

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2021/22
Decision No.
2280

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 June 2021

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	Welcome Back Fund
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Maintain and extend prosperity; Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to agree the Council's approach to spending the Welcome Back Fund.

The Council has been allocated £168,270 from the Government's Welcome Back Fund for projects to help boost the look and feel of high street and coastal areas to support their re-opening as Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

This funding is for Council projects to support a safe return and welcome to residents and visitors. The funding builds on the Re-Opening High Streets Safely fund, for which the spend was agreed as part of the Economic Recovery Plan agreed in September 2020. Guidance is available with which the Council's activity plan must match, including on eligible projects, procurement routes and publicity requirements. This additional fund can support activities until March 2022.

Following cross-service discussions, a proposed activity list is included in the report for Executive consideration and approval. The proposed activity list focusses on events and activities to support the re-opening of high streets and green spaces across the Borough and is intended to fully maximise the funding available.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the Welcome Back Fund Activity Plan for submission to Government; and
- (b) agrees that the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, be authorised to make any necessary changes to the Activity Plan in order to ensure compliance with the funding requirement, and subject to further feasibility work, in relation to confirming the final costs.

Reason:

To agree how the Council will spend the £168,270 allocation for the Welcome Back Fund.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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