
DOOR STEP GREEN PROJECT ON FIRTHMOOR ESTATE

Responsible Cabinet Member(s) -Councillor Lee Vasey, Leisure Services Portfolio

Responsible Director(s) - Cliff Brown, Director of Community Services

Purpose of Report

1. To release grant funding for the Doorstep Green Project on Firthmoor Estate.

Information and Analysis

2. The improvement of five open spaces was an aspiration of the environmental action element of the Firthmoor regeneration programme.
3. Holgate Moor Green has been identified from community consultation as suitable for a Doorstep Green at an overall cost of £238,321. The proposed layout is attached.
4. Doorstep Greens are an initiative attracting New Opportunities Funding suitable for under used areas where residents are able to have a say in the future of the area. It is administered by the Countryside Agency.
5. The funding for this project has been identified as follows:

Amount	Source	Status
£		
43,450	Countryside Agency	Secured
5,000	Children's Fund	Secured
41,257	NOF Living Spaces	Secured
111,864	ERDF	Secured
24,750	SRB	Secured
12,000	St Martin's Care Homes	Secured

6. The Children's Fund element is to be spent exclusively on extending the play provision in the area, an element that the Countryside Agency will not fund.
 7. St Martin's Care Homes is building on the former Moorcroft Site and is contributing to the sensory garden element of the site.
 8. A User Group has been set up with representation from the Community Association, Youth Group, Parents and Toddlers Group.
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Outcome of Consultation

9. The proposal is the outcome of community consultation carried out by the Groundwork Trust on behalf of the Firthmoor Community Association.

Financial Implications

10. Capital resources to fund the scheme are available as shown in paragraph 5. Capital required is from external sources so there is no impact on DBC resources.
11. With respect to future maintenance costs an amount of £76,926 has been set aside from the commuted sum provided by the developers of the Moorfield development and this will meet anticipated costs for the next ten years. Of this sum, £46,926 is for maintenance of the play equipment and £30,000 for the landscaped areas.
12. Due to the complexities of the funding streams the accounts relating to the project will be paid by the Council and reclaimed from the contributing funders by the Neighbourhood Management Team.

Legal Implications

13. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

14. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

Council Policy Framework

15. The issues contained within this report do not represent change to Council policy or the Council's policy framework

Decision Deadline

16. For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter

Recommendation

17. It is recommended that Cabinet release Capital Funding of £238,321.

Reasons

18. To enable the Holgate Moor Doorstep Green scheme to progress.

Cliff Brown
Director of Community Services

Background Papers

No Background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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