

**FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL FUND**

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION**

The Operational Services Portfolio Holder has considered three applications and is recommending Cabinet approve the following awards:

- **Cove Football Club - £1,500**
- **Grange Community Junior School PTA - £2,505**
- **Southwood Infant School - £7,000**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This paper seeks approval to award grants from the Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund to assist three 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 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 Cabinet Member for Operational Services has considered three applications (Appendix A) and is recommending the following awards:

- **Cove Football Club** **£1,500**
- **Grange Community Junior School PTA** **£2,505**
- **Southwood Infant School** **£7,000**

### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Community Environmental Fund is currently £12,467. Taking the three applications recommended in this paper totalling £11,005 would leave £1,462 available for allocation.

#### **Background Documents:**

Completed application forms - Appendix A

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<b>Environment Fund applicant bid</b>	
<b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>	Cove Football Club Squirrel Lane, Farnborough GU14 9PF
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£1,500 (£1,850)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	Cove Walking Football Club – football and medical equipment
<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>	£350 – club funds
<b>Accounts</b>	Income                    £37,238 Expenditure:            £36,177 Balances:                £1,061
<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>The club wish to expand their offer to include those over 50 by forming a Walking Football Club within Cove Sports and Social Club. Although a walking footballers group currently use the clubs’ 3G facility, this is a business run by a physiotherapist under the guise of a rehabilitation centre. Cove FC aspire to have their own Walking Football Club that can play, not only on a social basis, but also in leagues and tournaments. Many of those that currently attend have suggested that they wish to be part of Cove FC.</p> <p>The funding will enable the club to get this group started, by providing the correct football and medical equipment and towards the cost of hiring the facility.</p> <p>The environmental benefit of this project is getting our aging population out in the open air and doing exercise on a regular basis. Walking football offers a multitude of health and wellbeing benefits to older people such as reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease and stroke while improving blood pressure and is also an excellent way of staying fit and healthy. In addition, there are many psychological and mental health advantages to playing walking football, namely high levels of personal reward and satisfaction with reduced levels of stress and exertion while playing, despite working physically hard.</p>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	Cove FC is a Sports and Social Club that provides football for children aged between four and 18 and also adults, providing a safe and secure facility for both the young and old to play football.
<b>Application recommendation</b>	£1,500

## Environment Fund applicant bid

<b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>	Grange Community Junior School PTA Wren Way, Farnborough GU14 8TA						
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£2,505 (£3,505)						
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	To plant a hedge running down an existing pathway alongside the school field						
<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>	£1,000 – Persimmon Homes (unsecured)						
<b>Accounts</b>	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,832</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,622</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balances:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5,439</td> </tr> </table>	Income	£3,832	Expenditure:	£2,622	Balances:	£5,439
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<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>The project is to plant a row of hedging alongside an existing pathway from the back gate of the school to the main playground alongside the playing field.</p> <p>Students and parents walking across the field rather than along the designated path are damaging the sports pitches. This also makes maintaining the pitches difficult. The school are concerned that the number of children who are able to participate in sports will decline due to the facilities becoming unfit for purpose.</p> <p>The children will be assisting with the planting of the hedge and it is hoped that the local community will also get involved.</p> <p>As well as segregating the path from the field, the hedge will provide a habitat and shelter for wildlife.</p> <p>This project will benefit the whole school and local community who rent the school premises for various events throughout the year.</p>						
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	Grange Community Junior School is a small school located in a deprived area of Farnborough. The school aim to provide a rich, stimulating environment enabling the children to develop socially, academically and spiritually.						
<b>Application recommendation</b>	£2,505						

## Environment Fund applicant bid

<b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>	Southwood Infant School Southwood Lane, Farnborough GU14 0NE
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£7,000 (£8,024)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	Improve the outdoor play area with a woodland tower
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	2017 – £7,796 to replace the outdoor trim trail surface
<b>Distance from centre of runway (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))</b>	Within distance
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	£1,024 – own funds
<b>Accounts</b>	Income                    £601,294 Expenditure:            £603,286 Balances:                £5,453
<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>The project will improve the outdoor play area with the provision of some new play equipment. This would comprise of a single woodland tower with roof and stairs, a sloping rope climb, vertical rock and slide and finished off with play lawn safer impact surfacing. An area of the playground has been identified for this equipment that is currently a grassed area which becomes very wet and muddy and cannot be used in the wetter months.</p> <p>Providing some new, exciting equipment will increase the daily activity levels of the children and improve their motor skills and coordination. It will help the children to stay fit and healthy in line with government guidelines and return to class ready to learn so this will be of benefit to children, staff and parents.</p>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	Southwood Infant School is a happy place to learn, work and play, where high standards are set for the staff and children. Staff work in close partnership with parents and other stakeholders to ensure that the children's first three years of schooling is an excellent and enjoyable experience. Everything they do is underpinned by the core values: 'Excellence - Respect - Enjoyment'.
<b>Application recommendation</b>	£7,000