

**CABINET  
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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE  
HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC  
SERVICES' REPORT NO.  
DEM1010**

**COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND APPLICATIONS**

**1. INTRODUCTION –**

1.1 The Community Projects Fund was established in 2004 as a rolling fund with unspent balances carried forward. A range of projects have been supported over the years. This Report explains the process and contains recommendations from the Community Projects Fund Group to support the three recent applications.

**2. BACKGROUND AND PROCESS**

2.1 The process for dealing with applications is as follows:

- All applications should be submitted on the corporate form by councillors in their capacity as Ward Members to the Head of Democratic Services.
- Consideration given by the appropriate officers to provide information and guidance.
- Each application submitted to this Group for initial consideration and assessment.
- Applications below £1,000 determined by the Cabinet Member for Concessions and Community Support following consultation with the Group.
- For applications above £1,000, once the initial assessment has been completed, the applications will be referred to the Cabinet for decision

2.2 When the current process was agreed, a series of criteria against which to assess the applications were established:

- No limit on the level of each grant award but a contribution should be 'one off' and not have a revenue impact.
- Demonstration of support within the local community i.e. part of a ward, a whole ward or more than one ward.

- Projects/schemes should not be part of or replace mainstream service delivery.
- Encouragement would be given to projects which involve partnership or joint working and where a proportion of the funding/resource is being provided from other sources.
- The level of community benefit should be reflected in the amount of grant requested.

### 3. **CURRENT APPLICATIONS –**

3.1 The Community Projects Fund Group has determined a number of applications recently and has also recommended three applications to the Cabinet for approval. The details are as follows:

#### (i) **Oldwood Chase, Southwood – Measures to prevent verge parking**

3.2 Councillor Sue Carter (Cove and Southwood) has submitted an application to provide dragon's teeth to deter verge parking in this no-through road. Parking in Oldwood Chase causes considerable difficulties for residents and users, particularly at weekends. A scheme has been prepared for the work, which will cost approximately £2,500. The County Councillor for the Division, Carol Leversha, has offered £1,250 towards the cost. The project has the support of the Group for a sum up to £1,250.

#### (ii) **Highfield Path, Farnborough – Additional Lighting**

3.3 Councillor Sue Carter (Cove and Southwood) has submitted an application for the provision of additional lighting in Highfield Path, Farnborough to improve the safety and visibility along the path. A scheme is being prepared in conjunction with the County Council which will undertake the works. Whilst the total cost will depend on the amount of undersoil work, the estimated cost will be £2,500. The County Councillor for the Division, Carol Leversha, has offered £1,250 towards the cost. The project has the support of the Group for a sum up to £1,250.

#### (iii) **Cranmore Lane, Aldershot – Bus Shelter**

3.4 Councillor Charles Choudhary (Rowhill Ward) has submitted an application to provide a new bus shelter in Cranmore Lane, Aldershot, to replace the existing shelter which is beyond repair. The existing shelter was provided by the Council. A new shelter would cost £3,000 and the Group has agreed to provide up to £2,000 on the basis that the balance of the cost would be found from within existing budgets for the provision of shelters.

### 4. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS –**

4.1 If the Cabinet supports the three applications, the amount left within the Fund will be just over £2,000. It is likely that one or two further applications will be

submitted which should mean that the Fund will be exhausted by the end of 2010/11.

## **5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 The Community Projects Fund has proved successful over the years and supported a wide range of projects in most of the Borough's wards.
- 5.2 The Cabinet is asked to consider the Community Projects Fund Group's recommendations for grants up to a combined total of £4,500.

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### **Background Papers**

Reports to Community Projects Fund Group – July to November 2010