

Cabinet – 3 April 2024

Allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funds – Community Projects Reserve

Report of the Planning Portfolio Holder

Recommended:

- 1. That £467,910 be allocated to the following projects, as set out in section 3 of the report:**
 - **Picket Piece Village Hall Extension - £245,000**
 - **Ampfield Recreation Ground Cricket Training Facilities – £46,639**
 - **Broughton Sports Pavilion Additional Funding – £100,000**
 - **Wellow Men’s Shed – £76,271**
- 2. That the projects identified in recommendation 1, be added to the Council’s Capital Programme, to be funded by the Community Infrastructure Levy Community Projects Reserve.**

Recommendation to Council

SUMMARY:

- The report sets out a summary of the bids received during the current funding round including an evaluation of each project against the criteria set out in the Council’s Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Bid Assessment protocol.
- Recommendations with regard to the allocation of funding for each project based on the approved scoring methodology have been proposed.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The report outlines four projects that were submitted, a brief description of each project, a percentage score against the adopted scoring criteria and a funding recommendation for each scheme.
- 1.2 There is currently £600,000 in the Community Projects Reserve. This is after taking into account the Regeneration Reserve, Neighbourhood Portion passed to Parish and Town Councils as well as administrative expenses.

2 Background

- 2.1 The CIL Spending Protocol and scoring methodology was adopted by Council on the 8 November 2017.
- 2.2 Section 3 of this report identifies each project and provides a recommendation for funding based on the approved scoring methodology.
- 2.3 The approved Bid Assessment document is made up of 10 questions with a maximum score of 120 points. Questions 1 and 2 are weighted as they are linked to CIL's main purpose which is to enable or mitigate the impacts of development. An average percentage score is presented below alongside a funding recommendation.
- 2.4 All bids are assessed against the same criteria meaning that a scheme with a total cost of £15,000 will be scored in the same way as a scheme with a total cost of £15,000,000.

3 Funding Recommendations

3.1 Project 1 – Picket Piece Village Hall Extension

Lead Organisation – Picket Piece Sports and Social Club

Description – The extension of the existing village hall alongside the addition of new storage space, upgrading existing energy systems, new parking area and a new footpath to connect the site to the new properties in the area.

Evaluation of project – This bid is a result of extensive consultation with the community and addresses a number of issues that prevent the current hall from being utilised to its full potential. The proposals both help to ensure that the hall sees increased use by the community but also remains sustainable with improvements to energy efficiency to reduce running costs.

Total project cost – £663,378

Amount of CIL funding requested – £245,000

Average Score – 67%

Recommendation – That the allocation of £245,000 to the extension of Picket Piece Village Hall be approved.

3.2 Project 2 – Broughton Sports Pavilion

Lead Organisation – Broughton Parish Council

Description – Replacement sports pavilion at Broughton Playing Field, Buckholt Road. The pavilion will primarily serve the local football and cricket teams alongside other local groups both sporting and non-sporting clubs. The Council approved an initial allocation of £200,000 in August 2021. Building costs have increased significantly since this award and the additional

£100,000 requested will allow the project to move forward as originally planned.

Evaluation of project – Clearly evidenced submission with strong support from the clubs that utilise the formal recreation facilities. The project looks to address issues of compliance with sporting bodies from the current outdated pavilion. A strong project that will deliver clear benefits to the users of the playing fields.

Total project cost – £655,853

Initial CIL funding allocation – £200,000

Amount of additional CIL funding requested – £100,000

Average Score – 65%

Recommendation – That the allocation of an additional £100,000 towards a replacement sports pavilion at Broughton Playing Fields be approved. This would result in total award of £300,000.

3.3 **Project 3 – Ampfield Recreation Ground Cricket Training Facilities**

Lead Organisation – Ampfield and North Baddesley Cricket Club

Description – Multi-lane artificial surface with netting, additional wicket for matches, portable playing surfaces and bicycle parking facilities.

Evaluation of project – Whilst the schemes focus is on the local cricket clubs it has had ample consultation with all local stakeholders. A 300% increase in youth participation in the area has shown clear evidence that new and improved training facilities are needed. The proposals allow for an increased capacity in terms of number of games per year and a free training facility for all local clubs.

Total project cost – £93,277

Amount of CIL funding requested – £46,639

Average Score – 61%

Recommendation – That the allocation of £46,639 towards cricket training facilities at Ampfield Recreation Ground be approved.

3.4 **Project 4 – Wellow Men’s Shed**

Lead Organisation – Wellow Men’s Shed

Description – Construction of a 20 metre by 5 metre shed on land owned by Wellow Parish Council adjacent the tennis club at Hatches Farm, West Wellow. To be used to repair, repurpose and manufacture furniture, ornaments and any other items for the local community and act as a meeting point for the group. A new wheelchair accessible footpath is also included leading to the building.

Evaluation of project – A scheme with widespread support from the local community. A facility that can provide a meeting point and workshop for members of the group that will help expand the scope of potential projects. The new shed will operate as a repair shop of sorts and look to assist the local community with any repair or refurbishment activities to support the community groups and facilities in the area. Current membership is limited by the poor facilities at the current temporary stable block. This project will enable the group to expand and deliver more projects for the community.

Total project cost – £152,600

Amount of CIL funding requested – £76,271

Average Score – 53%

Recommendation – That the allocation of £76,271 towards the construction of a Men's Shed at Hatches Farm Recreation Ground be approved.

4 Objectives and Priorities

- 4.1 This report covers the following Corporate Priorities set out in the Corporate Plan 2023 – 2027 as shown below.
- 4.2 Environment – 3 out of the 4 projects aim to ensure that they are as energy efficient as possible utilising solar panels, heat pumps and other construction methods that help to reduce the impact on the local environment.
- 4.3 Connection – The projects within the report display different priorities from our communities and all aim to connect people via shared interests. The proposals come from a range of organisations and show the ambitions of these local groups.
- 4.4 Prosperity – The funds from the Community Projects Reserve originate from CIL receipts secured against development within the borough. The income from this development allows us to fund new infrastructure to ensure we support and grow our new and existing communities.

5 Consultations/Communications

- 5.1 There has been no external consultation because the report reflects the outcomes of an approved methodology. Projects listed have gone through various forms of consultation prior to bids being submitted as is required by the assessment criteria.

6 Options

6.1 Option 1

6.1.1 Support the recommendations and approve these allocations totalling £467,910.

6.2 Option 2

6.2.1 To decline to support or not support the projects for which CIL funding has been requested, in line with all or some of the recommendations set out under Option 1, following consideration of each scheme against the agreed criteria.

7 Option Appraisal

7.1 Option 1

7.1.1 The recommendations are based upon the criteria approved by Cabinet on the 18 October 2017 as such each project has been assessed on a fair and consistent basis.

7.1.2 For the reasons set out above the four schemes for which funding is recommended would have positive impacts for our existing and growing communities across the borough by improving recreational and sporting facilities in Andover, Wellow, Ampfield and Broughton. It is considered that these schemes would represent an appropriate use of CIL funding.

7.2 Option 2

7.2.1 Projects may be approved or refused against the recommendations. Feedback will be given to applicants where a project is refused funding.

7.2.2 If funding were not approved for all or some of the four projects recommended for support by allocation of CIL funding, they would be unlikely to be delivered. This would mean that the positive impacts and benefits resulting from the provision of new and improved infrastructure, which would be delivered by these schemes, would not be realised.

8 Risk Management

8.1 An evaluation of the risks associated with the matters in this report indicate that further risk assessment is not needed because the changes/issues covered do not represent significant risks or have previously been considered by Councillors.

9 Resource Implications

9.1 The funding for these projects will come from the Council's CIL receipts. No other resources will be used.

10 Legal Implications

10.1 No legal implications for Option 1

11 Equality Issues

11.1 An EQIA screening has been completed in accordance with the Council’s EQIA methodology and no potential for unlawful discrimination and/or low level or minor negative impact have been identified, therefore a full EQIA has not been carried out.

12 Other Issues

12.1 Wards/Communities Affected – The projects listed affect the following communities: Andover, Ampfield, Broughton, Wellow.

13 Conclusion

13.1 Approval is sought to allocate £467,910 of Community Infrastructure Levy funds to the following projects:

- Picket Piece Village Hall Extension - £245,000
- Ampfield Recreation Ground Cricket Training Facilities – £46,639
- Broughton Sports Pavilion Additional Funding – £100,000
- Wellow Men’s Shed – £76,271

13.2 It is considered that these schemes represent an appropriate use of CIL income, which would support development in the borough, for the reasons summarised above, having been assessed against the approved criteria. The 4 projects will be added to the Council’s Capital Programme, to be funded by the CIL Community Projects Reserve.

Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)

[Cabinet 18 October 2017.](#)

Confidentiality

It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and can be made public.

No of Annexes:

None

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