

Cabinet
17 October 2017

Councillor Martin Tennant
Environment and Service Delivery
Portfolio Holder
Report No. COMM1719

Key Decision - No

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund

Summary and Recommendation

The Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio Holder has considered one application and has awarded £3,477, which Cabinet is recommended to approve.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This paper seeks approval to award a grant from the Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund to assist a local project.

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

3. Details of Bids

- 3.1 The Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio Holder has considered one application (Appendix A) and has made an award recommendation:

• Community Matters Partnership Project (CMPP)	£3,477
Total	£3,477

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Community Environmental Fund is currently £27,953. Taking the application recommended in this paper of £3,477 would leave £24,476 available for allocation.

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Background Documents:

Completed application form - Appendix A

Environment Fund applicant bid							
Name & address of Applicant	The Community Matters Partnership Project (CMPP) Site address: Balmoral Pond, Balmoral Drive, Frimley						
Grant requested (Total cost of project)	£3,477 (£9,680)						
Purpose of grant	Balmoral Pond Wildlife and School Project - to redevelop an overgrown balancing pond back to its original state						
Previous grants from this fund	2012 - £5,000 – Queen Elizabeth Pond restoration 2013 - £5,000 – Manor Junior outdoor sensory garden 2015 - £7,750 – Fernhill Secondary outdoor classroom						
Distance from centre of runway (within 5 kilometres / 3 miles)	Within distance						
Other sources of funding for this project	£6,203 – CMPP Give & Gain Fund						
Accounts	<table> <tr> <td>Income</td> <td>£88,897</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td> <td>£88,151</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balances</td> <td>£746</td> </tr> </table>	Income	£88,897	Expenditure	£88,151	Balances	£746
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Additional Info	<p>The project is to redevelop an overgrown balancing pond in Frimley. The pond has not been maintained for around 20 years and is no longer functional or attractive for wildlife or the local residents.</p> <p>The balancing pond has a number of environmental benefits when operational: it aids in reducing pollution from traffic fumes and the risk of flooding and offers a great habitat for wildlife, as well as being visually attractive and a great public amenity for local residents.</p> <p>CMPP, with the local wildlife trust and environmental experts from TAG, will redevelop the pond back to its original state and add some extras to encourage the return of insects, frogs, grass snakes, birds, bats, newts, snails, hedgehogs and shrimp etc.</p> <p>The project will provide an opportunity for 50 - 80 employee volunteers from local partner businesses to get involved in clearing the pond as well as inviting local residents to join in and volunteer during the day.</p> <p>Local primary and infant schools will be invited to join in with the wildlife aspect of the pond by creating bird and bat boxes and a bug hotel as an educational project. CMPP are working with Sandringham School to look at developing an educational pond project that relates directly to the school curriculum.</p> <p>CMPP will buy in the services of a freelance project manager to manage the project and work with the schools for 80 hours; and will provide all of the administration and marketing/flyers and posters of the project free.</p>						
Aim of organisation/group	CMPP is a business funded project that enables local companies and organisations to work together to make a difference within the local community via employee volunteering projects and fundraising events.						
Application recommendation	£3,477						