

BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Report of Lynda Turner, Executive Member of Community & Environmental Services.

To: Cabinet: 13 January 2015

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Subject: Grant Panel Report – October – November 2014

Purpose: This report makes a recommendation to Cabinet on awarding funding to Hardingham Memorial Hall Play Area project.

Recommendation(s):

- 1) That Cabinet approve a **Match funding** grant of £13,614 (30% of the total project costs, which ever is the lowest) to Hardingham Memorial Hall for the Hardingham Play Area Regeneration project.

1.0 **BACKGROUND**

1.1 This Cabinet report presents and recommends for approval the following grant application from the Match funding budget.

1.2 **Hardingham Memorial Hall - Hardingham Play Area Regeneration project**

Hardingham Memorial Hall has received Breckland funding in the past. The last grant awarded was in 2012 and was for costs associated with a kitchen upgrade, refurbishment and store room. The amount of funding given was £1,587.

The applicant is planning a varied play area which will cater for a wide age range from toddler equipment through to adult gym apparatus. They have secured almost 10% of the funding for this project, mainly through local fundraising and donations. They are in the process of applying to other funders, please table below for funding status:

Fundraising method	Amount requested	% of total	Funding confirmed	Outcome date expected
Local fundraising	-		£2,037	Received
Personal donations	-		£1,130	Received
Fields in Trust	£1,500	3.3%	£1,500	To be paid before end Dec 2014
<i>Santander (Funds x2)</i>	<i>£10,220</i>		<i>Unsuccessful</i>	<i>Nil receipt</i>
Norfolk Playing Field Assoc	£5,000	11%		Not known, but request for update sent 4.11.14
Hardingham Parish Council	£3,000	6.6%		PC mtg 10th November
Breckland Match Funding	£13,614	30%		Early December

Section 106 funding	£17,038	37.5%		Not known
Trust House Charitable	£4,500	9.9%		End December 2014
Total	£54,872		£4,667	

If they do not secure all the funding needed they will eliminate the adult equipment and some of the ancillary items that would not affect the play experience for toddlers and young children.

The applicant has researched the need for this project and consulted with the community on needs and age range of equipment. This is demonstrated via the results of a community questionnaire that was delivered to every household. The questionnaire results show that there is a need for equipment for people of various ages from toddlers, older children, and adults. The play area will be looked after and maintained by the Memorial Hall committee and volunteers.

The applicant states that the on-going financial costs associated with the play area will be minimal. They will pay for an annual RoSPA inspection and specific maintenance as and when required which will be funded out of the general Memorial Hall funds. They will continue to maintain the grass on the site via volunteers.

The project meets 2 of the corporate objectives of 'Pride in Breckland' and 'Developing Stronger Communities'. There is ward member support for this project.

If funding is awarded the offer letter will stipulate that no funding can be released until all other external funding has been secured for the project. Brecklands contribution would not exceed the 30% of the total project costs as stated in the ProB and would allow for possible changes in the overall cost of the project.

2.0 OPTIONS

- 2.1 Fully fund the funding applications set out in the report
- 2.2 Part fund the funding applications set out in the report
- 2.1 Do nothing

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 The grant panel have looked at this funding application and the majority support this funding request with an overall average score of 20.6, which is above the minimum required.

4.0 EXPECTED BENEFITS

- 4.1 A play area catering for all ages in a rural area. External funding invested in the district and a more active and cohesive community.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Carbon Footprint / Environmental Issues**

5.1.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.2 **Constitution & Legal**

5.2.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.3 **Contracts**

5.3.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.4 **Corporate Priorities**

5.4.1 This project meets at least 2 of the corporate priorities, which is the minimum required regarding grant funding.

5.5 **Crime and Disorder**

5.5.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.6 **Equality and Diversity / Human Rights**

5.3.2 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.7 **Financial**

5.7.1 Proforma B's are included in this report.

5.8 **Health & Wellbeing**

5.8.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.9 **Risk Management**

5.9.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.10 **Staffing**

5.10.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications.

5.11 **Stakeholders / Consultation / Timescales**

5.11.1 These elements were considered in the assessment of the application

5.12 **Other**

5.12.1 Any offer letters made should reflect the conditions applied by the grant panel members.

6.0 **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED**

6.1 Upper Yare

7.0 **ACRONYMS**

7.0.1 Not applicable

Background papers:- See The Committee Report Guide

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Key Decision: No

Exempt Decision: No

This report refers to a Discretionary Service

Appendices attached to this report:

Appendix A

Proforma B