



**PORTFOLIO: LEISURE**

**CABINET: 5 JUNE 2002**

## **SWAY YOUTH CENTRE: GRANT AID SUPPORT.**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 This paper is brought to Cabinet because the Portfolio holder to whom the decision would normally be delegated, has a declared interest in the scheme.

### **2. THE SCHEME**

- 2.1 The Sway Youth Centre has been open for 20 years and provides a base for various youth and other local groups.
- 2.2 This application is to refurbish the Centre. The works include the provision of a disabled toilet which will enable the Centre to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.
- 2.3 The works will allow greater use of the hall by a range of groups and provide the opportunity for the Centre Committee to develop the hall further.

### **3. ASSESSMENT**

- 3.1 The grant aid guidelines give priority to schemes in rural locations and so whilst the scheme itself is a medium priority, the recommendation is to support an award.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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<b>ACCOUNTS YEAR END SEPT 01</b>	<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>COST OF SCHEME</b>
Income	7,448 Applicant	2,000 Land
Expenditure	5,488 Parish	2,000 Works
Balance	1,960 HCC	4,000 Fees
Reserves	- Church	2,000 Refurbishment 17,752

**TOTAL**            1,960    **TOTAL**            10,000    **TOTAL**            17,752

4.2    There are sufficient funds available to meet the recommended award if the recommendation is agreed. The balance in the fund for 2002/03 stands at £56,194

## **5. CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 Normally with grant awards the local member is consulted. However the Portfolio Holder is also the local member. In order to obtain a view on the scheme, the Chairman and Opposition Spokesman from the Leisure Review Panel were consulted. Both were in support of the award.
- 5.2 The Parish Council are supporting the scheme and have allocated a contribution of £2,000

## **6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 It makes sense to ensure the future of existing buildings, rather than invest in a cycle of decline and rebuilding. The scheme would therefore have a positive impact.

## **7. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Having accessible local facilities for young people can help mitigate crime and disorder issues. This is particularly so in this case where the facility has such a long standing connection to the young people in the village and where its targeted work has produced great benefit over the years.

## **8. PORTFOLIO HOLDERS COMMENTS**

- 8.1 There are none on this report due to the declared interest of the Portfolio Holder.

## **9. RECOMMENDATION**

- 9.1 It is recommended that an award of £4,000 from the grant aid fund be made towards the renovation of Sway Youth Centre.

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### **Background Papers:**

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