

## BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

**To:** Cabinet: 13 January 2015

**(Author:** Laura Apps-Green, Pride & Grants Officer)

**Subject:** Harling Play Project Grant Application

**Purpose:** This report makes a recommendation to Cabinet on awarding funding to Harling Parish Council for the Harling Play Project.

### Recommendation(s):

- 1) That Cabinet approve a **Match funding** grant of £20,000 (23.9% of the total project costs, which ever is the lowest) to Harling Parish Council for the Harling Play 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 Harling Parish Council Play Project

Harling Parish Council has received Breckland funding in the past (£7,008.43). The last grant awarded was for phase 1 of the play project, which involved the installation of a teenage play park at the recreation ground.

This phase of the play project focuses on the under 12 age range and will involve the installation of: swings, picnic benches, pre-teen multi play piece, toddler multi play piece, hopscotch, recycled tyre climbing piece, rope swing, refurbishment of seesaw, orbit round about, adventure trail climbing frame, as well as the fencing of the site.

The applicant has secured 62.5% of the total project costs and has applications in with other funders and plans for fundraising activities to meet the remaining shortfall. Please see the table below for the current funding status:

Name of funder/method of fundraising	Amount requested	% of Total	Funding Confirmed	Outcome decision date expected
Parish Council – precept and donation from legacy	£21,846.38	26.2%	YES	N/A
S106 monies	£5,430.50	6.5%	YES	N/A
HaPPy Fundraising & personal donations	£6,092.49	7.3%	YES	N/A
Donations from local businesses	£2,870.00	3.4%	YES	N/A
Awards for All	£9,692.00	11.6%	YES	N/A
Small Grants (inc Almary Green, Shadwell Stud, Flagship Housing, Chelsea Building Society, Prudential, Paul Bassam Trust)	£6,285.04	7.5%	YES	N/A
Gift Aid claim on fundraising (estimated)	£400.00	0.5%	NO (but expected)	31/12/2014 once claim made

<b>Further s106 claim</b>	<b>£600.00</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>31/12/2014</b>
<b>Additional fundraising (cake stall and quiz booked for 13/12/2014)</b>	<b>£450.00</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>13/12/2014</b>
<b>Donations of help in kind (breakout of existing equipment and clearance of site and local provision of welfare facilities)</b>	<b>£2,500.00</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>NO (but promised)</b>	<b>Date of installation</b>
<b>Current shortfall - additional applications being made and further negotiations with suppliers will be undertaken otherwise we will drop part/all of phase 2 (roundabout and adventure trail)</b>	<b>£7,370.19</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total amount requested from Breckland Council</b>	<b>£20,000</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>Breckland's % of Total</b>	

If they do not secure all the funding needed they will eliminate some of the play equipment, for example the roundabout and adventure trail.

The applicant has conducted extensive research and consultation around the play needs of the village and are responding directly to the needs expressed by the local community. They have completed phase 1 of the project with the instillation of the teen play area and are now focused on phase 2. This is demonstrated via the results of a full village questionnaire where 95% of respondents expressed a need for improved play facilities in the village. They also conducted targeted consultation with the children in the local school, pre-school and toddler group and gain village approval of the proposed play plans with over 300 adults and over 100 children giving positive comments of the consultation document that was produced.

The Parish Council have stated in their application form that they will install the play equipment by a reputable company, which will conform to RoSPA guidelines and the site will be regularly maintained and monitored by the Parish Council and regular RoSPA inspections will be carried out.

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, it should be noted here that the group may, as mentioned earlier eliminate some items of equipment if they are unable to secure the full amount of £83,536.60. Breckland's contribution would not exceed the 23.9% of the total project costs as stated in the ProB and would allow for possible changes in the overall cost of the project. In addition any funding granted by the authority is monitored against the application for which it was awarded and conditions that have been applied.

## 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 24, which is above the minimum required.

### 4.0 **EXPECTED BENEFITS**

4.1 A play area catering for the under 12's 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 This funding application compliments Breckland Councils health and wellbeing agenda because it promotes, encourages and provides an opportunity for young people to participate in physical activity.

#### 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 conditions applied by the grant panel members.

**6.0 WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED**

6.1 Harling and Heathlands

**7.0 ACRONYMS**

7.0.1 Not applicable

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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