

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Cabinet Member

DECISION MAKER

Councillor Sophie Porter, Healthy Communities & Active Lives Portfolio Holder

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund grant requests from:

- **£8,411 awarded to Guillemont Junior School** for Forest School project
- **£2,455 awarded to Parkside (Aldershot and District Learning Disability)** for Garden Gazebo

The Community Environmental Fund commenced in 2001. It is levied by Farnborough Airport on business aviation movements at a rate of £2 or £5 per aircraft movement (dependent on aircraft).

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
- Has public access to be available to be enjoyed by the community as a whole and result in the improvement of an outdoor facility or area
- Includes an environmental improvement
- Projects may include: -
 - Green or open spaces
 - Natural habitats
 - Environmental improvements
 - Community projects with an emphasis on improving the local environment

There is £50,658 available for allocation from the Community Environmental Fund.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

17 JULY 2026

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 _____ Sophie Porter _____

Designation ____ Healthy Communities & Active Lives Portfolio Holder _____

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

Applicant name and address of project site:	Guillemont Junior School, Sandy Lane, Farnborough, GU14 9ES		
Purpose of grant:	Forest School		
Grant amount requested:	£8,411	Total cost of project:	£12,384
Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:	N/A		
Criteria met?	Y/N	Comment	
- Located within distance? - Regularly affected by air movements? - Public access enjoyed by whole community? - Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area? - Include an environmental improvement?	Y - Y Y	Guillemont Junior School is developing a Forest School within its grounds to enhance the school's green space, improve local habitats and biodiversity, and by including the students in the project, they will be encouraging them to become environmental stewards. The project will initially be for the use of the applicant school, as well as a local Infant School. This space will also be used for public events. Once established, the Forest School site is intended to be available for bookable sessions, enabling more local children, families and community members to experience and benefit from the space. It will also be offered to other community groups for nature-based activities. The litter picking kit will be made available for families to borrow which could reduce the amount of litter in the surrounding area.	
Other sources of funding for this project:	c.£2,000 £1,974	School Bupa foundation Green Community Grant	
Accounts:	Income:	£2,483,750	Expenditure: £2,497,983 Balances: £
Additional information:	This project will include nest boxes (for different species), insect hotels, stakes for dead hedging, pond plants and litter picking equipment. In order to ensure the space is accessible year-round, they are also looking to install a permanent outdoor shelter, seating and storage. Establishing a Forest School is part of the schools Climate Action Plan, which includes other environmental projects, some of which are already underway.		
Aim of organisation/group:	Guillemont Junior School is a unique and nurturing school for children aged 7 – 11. They have two Resourced Provision units, one for children with Speech, Language and Communication Needs, and another for children with Autism. They are federated with Pinewood Infant School.		
Application recommendation:	£8,411		

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

Applicant name and address of project site:	Parkside (Aldershot and District Learning Disability), 57 Guildford Road, Aldershot, Hants, GU12 4BP		
Purpose of grant:	Garden Gazebo		
Grant amount requested:	£2455	Total cost of project:	£2455
Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:	2022 – Gardening & Sharing in the Community 2024 - Garden Group Set Up 2025 - Hot Composters (£450)		
Criteria met?	Y/N	Comment	
- Located within distance? - Regularly affected by air movements? - Public access enjoyed by whole community? - Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area? - Include an environmental improvement?	Y Y Y Y Y	The project will benefit those who use Parkside's services each week, including adults with learning disabilities, staff, volunteers, parents and carers. Parkside's gardening groups grow plants, fruit and vegetables, care for wildlife-friendly areas and maintain attractive green spaces that benefit both their service users and the wider community. The gazebo will allow these activities to continue in a wider range of weather conditions, helping to protect young plants during potting and propagation, extend the growing season, and reduce disruption to environmental projects. It will provide a sheltered space for participants and plants during adverse weather conditions, including extreme heat and other weather extremes.	
Other sources of funding for this project:	£0	N/A	
Accounts:	Income:	£599,799	Expenditure: £599,836 Balances: £668,676
Additional information:	For Parkside users, gardening provides more than an enjoyable activity. It helps develop confidence, independence, teamwork and practical life skills while improving physical and mental wellbeing. Growing fruit, vegetables and flowers gives people a sense of achievement and pride, while produce harvested from the gardens is shared within the centre, helping people understand where food comes from and promoting healthy eating. Located beside a popular public park, it regularly attracts positive conversations with local residents, visitors and families who stop to admire the displays and speak with their gardeners.		
Aim of organisation/group:	Parkside is a registered charity based in Aldershot that supports adults with learning disabilities to live active, independent and fulfilling lives. Their aim is to reduce social isolation and create opportunities for people to be included, valued and involved. They provide a range of activities and programmes that encourage independence, improve wellbeing and help people develop the skills and confidence to achieve their goals		
Application recommendation:	£2455		