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## **NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION**

On 14 August 2014 Cllr Vickers, the Planning and Transportation Portfolio Holder, made the following decision. Any member of the Council, who is not a Portfolio Holder, who considers that this decision should be reviewed should give notice to the Monitoring Officer (Grainne O'Rourke) (in writing or by e-mail) to be received **ON OR BY FRIDAY 22 AUGUST 2014**.

Details of the documents the Portfolio Holder considered are attached.

### **DECISION:**

To include the funding of a new scout and guide community building at the Lloyds Recreation Ground Marchwood as a Category A project, for implementation in 2014/15, with an allocation of £100,000.

### **REASON(S):**

As set out in the report considered by the Portfolio Holder.

### **ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:**

As set out in the report considered by the Portfolio Holder.

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:**

None

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## **ALLOCATION OF DEVELOPERS' CONTRIBUTIONS: MARCHWOOD SCOUT AND GUIDE BUILDING**

### **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 New Forest District Council, through its planning development control powers, collects contributions (through Section 106 agreements) to mitigate the impacts of new developments on existing communities in the areas where it is responsible for town planning.
- 1.2 In May 2012 the Council approved a new process for the allocation and spending of developers' contributions for inclusion in the Council's capital programme beginning in 2013/14. Each year a number of projects are agreed and set out in two categories as follows:
- (a) Category A - Fully developed projects for inclusion in that years capital programme;
  - (b) Category B contained two types of projects:
    - Projects that need to be developed further to determine costs/scope.
    - Projects where insufficient funding currently exists but should be ready if additional funding is made available;
- 1.3 In February 2014 the Cabinet approved a number of projects for inclusion in the 2014/15 capital programme. The Cabinet decision authorised the Planning and Transportation Portfolio Holder to make such amendments as he deemed appropriate to the approved project lists and included within the 2014/15 budget.
- 1.4 This report seeks to approve the inclusion of a new community project identified by Marchwood Parish Council within Category A of the project list to allow its implementation during 2014/15.

### **2 POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 2.1 The project which is the subject of this report will benefit a wide sector of the community and respond positively to the following Core Strategy policies:
- CS2 Design Quality;
  - CS5 Safe and Healthy Communities;
  - CS7 Open Space Sport and Recreation;
  - CS8 Community services and infrastructure.

### **3 PROJECT PROPOSAL**

- 3.1 The current scout building is over 50 years old and is of prefabricated construction with minimal heating and therefore gets cold and damp in winter. The guides have had no permanent home for many years which means that they do not all meet in one location and are therefore limited in the number of activities that can involve all the age groups such as rainbows, brownies and guides.

- 3.2 The proposal is to construct a detached single storey building, with rooms in the roof, to be used by the guides and scouts. The proposed building would be sited in the eastern corner of the Lloyds Recreation Ground, adjacent to the tennis court and the existing scout hall building which would be demolished.
- 3.3 The total cost of the new building is likely to be in the region of £400,000 and, following recent pre-application advice provided by the District Council, a planning application should be submitted soon.
- 3.4 The District Council currently holds £100,000 of 'community' developer contributions for use in Marchwood and the Parish Council have requested that these funds are used towards this project. The Parish are progressing further applications for funding, one of which is with Veolia. As part of the Veolia application the Parish are required to demonstrate that they can make at least 10% match funding to the project before Veolia will process the bid. The Parish have, therefore, asked that the full £100,000 allocation is made and that £10,000 of this is released to them now in order to demonstrate they do have the necessary funds.
- 3.5 In order to safeguard the Council's investment in these works, the release of this money is on the understanding that it will be ring fenced and applied solely towards the construction of the proposed building.

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 By identifying the new project in the Category A list it will enable the monies to be spent in the 2014/15 financial year and assist in delivering the implementation programme.
- 4.2 Should this Council become aware that the monies released are used for works other than those for which it has been approved, the Council will look to reclaim the contribution made from the Parish Council.

#### **5 CONSULTATION INPUT**

- 5.1 The proposal has been put forward by the Parish Council. A fundraising committee is in place which is exploring all further funding opportunities.

#### **6 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Delivery of this community scheme will bring a range of environmental benefits, including community safety, aesthetic, biodiversity and sustainability.

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

- 7.1 No project-specific implications.

#### **8 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 Good community engagement as part of the design and feasibility process will help ensure that schemes respond to the needs of the whole community rather than narrow sectors.

**9 ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

9.1 Not approving this allocation at this time would slow down the implementation of the developer contributions programme and the expenditure of funds held for the specific purpose of delivering community benefits within the parish

**10 RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** that the new scout and guide community building is added to project list within Category A, with an allocation of £100,000.00 to enable the implementation of the project in 2014/15.

**11 PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION**

**I have agreed to the recommendations of this report.**

**Signed:** .....CLLR F P VICKERS.....

**Date:** .....14.8.14.....

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