

FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

The Operational Services Portfolio Holder has considered two applications and is recommending Cabinet endorse the following award:

- **The Land Trust - £2,500**

And approve the following award, subject to a successful planning application:

- **Hampshire Cultural Trust - £15,000**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This paper seeks approval to award grants from the Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund to assist two 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 two applications (Appendix A) and is recommending the following awards:

- **The Land Trust *** **£2,500**
- **Hampshire Cultural Trust **** **£15,000**

* Due to the timescales of this project, a Record of Executive Decision has been signed by the Cabinet member and the Leader of the Council recommending a grant to this organisation. Cabinet are asked to endorse this recommendation.

** Planning permission is required for this project. Discussions have been had with the Planning team prior to the submission of the planning application. Cabinet are asked to approve this recommendation, subject to a successful planning application.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Community Environmental Fund is currently £41,903. This includes £5,000 previously allocated to the Farnborough Society in 2015 for a columbarium in the Victoria Road Cemetery Chapel. Following the fire in 2016 the project is no longer going ahead so the funding has been released back to the fund.

Taking the two applications recommended in this paper totalling £17,500 would leave £24,403 available for allocation.

Background Documents:

Completed application forms - Appendix A
Record of Executive Decision – Appendix B

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APPENDIX A

Environment Fund applicant bid	
Name & address of Applicant	The Land Trust Site: Wellesley Woodlands, Aldershot GU11 1GB
Grant requested (Total cost of project)	£2,500 (£4,750)
Purpose of grant	Go Wild Family Challenge
Previous grants from this fund	£4,182 (2018) – Brass-rubbing trail in Wellesley Woodlands
Distance from centre of runway (within 5 km (3 miles))	Within distance
Other sources of funding for this project	£1,750 – The Land Trust (in-kind) £500 – Wellington Ward grant (to be applied for/confirmed)
Accounts	Income £7,090,000 Expenditure: £6,235,000 Balances: £855,000
Additional Info	<p>To help visitors find out more about the site's nature and ecology in a fun and engaging way, the Rangers at Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership (BVCP), who act as the Land Trust's Managing Partner on the site, have designed 'Go Wild Family Challenge' sheets for four of the eight trails. The main target audience will be families with children under the age of 12, but the sheets will be accessible for all site visitors.</p> <p>The printed sheets will be launched at the trail sites during the school summer holidays. Rangers from BVCP will visit one trail site each week in August, hand out the challenge sheets and encourage visitors to complete the activities. The challenge will be publicised through the Wellesley Woodlands website and social media sites, local primary schools and libraries, and other local groups. The challenge sheets will build upon the existing, popular brass-rubbing trail, providing further ways to engage the community and a greater diversity of activities on site.</p> <p>Encouraging families and young people to learn about nature and ecology will help them value the environment and become custodians of the natural world. By making visitors more familiar with woodland habitats and species, it should encourage people to visit woodland sites sympathetically for their leisure time and have a greater understanding of the importance of our woodlands.</p>
Aim of organisation/group	The Land Trust is a charity that is committed to the long-term sustainable management of open space for community benefit. The vision is to improve the quality of people's lives by creating sustainable, high quality green spaces that deliver environmental, social and economic benefits.
Application recommendation	£2,500

Environment Fund applicant bid

Environment Fund applicant bid	
Name & address of Applicant	Hampshire Cultural Trust - Aldershot Military Museum Queens Avenue, Aldershot GU11 1PS
Grant requested (Total cost of project)	£15,000 (£65,770)
Purpose of grant	Shared Spaces, Connected Communities: installation of a World War II assault course replica
Previous grants from this fund	None
Distance from centre of runway (within 5 km (3 miles))	Within distance
Other sources of funding for this project	£3,000 – Friends of Aldershot Military Museum £300 – SAGE Accountants £28,000 – Hampshire Cultural Trust £19,270 – In-kind donations
Accounts	Income £8,317,343 Expenditure: £7,839,422 Balances: £1,428,587
Additional Info	<p>Shared Spaces, Connected Communities will regenerate Aldershot Military Museum's (AMM) outdoor area with the installation of a World War II assault course replica. This is part of a wider project which will eventually include a field camp picnic area and veterans garden, all designed with the aim of enhancing the visitor experience, engaging new audiences to the museum and making a useable open space. Alongside the assault course there will be interpretation boards to help visitors get a flavour of soldiers training regimes.</p> <p>The design of the assault course will enhance the landscape, creating an opportunity to learn and play in a natural outdoor space.</p> <p>This development will link local communities through their shared history in Aldershot, by bringing together local communities through adventure and play. The outdoor space will provide a local green space with good tree coverage to help combat any affects from the airport.</p> <p>Throughout the development of the project AMM is working closely with stakeholders (including Aldershot Garrison, Aspire, Blooming Marvellous, local schools and community groups) to identify how to make the space engaging for all communities in Rushmoor.</p>
Aim of organisation/group	<p>Situated on Aldershot military garrison, Aldershot Military Museum tells the story of the Army's arrival in Aldershot and both the lives of soldiers and the local civilians since 1854.</p> <p>The museum is part of Hampshire Cultural Trust (HCT) which manages 23 venues across the county cares for 2.5 million objects that relate to Hampshire's rich heritage and runs targeted social impact programmes working with 1,300 people each year.</p>
Application recommendation	£15,000 subject to a successful planning application

**RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**



Decision taken by individual Cabinet Member/Officer (delete as appropriate)

(All sections must be completed (mark "N/A" as applicable))

<p>DECISION MAKERS <i>(Name and designation)</i></p> <p>David Clifford, Leader of the Council Maurice Sheehan, Cabinet member for Operational Services</p>
<p>DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT</p> <p>Farnborough airport community environmental community fund grant awarded to the Land Trust towards the cost of 'Go Wild Family Challenge' sheets. These will help visitors to four of the existing trails in the Wellesley Woodlands to learn more about the ecology and nature of the site through a range of activities.</p> <p>The challenge sheets will build upon the existing, popular brass-rubbing trail, providing further ways to engage the community and a greater diversity of activities on site. The sheets will also be downloadable and very cheap to print so it will be possible to reach a large cohort of people using the Wellesley Woodlands website and social media sites, Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership blog and other websites including Grainger, the Land Trust, Hampshire County Council and Rushmoor Borough Council.</p> <p>The printed sheets will be launched at the trail sites during the school summer holidays. The main target audience will be families with children under the age of 12, but the sheets will be accessible for all site visitors.</p> <p>Given the nature of the project, the Cabinet member is recommending a grant of £2,500 to support this project. Cabinet will be asked to endorse this at their July meeting.</p>
<p>DATE DECISION TAKEN 18 June 2019</p>
<p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</p> <p>None</p>
<p>ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED</p> <p>N/A</p>

Signed: David Clifford

Signed: Maurice Sheehan
(Decision Makers)

Designations: Leader of the Council and Cabinet member for Operational Services respectively