

Community Capital Grant Request (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

For Members to consider requests for community grants from:

- Wincanton Town Council

Public Interest

Awarding grants is a key way that SSDC supports and helps to deliver community projects sponsored by Parishes and voluntary community organisations in the towns and villages across Area East.

Background

Requests from community organisations for non-capital works are restricted to small grants of between £100 and £1,000. Capital projects requiring grants of between £500 and £1,000 can be dealt with at any time and are subject to Ward Member agreement.

Projects scoring above 22 points are eligible for SSDC support under the current policies. Appendices A and B show the standard grant conditions used by SSDC and the policies under which all applications are assessed.

Recommendations

Members agree:

- a contribution of up to £12,500 as a 9% contribution from the Community Grants Capital Budget towards the provision of a new Skate Park at Cale Park, subject to the standard conditions set out in Appendix A

Wincanton Skate Park Project

Wincanton Town Council has requested £12,500 towards a £140,000 replacement of the existing Wincanton Skate Park, located in Cale Park.

Parish Precept information

Parish	Wincanton (2011 Census)
Parish population	5,272
No. of households	2478
Precept 2019/20	£267,850
Band D Charge 2019/20	£126.02

The Project

The replacement of the existing Wincanton Skate Park which was first installed in 2004, is much needed as the existing metal skate ramps are reaching the end of their usable life and it will not be viable to continue maintaining them in the future. In addition to this the existing ramps have become significantly outdated and lack the more long lasting and improved riding surface, when compared to next generation concrete skate parks, more commonly found in towns and cities across the country.

Category	Maximum score	Score
A Eligibility	Y/N	Y
B Equalities Impact	7	5
C Need for Project	5	5
D Capacity of Organisation	15	10
E Financial need	7	7
F Innovation	3	3
Total	37	30

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Funding Sources	% funding	Amount of Funding	Status
Wincanton Town Council	26.4%	£37,000	Secured
Sport England – Community Assets	14.3%	£20,000	Pending
National Lottery	7.15%	£10,000	Pending
Sport England – Small Grants	7.15%	£10,000	Pending
Viridor	35.7%	£50,000	Pending
Other fundraising	0.3	£500	Pending
SSDC	9%	£12,500	Pending
Total		£140,000	

Agreeing support at this point will give other funders some confidence about the deliverability of this project.

Financial Implications

There is currently £50,617 uncommitted Capital in Area East Capital Reserve.

If Members choose to support the recommendations contained in this report, it will mean that there is £38,117 budget unallocated.

Grants are awarded subject to all other funding being secured before the commencement of the project and are on a % basis of the full project costs. Payment of the grant cannot exceed the grant award and is proportionally reduced if full project costs are under budget.

Corporate Plan Implications

Environment:

- Maintain and improve the provision and quality of open spaces and parks.
Healthy, Self-Reliant Communities:
- Enable quality cultural, leisure and sport activities.
- Work with partners to support people in improving their own physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications

Providing local access to a range of activities and services reducing the need to travel which therefore reduces carbon emissions.

Equality and Diversity Implications

Projects help enhance accessibility. The projects will be free, open access for all and therefore highly accessible to all members of the community. Physical barriers to the design will be addressed by condition to ensure the design is suitable for reasonable access in the context of it being a skate park.
