

# RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



## Decision taken by individual Cabinet Member

### DECISION MAKER

Councillor Sue Carter, Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder

### DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

#### Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund grants of

- **£2,550 awarded to OFLAC** towards their garden rejuvenate and regenerate project
- **£10,844 awarded to Parity for Disability** for an accessible roundabout at Southwood playground
- **£5,000 awarded to Tices Meadow Bird Group** towards Tice's tern rafts

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

In addition, an application from The Wavell School for a catering canopy was considered, but the panel agreed that the application did not meet the criteria for the fund.

Following these awards, the Community Environmental Fund now has £50,609, available for allocation.

Organisations will also be encouraged to join the Rushmoor Community Lottery where they are not already signed up as a good cause.

### DATE DECISION TAKEN

19 July 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 \_\_\_\_\_ **Sue Carter**\_\_\_\_\_

Designation \_\_\_\_\_ **Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder**\_\_\_\_\_

**Environment Fund applicant bid**

<b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>	Oak Farm Learning and Activities Centre (OFLAC) Samuel Cody Specialist College, Ballantyne Road, Farnborough GU14 8SN
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£2,550 (£6,050)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	Garden rejuvenate and regenerate
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	None
<b>Distance from centre of runway (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))</b>	Within distance
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	£3,500 – Samuel Cody Specialist College (to be confirmed)
<b>Accounts</b>	Income                    £54,135 Expenditure:            £54,435 Balances:                £106,924
<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>The project is to rejuvenate an established garden has become rundown and neglected due to age and lockdown restrictions. The garden requires new fencing at its perimeter, new raised beds and plants, essential garden equipment for ongoing maintenance and outdoor activities to encourage use of the space whilst boosting mental health and confidence in the members within a safe environment.</p> <p>The garden will benefit OFLAC members, pupils at Samuel Cody School and other community organisations (Farnborough U3A, Rushmoor holiday play scheme).</p> <p>The garden plays a big role with the OFLAC members, many of them enjoying being in the outside space, growing their own flowers, fruit and vegetables, undertaking woodwork projects, including bughouses and bird feeders or simply just chilling with friends. Plants will be chosen to attract insects and the garden will be a peaceful and safe outside space for all the OFLAC members, the school pupils and the greater local community to utilise for leisurely outdoor activities where they can all flourish from being involved with the regeneration.</p>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	OFLAC provides a day service for adults with learning disabilities, which enables its members to develop their confidence and skills, exploring and enhancing their strengths within a fund and safe environment.
<b>Application recommendation</b>	£2,550

**Environment Fund applicant bid**

<b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>	Parity for Disability Land to east side of Ively Road, Farnborough GU14 0LJ						
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£10,844 (£10,844)						
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	Southwood playground – accessible roundabout						
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	None						
<b>Distance from centre of runway (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))</b>	Within distance						
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	None						
<b>Accounts</b>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,448,046</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,402,759</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balances:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£755,588</td> </tr> </table>	Income	£1,448,046	Expenditure:	£1,402,759	Balances:	£755,588
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<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>The funding will be used to install an accessible roundabout as part of a new playground in Southwood Country Park being provided Rushmoor Borough Council.</p> <p>The roundabout would be provided in combination with a range of other accessible pieces of equipment as part of the wider playground designs and would contribute to a safe, stimulating and accessible offer for the whole of the local community.</p> <p>Alongside the playground a new café and visitor centre with a Changing Places toilet facility are also being provided. These facilities will make the playground a destination location and empower families with disabled children to visit the playground and enjoy the environment of the country park. The inclusive roundabout will help in broadening the range of activity options open to disabled children, as well as boosting their mental and physical wellbeing and ensuring they have a better quality of life.</p> <p>Providing an inclusive roundabout, the playground is best able to ensure as many local residents as possible use the wider SANG site rather than the SPA designation it is intended to protect.</p>						
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	Parity's mission: Excellence in services and support for people with multiple disabilities, their families and carers. The charity run three day services for people with profound and multiple disabilities which provide access to activities and approaches to promote physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, as well as a music therapy service and teenage holiday schemes.						
<b>Application recommendation</b>	£10,844						

## Environment Fund applicant bid

<b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>	Tice's Meadow Bird Group Tice's Meadow Nature Reserve, Badshot Lea Road GU9 9NB						
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£5,000 (£10,000)						
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	Tice's Tern Rafts						
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	None						
<b>Distance from centre of runway</b> (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))	Within distance						
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	£1,000 – Hartley Contracting Services £500 – The Farnham Society £500 – Rotary Club of Farnham Weyside £1,000 – Tice's Meadow Bird Group £600 – TMGG volunteer time £1,400 – Private donors being sought						
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<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>The project is to replace existing damaged rafts used by breeding Common Terns at Tice's Meadow Nature Reserve, which require scrapping, with two new rafts which are of a much sturdier design, and will require much less maintenance.</p> <p>The first Common Terns were recorded here in 2005, and they have been breeding on site since 2007. Numbers of breeding birds have fluctuated, depending on water levels and the availability of tern rafts.</p> <p>TMBG's home-made tern crafts require regular maintenance, and replacement every few years. The new rafts will be larger and sturdier than the existing ones with a clear perspex screen for viewing of the breeding birds, and to prevent predators climbing on to the raft.</p> <p>The Common Tern population is in decline. By providing new nesting rafts, TMBG has the chance to build the most important breeding colony in the county.</p> <p>TMBG volunteers will assemble and launch the tern rafts. The group will explore educational opportunities and the data generated will contribute to the national understanding of Common Terns, and also allow opportunities for local citizen science projects.</p>						
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	<p>The Tice's Meadow Bird Group (TMBG) are the community volunteers who help manage Tice's Meadow Nature Reserve, in Badshot Lea, Surrey. They hold regular well attended volunteer work parties, act as a volunteering hub for the local area, lending out tools and expertise to other local community groups and projects and lead walks and activities on site for local schools, youth and nature groups.</p> <p>TMBG aims to protect and enhance the site; document the wildlife; publicise the importance of the site and raise awareness with stakeholders of conservation issues.</p>						
<b>Application recommendation</b>	£5,000						

### Environment Fund applicant bid

<b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>	The Wavell School Lynchford Road, Farnborough GU14 6BH
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£15,000 (£42,000)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	Catering canopy
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	2016 - £7,650: Grow well, feel great outdoor sensory garden 2020 - £12,387: Community/Year 7 garden
<b>Distance from centre of runway (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))</b>	Within distance
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	£27,000 – school's capital fund
<b>Accounts</b>	Income                    £6,575,449 Expenditure:            £6,756,096 Balances:                £435,039
<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>The funding is to contribute to a second canopy to provide shelter located behind the main hall. It will provide shelter for students at lunchtime (around 1,000) and also for the wider community using the facilities, such as netball centre players (up to 400 a week).</p> <p>Since the outbreak of Covid 19, the school has put in place several measures to ensure the school is a safe place to study, work and hire. This includes making extensive use of an existing canopy which has been used to reduce the risk of infection by provided shelter at lunchtimes and for other activities.</p> <p>This new canopy will provide shelter for students wishing to use an additional catering pod the school are planning to install. It will also be used as an outdoor classroom by groups such as the Science Club enabling students to learn about the surrounding environment whilst being outside in it as well as community hirers.</p>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	The Wavell School aims to produce confident, happy, well-educated young people who look forward to their next venture, by educating and nurturing the whole person.
<b>Application recommendation</b>	£0