

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Cabinet Member

DECISION MAKER

Councillor Adrian Newell, Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund grant of £5,000 awarded to Tweseldown Playgroup towards their Outside is great! project.

The Community Environmental Fund commenced in 2001. It is levied by Farnborough Airport on business aviation movements at a rate of £2 per aircraft movement and £5 per aircraft movement where the aircraft is a Boeing Business Jet or an Airbus Corporate Jet.

The fund is available to groups and organisations under the following criteria:

- Located within 5 kilometres (3 miles) from the centre of Farnborough Airport (taken to be halfway down the main runway) and is demonstrably and regularly affected by aircrafts travelling to and from Farnborough Airport
- Will result in the improvement or provision of an outdoor facility or area that is accessible to the public and able to be enjoyed by the community as a whole
- Is a community or environment-based bid, projects may include: -
 - Green or open spaces
 - Natural habitats
 - Environmental improvements or outdoor play
 - Community projects with an emphasis on improving the local environment or outdoor education

Following this award, the Community Environmental Fund now has £69,003 available for allocation.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

29 April 2022

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)

None.

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

(conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

N/A

Signed _____ **Adrian Newell** _____

Designation _____ **Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder** _____

Environment Fund applicant bid

Name & address of Applicant	Tweseldown Playgroup The Abercorn Hall, Aldershot Road, Church Crookham, GU52 8LE	
Grant requested (Total cost of project)	£5,000 (£7,000)	
Purpose of grant	Outside is great!	
Previous grants from this fund	None	
Distance from centre of runway within 5 kilometres (3 miles)	Within distance	
Other sources of funding for this project	£2,000 – Tweseldown Playgroup	
Accounts	Income	£120,510
	Expenditure:	£122,294
	Balances:	£76,869
Additional Info	<p>The grant will go towards the update of the large outside area, maximising outdoor learning experiences. This includes replacing the old shed which stores the outside equipment. The current shed is overcrowded and is not safe for the children to go inside. The new sheds will allow for safer storage of toys and equipment and for children to go in and chose what they would like to use.</p> <p>The project also includes the addition of wildflower turf on the mound in the woodland area. This will complement the bug hotel that is already installed and provides opportunities for the children to discover minibeasts. The addition of a fern jungle and new sand pit will also enhance the children's imaginative play.</p> <p>The project will add a different type of natural environment to what is already in place. The wildflower meadow grass should bring in many insects, including bees, as well as birds and badgers from the woods.</p> <p>The children will be inspired about the environment as they go out into the wider community and take this knowledge and experiences with them as they grow up through their lives.</p> <p>The outside area is also used for social and fundraising activities which are open to the wider community.</p>	
Aim of organisation/group	Tweseldown Playgroup is a community preschool which opened in 1981 and has expanded to offer preschool places in Church Crookham. The playgroup, catering for 40 to 50 families each year, provides a play-based curriculum where children can develop personally, socially and emotionally.	
Application recommendation	£5,000	