

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2022/23
Decision No.
2362

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 16 May 2022

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Grant Money for Carbon Reduction Initiatives at Community Centres
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun; Protect and enhance the environment

Purpose:

This report presents a proposal to fund up to £30,000 of carbon reduction measures across the Council's 10 community centres, the majority of which would be by utilising the remaining £26,750 previously ringfenced for the COVID-19 Special Grants Programme.

The Council has made a commitment to becoming carbon neutral in its operations by 2030.

2019/20 is used as the baseline year for measuring our carbon footprint and the Council's total emissions of greenhouse gases that year were equivalent to 3,661 tonnes of carbon dioxide. Of those, 219 tonnes were from our 10 community centres.

Any significant carbon reduction measures would require external funding. However, there is an opportunity to fund £30,000 worth of appropriate smaller measures e.g. radiator reflectors, LED lightbulbs and carbon literacy training.

The improvements would be funded via the remaining £26,750 previously ringfenced for the COVID-19 Special Grants Programme. An additional £3,250 would round the fund up to £30,000 in total.

Options Considered:

Councillor S D Martin declared a personal interest in this item as he is a Council appointed representative on the Management Committee of Priory Park Community Association.

Councillor Mrs S M Walker declared a personal interest in this item as she is a Council appointed representative on Portchester Community Centre Ltd.

Councillor Miss J Bull declared a personal interest in this item as she is a Trustee of Whiteley Community Association, a Council appointed Trustee at Burrige Community Association and a Council appointed representative on the Louisa Seymour Charity Management Committee.

Councillor I J Bastable declared a personal interest in this item as he is a Council appointed representative on the Management Committee of Priory Park Community Association.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the establishment of a £30,000 community centre carbon reduction fund;
- (b) agrees that the remaining £26,750 previously ringfenced for the COVID-19 Special Grants Programme be used to help fund the programme; and
- (c) agrees that awards of funding to Community Centres under this scheme be made by the Director of Leisure and Community following consultation with the Executive Member for Leisure and Community.

Reason:

To help reduce the Council's carbon footprint whilst also encouraging wider carbon emissions across the Borough.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor S D Martin (Deputy Executive Leader)

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