

**Key Decision: No**

**Report No. COMM1713**

## **FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL FUND**

### **Summary and Recommendations**

The Cabinet Member for Environment has considered four applications totalling £28,688 and has made three award recommendations, which Cabinet is recommended to approve.

#### **1. Introduction**

1.1 This paper seeks approval to award grants from the Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund to assist local projects.

#### **2. Background**

2.1 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 A310 corporate jet.

2.2 The fund is available to groups and organisations under the following criteria:

2.2.1 Located within 5 kilometres (3 miles) from the centre of Farnborough Airport (taken to be halfway down the main runway)

2.2.2 Within this 5 kilometre radius, is demonstrably and regularly affected by aircrafts travelling to and from Farnborough Airport

2.2.3 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

2.2.4 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

### 3 Details of Bids

3.1 The Cabinet Member for Environment has considered four applications and has made award recommendations for three:

▪ Wellington Primary School	£5,122
▪ South Farnborough Infant School	£12,000
▪ Fleet & District Beekeeping Association	£5,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>£22,922</b>

3.2 Details are outlined for each applicant in Appendix A.

3.3 An award was not made to Limbicare as the environmental impact of the project had not been demonstrated. The organisation have been directed to other funders.

### 4. Financial Implications

4.1 The Community Environmental Fund is currently £50,875. Taking the three applications recommended in this paper totalling £22,922 would leave £27,953 available for allocation.

### 5 Recommendation

5.1 Cabinet is recommended to approve the awards totalling £22,922.

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#### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Fully completed application forms support Appendix A

## APPENDIX A

<b>Environment Fund applicant bid</b>	
<b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>	Wellington Community Primary School PTA Alexandra Road, Aldershot
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£5,122 (£6,422)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	'Operation Toad' – Reinststate pond, introduce appropriate plants, construct dipping platform, shelter and bird hide
<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>	£300 – school funds £1,000 – PTA funds
<b>Accounts</b>	Income -                    £3,054 Expenditure -            £2,242 Balances -                £2,262
<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>The aim of the project is to restore the pond that was once on the site to become a bio diverse area that the school children and the community it supports can enjoy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a shallow portion for bathing/wading birds</li> <li>• Place decking at one side to allow children to experience pond dipping and self-discover the diversity of the pond wildlife</li> <li>• Encourage toads to inhabit the pond and work with wildlife groups to introduce them</li> <li>• Have partially submerged plants at the edge to provide shade, cover and food for pond life</li> <li>• Develop area around the pond to provide cover for small animals such as hedgehogs, frogs and toads</li> <li>• Provide a sheltered seating area within pond perimeter</li> <li>• Provide a bird hide for pupils to observe birds</li> <li>• Set up a wildlife rangers group to care for the pond and monitor the bio diversity of the pond</li> <li>• Area to be used by children and school community as a reflection and recharge area</li> </ul>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	The PTA works with the school community to provide education to 374 pupils and adult training to parents including parenting, literacy, numeracy and English as an additional language.
<b>Application recommendation</b>	£5,122

## Environment Fund applicant bid

<b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>	South Farnborough Infant School Queens Road, Farnborough GU14 6JU
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£12,000 (£15,000)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	Natural play area – new play/learning area on land acquired and converted at the Linden Centre
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	2010 - £4,000 towards the school solar project
<b>Distance from centre of runway (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))</b>	Within distance
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	£3,000 from Friends of South Farnborough Infant School
<b>Accounts</b>	Income: £1,161,512 Expenditure: £1,124,685 Balances: £36,827
<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>The school are looking to widen their teaching of nature, conservation and forest schools by extending the outdoor space into the Linden Centre (adjoining site) which they will be acquiring this summer. Much design and groundwork needs to take place in order for the children to be able to use the site properly and safely.</p> <p>All children (300-400), visitors to the school and the local community, will use the new area.</p> <p>The project will include log planting boxes, a messy kitchen, a water wall and sandbox, activity play panel chalkboard, and bamboo screening.</p> <p>Where possible existing and natural materials will be used to minimise the impact on the environment, including shade resistant grass and plants, logs and stepping stones, natural trim trails and stone boulders.</p> <p>The children will be able to learn new outdoor skills, use the spaces as an extension to their numeracy and literacy skills, develop physical skills as well as using the environment to socialise, relax and play.</p>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	South Farnborough Infant School is an Eco Schools Green Flag Infant School for children aged 4 – 8. The importance of conservation is embedded in the teaching and a significant amount of the curriculum is taught out of doors.
<b>Application recommendation</b>	£12,000

## Environment Fund applicant bid

<b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>	Fleet & District Beekeepers Association <b>Site:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Division Headquarters, Maida Road, Wellesley, Aldershot
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£5,800 (£9,300)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	To establish a Community bee and training apiary at Wellesley
<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>	£1,500 – Grainger plc £2,000 – Blackwater Valley Community Trust
<b>Accounts</b>	Income: £12,630 Expenditure: £13,608 Balances: £13,015
<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>Fleet &amp; District Beekeepers Association (FBKA) has outgrown its current training facility in Hook where around 15 new beekeepers are trained each year and on-going training is provided for its 140+ members. This site would become the association's new training facility.</p> <p>Working in partnership with Grainger, The Land Trust and the Blackwater Valley Community Partnership the project will create a combined training and community apiary in Aldershot. The site will be made up of 16 hives, 4 of which will be 'community hives' (funded as part of this bid) and 12 hives that will be part of the FBKA 'training hives' (which will be transferred from their current facility in Hook).</p> <p>A Blackwater Valley Ranger will be trained as a beekeeper and will run the community engagement element of the project going forward.</p> <p>Benefits to the community and environment include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an educational resource that can be used by schools, scout and guide clubs, local residents, volunteers and more to learn about bees</li> <li>• improving resident wellbeing through the positive effects that beekeeping is acknowledged to deliver</li> <li>• raising awareness of the importance of bees and beekeeping</li> </ul>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	FBKA was founded in 1918 to support beekeepers across North East Hampshire and welcomes new members. The association encourages, trains and supports local beekeepers to maintain healthy, docile and productive honey bees as well as advancing the education of the public in the importance of bees in the environment.
<b>Application recommendation</b>	£5,800