

## AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Cabinet  
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Head of Community and Environmental  
Services Report COMM1512

### Farnborough Airport - Community Environmental Fund

#### Introduction

- This paper seeks approval to award grants from the Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund to assist local projects.
- The Cabinet Member for Environment and Service Delivery has considered eight applications and has made award recommendations for all (Appendix A).

▪ <b>Bechkwin Community Cycling Club</b>	£4,800
▪ <b>Farnborough Lawn Tennis Club</b>	£3,921
▪ <b>The Farnborough Society</b>	£5,000
▪ <b>The Species Recovery Trust</b>	£2,500
▪ <b>Tweseldown Infant School PTFA</b>	£5,000
▪ <b>The Vine Day Centre</b>	£15,000

**Total** **£36,221**

- The Community Environmental Fund is currently £56,937. Taking the six applications recommended in this paper totalling £36,221 would leave £20,716 available for allocation.
- Cove Junior School submitted an application requesting £7,378 towards their Safer Streets project. This is not considered appropriate for the fund but they have been advised that they can apply for the sensory garden element of the project, details of which were not given in the application.
- Cove Brook Greenway Group submitted an application requesting £6,000 towards the cost of creating a grazing area for cattle at Southwood Meadows the benefits from which did not seem sufficient to warrant an award.
- The guidelines for allocating the funds are attached in Appendix B

#### Recommendation

- Cabinet is recommended to approve the awards totalling £36,221 in Appendix A

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<b>Environment Fund applicant bid</b>	
<b>Name of Applicant</b>	Bechkwin Community Cycling Club, Farnborough
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£9,500 (£10,865)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8x specialist bikes (£4.8k)</li> <li>• 16x child helmets, 8x hi-vis (adult), 16x hi-vis (children), logo printing, marketing, Insurance and storage.</li> </ul>
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	No
<b>Distance from centre of runway (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))</b>	
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	£1,200 (County Councillor funding)
<b>Accounts</b>	Income -            ) Expenditure -        ) new start up group Balances -            )
<b>Additional Info</b>	Community cycling club aims to promote social and good health, meeting weekly and taking part in local and charity events. These are special bikes which have children's seats in the front, carrying up to 2 children from 7 months to 6 years. Once funding in place and equipment purchased will run 2 groups starting immediately. Club members will pay a small fee – some of this will be kept to sustain the club (insurance/new equipment).
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	To promote health and social and encourage cycling as a means of transport and to raise money for local projects.
<b>Recommendation</b>	£4,800 towards the cost of the bikes with condition if the club ceases, the bikes are returned to the Council

## Environment Fund applicant bid

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	The Farnborough Society
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£5,000 (£65,000)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	Supply and installation of a columbarium (200 niches) in the Victoria Road Cemetery Chapel as part of the restoration and preservation of the Chapel and grounds
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	No
<b>Distance from centre of runway (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))</b>	
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launching fund-raising campaign for £5k</li> <li>• Applying to Garfield Weston Fund for £55k</li> </ul>
<b>Accounts</b>	Income -           £1,596 Expenditure -   £1,017 Balances -       £5,982
<b>Additional Info</b>	The project will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a service that will generate sufficient revenue to cover future maintenance costs</li> <li>• Be managed by the Rushmoor Bereavement Service who will guaranteed that it will be self-sustaining</li> <li>• Bring an historic building back into community use with a sustainable future</li> <li>• Bring together Samuel Cody School, the Urban Wildlife Group, The Blackwater Valley Countyside Partnership and The Farnborough Society to create a wildlife haven in the town centre</li> <li>• Provide an opportunity to raise civic pride by highlighting the history of Farnborough through the stories of those buried/commemorated in the cemetery/chapel, with the erection of information boards</li> </ul>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	Aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote high standards in the natural, build social and economic environment of Farnborough</li> <li>• Raise awareness of local issues, geography, history, natural history and architecture of Farnborough</li> <li>• Encourage conservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in Farnborough</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendation</b>	Pledge of £5,000 subject to rest of the funds being raised

## Environment Fund applicant bid

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	Farnborough Lawn Tennis Club
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£3,921 (£3,921)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	Cutting back undergrowth and tree work
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	No
<b>Distance from centre of runway (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))</b>	
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	None
<b>Accounts</b>	Income - £11,380 Expenditure - £9,985 Balances - £1,395
<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>The trees, shrubbery and other vegetation on the western boundary provide 'dens' and places of concealment for various people, including rough sleepers and drug users. A vast amount of litter accumulates, which is unsightly and a health hazard. By making these environmental improvements we will create a better and safer walking environment for footpath users, residents and sports users (tennis, rugby and football). We hope this change in environment will also help attract new members and get more people playing sport.</p> <p>We are currently expanding and improving our facilities, including a large extension to the clubhouse for table tennis and mini tennis and the installation of floodlights on a third court. The improvements will double the scope for tennis coaching and for table tennis. The existing clubhouse will be refurbished to provide a better social environment for all members and visitors.</p>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	<p>Our aims are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to increase sports activity at the club by 33% over the next 3 years</li> <li>• to enhance our position as a leading tennis club in the local area</li> <li>• to be a valued member of the local community</li> </ul> <p>We are a local club, providing opportunities for people to play tennis and table tennis. We have 160 members of all ages and abilities.</p>
<b>Recommendation</b>	£3,921 for specialist pruning and cutting back

## Environment Fund applicant bid

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	The Species Recovery Trust
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£4,000 (£5,740)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	<p>Conserving the biodiversity hotspots of the Rushmoor heathland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey of biodiversity hotspots - £2,500</li> <li>• Site management - £2,000</li> <li>• Open day (guided walk) - £700</li> <li>• Travel (10 trips of 120m) - £540</li> </ul>
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	2013 - £5,190
<b>Distance from centre of runway (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))</b>	
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	<p>£740 (heathland fundraising event)</p> <p>£1,000 – applied for from the Cooperative Bank Community Fund</p>
<b>Accounts</b>	<p>Income - £35,173</p> <p>Expenditure - £38,309</p> <p>Balances - £40,452</p>
<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>This project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is an opportunity to keep a check on biodiversity hotspots, share data with local organisations and carry out management to reverse any losses these sites have suffered</li> <li>• Will include hand clearance of vegetation at up to five sites</li> <li>• Will include a free day for local residents to learn about wildlife of the heathlands in Summer 2016</li> </ul>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	<p>Trust Mission: to remove a least 50 species from the brink of extinction by the year 2050.</p> <p>The Trust was founded in 2011 as a response to the catastrophic rate of species extinction occurring both globally and in the UK.</p>
<b>Recommendation</b>	£2,500 for the cost of the survey

## Environment Fund applicant bid

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	Tweseldown Infant School PTFA
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£5,000 (35,935)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	Playground equipment for new school grounds
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	No
<b>Distance from centre of runway (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))</b>	
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	£14,200 – raised through school PTFA events £2,500 – Church Crookham Parish Council £8,500 – School grant
<b>Accounts</b>	Income - £8,500 ) Expenditure - £725 ) as at April 2015 Balances - £16,341 ) <i>Current balance = £354</i>
<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>Tweseldown Infant School moved to a new location on Crookham Park in September 2014. Outdoor play equipment was originally included in the plan, but due to HCC budgetary constraints had to be shelved.</p> <p>The PTFA have taken on the task of fund raising for this project which comprises 3 separate components – a triple woodland tower with rope bridge &amp; slide, a 10 station low level trim trail and a multi-dimensional climbing frame, all surrounded by all-weather safety surfacing so it can be used all year round.</p> <p>Due to the drainage issues at the site, a 100mm compacted stone base will have to be placed under all 3 pieces of equipment to ensure that they are stable and to guard against them sinking into soggy ground during wetter months. This has added approximately £6K to the overall project cost.</p>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	PTFA was established in 2011 to help build and develop cohesion and cooperation between parents, teachers and friends of the school. We organise events for pupils, parents and local residents to raise funds for the school to enhance the education and extra-curricular lives of the children. The PTFA is run entirely by volunteers.
<b>Recommendation</b>	£5,000

## Environment Fund applicant bid

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	The Vine Day Centre (VDC)
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£15,000 (£60,000)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	<p>Costs of kitchen fit out and marketing for a project to create a catering social enterprise &amp; training academy</p> <p>£44K – Kitchen fit out, refurbishment &amp; equipment £6K – marketing, website, promotions &amp; launch</p> <p>Aspire Defence is seeking to offset the capital expenditure by providing £20K support. In kind</p>
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	None
<b>Distance from centre of runway</b> (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))	
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	<p>£10,000 – equipment from Aldershot Garrison (secured) £7,700 – Aldershot Institute (granted) £4,000 – VDC (secured) £4,800 – Help The Homeless (applied May 2015) £1,500 – RBC Community Grants (applying June 2015)</p>
<b>Accounts</b>	<p>Income -           £129,060    )</p> <p>Expenditure -     £127,743    ) 2013/14 accounts</p> <p>Balances -         £78,239    )</p>
<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>This project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide opportunities for vulnerable/ disadvantaged/marginalised groups &amp; individuals some of whom sleep rough</li> <li>• forge wider links into local agendas &amp; support RESZ by providing jobs, training &amp; experience</li> <li>• contribute to the development &amp; sustainability of RBC's economy through reduction of unemployment &amp; up-skilling its workforce fitting into Welfare Reform &amp; Financial Inclusion agendas</li> <li>• have a unique selling point of organic bread made on the premises with healthy options</li> <li>• deliver lunches locally by bicycle and trailer, making it 100% environmentally friendly</li> </ul>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	VDC provides front line services for vulnerable/homeless adults, including open access to IT support, job seeking and training services, and emergency Night Shelter to all adults in NE Hampshire. The services are designed to encourage and equip vulnerable, homeless and job seeking adults with the necessary skills to be able to live independently.
<b>Recommendation</b>	£15,000



## Guidelines

- 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.
- The fund is available to groups and organisations under the following criteria: -
  - Located within 5 kilometres (3 miles) from the centre of Farnborough Airport (taken to be halfway down the main runway)
  - Within this 5 kilometre radius, is demonstrably and regularly affected by aircrafts travelling to and from Farnborough Airport
  - 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
  - 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