waste bins and replacing worn out bins to help reduce litter across the local area.
7. A Local Engagement Officer from Eastleigh Borough Council has visited the two sites identified, to investigate the need for a standard Broxap Derby 120 litre dual waste bin to be implemented.
8. The Waste Bin on Lionheart Way is no longer fit for purpose and needs replacing with a larger, standard waste bin.

9. The bin located on the footpath linking Winchester Close to New Road in Netley has been damaged which allows the wind to distribute its contents. It needs a full replacement to prevent this from happening.
10. It is recommended that the cost of £865 for the two standard Broxap Derby 120 litre dual waste bins replacements, is taken from the capital budget, ringfenced for replacement bin's .

Window Gallery Project

11. Following Bursledon, Hamble and Hound's 'Window Wanderland' event in February 2022, the Window Gallery Trail is an amended community project that aims to bring people together by encouraging residents, local businesses, and education establishments to decorate their windows on a particular night. Locations of decorated windows will be registered online to generate a gallery list for residents to tour on the event nights. It is proposed that the event is held on Saturday 25th February in Hamble and Sunday 26th February in Hound and Netley.
12. The current proposal is to offer one workshop in the community and three school workshops.
13. It is recommended that a grant of £1,432 is awarded from the BHH reserve accounts to support the Window Gallery Project.

Dragons Tooth Cunningham Gardens

14. It is noted that £68 was spent replacing the missing dragons tooth protecting green space in Cunningham Gardens. This was authorised as part of delegated powers in October.

Grant for replacement bins to Hamble Parish Council

15. Hamble Parish Council have carried out an extensive programme of replacing bins along Hamble Foreshore with Nexus 2000 dual bins. They have increased capacity by 100%.
16. The total cost of these improvements was over £5,500. It is recommended that a grant of £2,000 is awarded as a contribution towards the works.

Fees and Charges for 2023

17. This report examines the effects of income received by the Council from fees and charges levied for services that are the responsibility of Bursledon, Hamble and Hound Local Area Committee (LAC).
18. LACs have the discretion to set fees for services devolved to their areas subject to compliance with the corporate target to generate an additional minimum yield from fees and charges of 10%.

19. The Service Manager has recommended an increase in the fees and charges for Hamble Square Car Park from 1 January 2023, with the proposed charges for the coming year shown in Appendix A.

It is recommended that members approve the proposed fees and charges outlined in Appendix A

Financial Implication

20. There are no identifiable, significant financial risks attached to these proposals as this Committee's budgets are sufficient to fund the recommendations.
21. However, it should be noted that if the LAC vote against the proposed fees and charges in appendix A, the LAC will be responsible for meeting the cost of the yield shortfall.

Risk Assessment

22. The recommendations within this report carry a low to moderate risk to the council. The recommendations above are designed to improve and enhance community infrastructure, which should they be left to deteriorate, they become an increased risk physically but also reputationally, which could also lead to an increased financial burden.

Equality and Diversity Implications

23. The Equality Act is relevant to the decisions in this report as the decisions relate to eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity, or fostering good relations between different people. The Local Manager and Assistant Local Area Manager with work with the successful grant applicants to ensure they are compliant with the equality act.
24. A full Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has not been carried out, because while there are some equalities impacts, it is not proportionate to conduct a full EIA.
25. The equality impact assessment for the walk and talk project will be reviewed to ensure the activity is still inclusive.

Climate Change and Environmental Implications

26. None of the proposals within this report will lead to increases in Greenhouse Gas/CO2, or damage ecology or the environment.
27. The new replacement bins will reduce the amount of litter dropped within the local area. While this clearly improves the look and feel of the public realm it also reduces pollution to watercourses and hazards to local wildlife and pets.

28. The continued funding of the walk and talk sessions will encourage more people travel by foot and also educate local residents about the local flora and fauna in the area which may lead to renewed appreciation for the local environment.

Conclusion

29. The recommendations contained in this report are now submitted for Councillors' final approval and are to be funded from the Local Area Committee's revenue budget, revenue reserves.

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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.

None.