

## AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Cabinet  
26 April 2016

Head of Community and Environmental  
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### 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 has considered three applications and has made award recommendations for all (Appendix A).

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| ▪ <b>Farnborough SANDS</b>              | £5,000         |
| ▪ <b>Fleet Pond Society</b>             | £5,000         |
| ▪ <b>Mayfield Community Partnership</b> | £2,000         |
| ▪ <b>Farnborough Air Sciences Trust</b> | £5,000         |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>£17,000</b> |

- The Community Environmental Fund is currently £62,024. Taking the three applications recommended in this paper totalling £17,000 would leave £45,024 available for allocation.
- The guidelines for allocating the funds are attached in Appendix B

#### Recommendation

- Cabinet is recommended to approve the awards totalling £17,000 in Appendix A

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| <b>Environment Fund applicant bid</b>                                     |  |
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| <b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>                                    | Farnborough SANDS (Stillbirth & neonatal death)  |
| <b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>                            | £5,000 (£29,000)   |
| <b>Purpose of grant</b>   | Towards the costs of designing and building a memorial garden in the grounds of Aldershot Crematorium  |
| <b>Previous grants from this fund</b>                                     | None   |
| <b>Distance from centre of runway<br/>(within 5 kilometres (3 miles))</b> |  |
| <b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>                          | £13k from own funds<br>£11k from RBC capital funds   |
| <b>Accounts</b>   | Income - £25,664 (£7,967 = restricted funds)<br>Expenditure - £20,729<br>Balances - £22,397  |
| <b>Additional Info</b>  | <p>The garden has been designed by a local garden designer, also a bereaved parent. Plants will be chosen to attract wildlife. Specimen trees and shrubs will bring structure and shelter to the area. Other features include modern sculptures, a reflective pool, curved benches and a memorial wall where visitors can light a candle for their loved one.</p> <p>The garden will be a benefit for the community, to provide a location for bereaved families and to highlight the issue that SANDS addresses, as well as enhancing a beautiful area into a more managed and effective use of space.</p> <p>Farnborough SANDS connects with around 250 newly bereaved families each year in the surrounding areas of Frimley Park, Basingstoke and Reading hospitals.</p> <p>Project to commence in spring 2016 with the garden opening in summer 2016.</p> |
| <b>Aim of organisation/group</b>  | <p>The local branch of the national SANDS charity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• covers areas between Farnborough, Frimley, Basingstoke, Wokingham, Reading</li> <li>• is run by bereaved volunteers who offer support, understanding and comfort to anyone affected by the loss of a baby at any stage of pregnancy or after birth, no matter how long ago or how recent the loss</li> <li>• works in partnership with local healthcare professionals to improve the quality of care and service offered to bereaved families</li> <li>• promotes research and improvements in practice that could help reduce the loss of babies' lives;</li> <li>• provides training to healthcare professionals at Frimley Park, Basingstoke and Reading hospitals</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Application recommendation</b>   | £5,000   |

## Environment Fund applicant bid

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| <b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>                                   | Fleet Pond Society  |          |         |               |         |            |         |
| <b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>                           | £5,000 (£5,431)   |          |         |               |         |            |         |
| <b>Purpose of grant</b>  | Hemelite Bay Pond Dipping Platform – demolish & replace the existing unsafe platform  |          |         |               |         |            |         |
| <b>Previous grants from this fund</b>                                    | 2010: £15k – 3 bridges to improve disability access   |          |         |               |         |            |         |
| <b>Distance from centre of runway</b><br>(within 5 kilometres (3 miles)) | Within distance   |          |         |               |         |            |         |
| <b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>                         | £431 from society fund raising campaign   |          |         |               |         |            |         |
| <b>Accounts</b>  | <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Income -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£21,562</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£37,520</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balances -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£12,432</td> </tr> </table>   | Income - | £21,562 | Expenditure - | £37,520 | Balances - | £12,432 |
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| Expenditure -  | £37,520   |          |         |               |         |            |         |
| Balances -   | £12,432   |          |         |               |         |            |         |
| <b>Additional Info</b>   | <p>The facility has proved very popular with families from a wide catchment area and it has become necessary to ask groups of 5 or more to book in advance as two groups of 5 is the platform full capacity. For school visits, whole classes of 30+ cannot be accommodated on the one platform.</p> <p>The project will demolish and remove an existing fishing jetty, which has been declared unsafe. The replacement will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• metal supports and frame over a wider footprint to accommodate up to 20 children with supervisor</li> <li>• timber decking with nonslip surface</li> <li>• hand rails, kick rail and safety barrier on the waterside</li> <li>• an identity panel of aquatic invertebrates</li> </ul> <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new platform will benefit the community as more people will be able to have pond dipping experiences without risk of overcrowding</li> <li>• Larger groups will record what they find so adding to the records of aquatic flora to which Fleet Pond gives sanctuary and residence</li> <li>• Skilled volunteers will install the platform under the supervision of the Hart Countryside Service Rangers - providing further opportunities for improving the skills and experience for the volunteer force</li> </ul> |          |         |               |         |            |         |
| <b>Aim of organisation/group</b>   | <p>Objective: to protect and sensitively manage the Site of Special Scientific Interest status of Fleet Pond Nature Reserve.</p> <p>Aim: to increase the use of the reserve for education.</p>  |          |         |               |         |            |         |
| <b>Application recommendation</b>  | £5,000  |          |         |               |         |            |         |

## Environment Fund applicant bid

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| <b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>                                   | Mayfield Community Partnership  |
| <b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>                           | £2,000 (£20,000)  |
| <b>Purpose of grant</b>  | <p>Hawley Community Garden - a community focus for all residents who live and work within the Cherrywood area to promote health and well-being, social awareness and educational and youth opportunities.</p> <p>Stage 1 (of 3):<br/>           £195 - Planning application<br/>           £1200 – Soil testing<br/>           £120 – water survey &amp; plan<br/>           £485 – maps &amp; printing</p>   |
| <b>Previous grants from this fund</b>                                    | None  |
| <b>Distance from centre of runway</b><br>(within 5 kilometres (3 miles)) | Within distance   |
| <b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>                         | <p>In-kind support from local companies</p> <p>For stage 2 – will apply to Land fill trusts</p>   |
| <b>Accounts</b>  | <p>Income - £4,410</p> <p>Expenditure - £3,713</p> <p>Balances - £3,299</p>   |
| <b>Additional Info</b>   | <p>The project will support a maximum of 30 Hawley estate household memberships. There will be annual Household and Associate memberships (£24 and £10 respectively).</p> <p>This is a resident led project supported by local organisations with relevant knowledge and experience. A core planning group (representative of the local community, regarding age and cultural background) have developed a three stage plan:</p> <p>Stage 1 – apply for ‘change of use’ planning consent (now – April)</p> <p>Stage 2 – develop site ready for growing (April – June)</p> <p>Stage 3 – sign up membership; draw up and implement a growing plan (summer 2016)</p> <p>Index of multiple deprivation data shows that the estate has above average levels of adult obesity and diabetes, and below average adult education attainment.</p> |
| <b>Aim of organisation/group</b>   | <p>The aim is to create a place on the Hawley estate, where people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds can come and be part of a vibrant project to grow their own fruit and vegetables.</p> <p>The intention is to turn a piece of unused and unsightly land behind Prince Charles Crescent (owned by First Wessex) into a blooming haven of activity where residents can work and eat together – a place of which to be proud.</p>   |
| <b>Application recommendation</b>  | £2,000  |

## Environment Fund applicant bid

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| <b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>                                   | Farnborough Air Sciences Trust (FAST)   |
| <b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>                           | £5,000 (£15,000)  |
| <b>Purpose of grant</b>  | To erect a monument on the Farnborough Road near to the where Samuel Cody took off to make the first flight in the UK<br><br>£10,000 – Polished granite monolith & erected on prepared site<br>£2,000 – two identical faux bronze plaques<br>£3,000 - groundwork  |
| <b>Previous grants from this fund</b>                                    | None  |
| <b>Distance from centre of runway</b><br>(within 5 kilometres (3 miles)) | Within distance   |
| <b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>                         | £2,000 – public subscription<br>£2,000 – applied from RBC Community fund<br>Balance to be underwritten by FAST  |
| <b>Accounts</b>  | Income - £142,557<br>Expenditure - £91,140<br>Balances - £328,496<br><br>(some of the balances are ring fenced for maintaining the Cody Statue and for maintaining the FAST building)   |
| <b>Additional Info</b>   | <p>The spot is in a publicly accessible place adjacent to the original airfield fence and about 200m south of the Aviator Hotel. Identical plaques on the granite monolith will be visible from both the footpaths on the west side of the Farnborough Road.</p> <p>The monument will mark this particular element of Farnborough's aeronautical history, reminding the community and visitors how the Farnborough airfield has been a vital element in the development of flight. It will also mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Royal Aeronautical Society in 1866.</p> <p>This is a joint project with the Farnborough branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society and the plan is to complete the monument by the end of June 2016.</p> |
| <b>Aim of organisation/group</b>   | FAST is dedicated to the preservation of Farnborough's aeronautical heritage and to educating and informing the public by providing access to the considerable and unique archive and a collection of artefacts in the FAST Museum.   |
| <b>Application recommendation</b>  | £5,000  |

## 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