

**FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL FUND**

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION**

The Operational Services Portfolio Holder has considered four grant applications and is recommending Cabinet endorse the following awards:

- **Prospect Estate Big Local (PEBL) - £6,812**
- **The Species Recovery Trust - £3,000**
- **The Wavell School - £12,387**
- **Friends of Aldershot Military Museum - £5,000**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This paper seeks approval to award grants from the Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund to assist four 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 BID**

3.1 The Operational Services Portfolio Holder has considered four applications (Appendix A) and is recommending the following awards:

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• The Species Recovery Trust	<b>£3,000</b>
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### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 At the time of the last report there was £1,263 left in the Community Environmental Fund. Annual top up funding from Farnborough Airport of £64,640 for business aviation movements in 2019 has since been received, bringing the total to £65,723.

4.2. Taking the applications recommended in this paper totalling £27,199 would leave £38,524 available for allocation.

#### **Background Documents:**

Completed application form - Appendix A

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Environment Fund applicant bid	
<b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>	Prospect Estate Big Local (PEBL) Prospect Community Centre, Mayfield Road, Farnborough GU14 8UA
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£6,812 (£14,124)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	12 benches for the perimeter of the Prospect Estate
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	2014 - £2,500 for an outdoor table tennis table in Water Lane 2015 - £3,000 for a landscape architect to develop an environmental master plan for the area
<b>Distance from centre of runway</b> (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))	Within distance
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	£250 – Cherrywood Ward grant £7,062 – PEBL
<b>Accounts</b>	Income                      £169,207 Expenditure:                £46,144 Balances:                    £123,063 (£90k for Moor Road facilities)
<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>Part of the PEBL Environment theme is to deploy street furniture to improve the look of the estate and develop communal areas, of which the benches project is a part.</p> <p>When the Estate was first built in the 1960-70's, benches were part of the area but over the decades these fell into disrepair or were removed, leaving just a few. Residents have identified that more benches are needed on the estate. As well as improving the physically environment, the benches will encourage residents to feel a sense of belonging and help to bring people together when they stop to rest on the same bench. It will also encourage walking which improves mental and physical wellbeing together with reducing social isolation which has been identified as an issue on the Prospect Estate.</p> <p>The benches will be made from splinter and knot-free Timberpol, a durable and strong composite material containing a minimum 70% recycled hardwood sawdust and recycled polypropylene.</p> <p>Each bench will have an engraved plaque with a QR code which will link to local information and the PEBL website, giving access to PEBL services.</p>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	The PEBL Vision is that by 2024, the Prospect Estate will be a welcoming, safe, thriving community where individual strengths are recognised, people are actively involved and proud to live. In order to achieve this, key themes were identified: Communication, Broadening Horizons, Environment, Community Issues and Young People.
<b>Application recommendation</b>	£6,812

## Environment Fund applicant bid

<b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>	The Species Recovery Trust Site: GU52 9EP – including Forest of Eversley, Church and Crookham Commons, Eelmoor Marsh and Hawley Common
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£3,000 (£4,000)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	Conserving the rare heathland plants of the Farnborough Heaths
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	2018 - £4,000 for rare plants of the Rushmoor heathland 2015 - £2,500 for conserving the biodiversity hotspots of the Rushmoor heathland
<b>Distance from centre of runway</b> (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))	Within distance
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	£800 – The Halpin Trust £200 – The Species Recovery Trust
<b>Accounts</b>	Income                      £64,149 Expenditure:              £66,487 Balances:                  £99,959 (£32k are restricted funds)
<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>The project aims to conserve some of the rarest species contained in the local heaths, focussing on Marsh Clubmoss, the declining mires in which it grows and the wealth of other wildlife these habitats support. The area around Farnborough is one of the few locations in the southeast where it occurs, but it continues to suffer declines and local extinctions in this area. By saving the habitat it occurs in this also provides a resource for a wealth of other rare animals and plants.</p> <p>The project will monitor the health of these populations and carry out subtle management by hand to improve the habitat for the remaining plants. Data will be shared with local organisations.</p> <p>There will also be a free open day to engage residents about the rare wildlife occurring on the heathlands led by an experienced botanist and birdwatcher.</p>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	The Species Recovery Trust is a small conservation charity with the aim of conserving the UK's biodiversity. They do this by carrying out targeting conservation programme on 30 species of plants and animal which have been on the brink of extinction in the UK.
<b>Application recommendation</b>	£3,000

## Environment Fund applicant bid

<b>Environment Fund applicant bid</b>	
<b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>	The Wavell School Lynchford Road, Farnborough GU14 6BH
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£12,387 (£17,000)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	Community / Year 7 garden
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	2016 - £7,650 for an outdoor sensory garden
<b>Distance from centre of runway</b> (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))	Within distance
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	£4,613 – The Wavell School
<b>Accounts</b>	Income                £5,380,437 Expenditure:       £5,368,917 Balances:            £242,673
<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>When the school expanded eight years ago, a very old 'Trim Trail' was inherited. This has proved invaluable, giving the Year 7 students their very own dedicated area to socialise for the first term when they start at The Wavell. The equipment is costly to inspect and maintain and there have been numerous falls from it this year resulting in several hospital visits and broken bones, so it has been decided to remove the equipment. However, the school still feel it is vital to provide an area for Year 7 students.</p> <p>The project is to regenerate an outdoor space by installing benches and a shelter as well as planting shrubs and trees. These will act as a windbreak and will help to improve the air quality and help offset the carbon footprint of the surrounding infrastructure.</p> <p>For the first term of each academic year, this will be a dedicated area for Year 7 students to socialise, helping them transition from junior to secondary school. For the rest of the year the area will be used by the whole school community. The area will also be available for the hundreds of local people who use the campus facilities in the evenings, at weekends and during the school holidays.</p>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	The Wavell is a comprehensive school for 11-16-year-olds on the Aldershot/Farnborough border. The school serves a diverse community which is embrace whole-heartedly through the school's ethos and activities. Their aim is to be the best school in which to teach or be taught.
<b>Application recommendation</b>	£12,387

## Environment Fund applicant bid

<b>Name &amp; address of Applicant</b>	Friends of Aldershot Military Museum (FAMM)
<b>Grant requested (Total cost of project)</b>	£5,000 (172,645)
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	Signage for Aldershot Heritage Trails
<b>Previous grants from this fund</b>	2019 - £10,000 for Heritage trails signage
<b>Distance from centre of runway (within 5 kilometres (3 miles))</b>	Within distance
<b>Other sources of funding for this project</b>	£77,645 – FAMM volunteer in-kind £25,000 – Grainger plc £55,000 – Section 106 £10,000 – Farnborough airport community fund
<b>Accounts</b>	Income                      £2,449 Expenditure:              £1,521 Balances:                   £12,118
<b>Additional Info</b>	<p>This application is in addition to the £10,000 awarded to the project in April 2019 so that the project can be completed.</p> <p>The project is to establish a series of five interlinking Heritage Trails around the area of the historic Aldershot military and civilian towns. The trails have been named to reflect the historic links to the area - Marlborough, Stanhope, Redan, Wellington and Town. This project is a partnership between FAMM, Rushmoor Borough Council and Grainger plc. Stanhope trail is being funded by Grainger.</p> <p>The plans for the Heritage Trails grew out of FAMM's popular historical guided walks. Consultations showed that people of all ages would enjoy the opportunity to walk the heritage trails, improving their local knowledge in an entertaining way.</p> <p>Over the five trails, 186 sites of historic interest will be marked by use of informative signs and markers, including different sized freestanding totems and low angled panels, and wall mounted information tiles. These will be supported by leaflets and a website providing maps and more detailed information. The website will also allow visitors to give feedback and upload their own memories or information on historic Aldershot. At selected sites there will be additional tiles with children's activities. Educational packs will be sent to schools and guided tours around sections of the heritage trails will be available. All the trails are accessible and alternative routes have been incorporated where necessary.</p> <p>The trails will deliver health, well-being and mental health benefits to all as they explore the trails and learn about the town's history, instilling a greater sense of pride within the Aldershot community.</p>
<b>Aim of organisation/group</b>	The aim of FAMM is to further the education of the public by the promotion, support, assistance and improvement of the Aldershot Military Museum. The association is run by volunteers and is for anyone who wishes to support the Museum and its activities, young and old, soldier and civilian.
<b>Application recommendation</b>	£5,000