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CABINET
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HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND (HLF) PARKS FOR PEOPLE AWARD –
HEDNESFORD PARK/WAR MEMORIAL

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of the results of the Heritage Lottery Fund Board of Trustees Meeting in December 2012.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members note the successful grant award under the above programme of £2,273,700, which represents 71.34% of the total project costs.
- 2.2 That Members authorise the Corporate Director to sign the agreement from the HLF and enter into any legal and other agreements that may be necessary to implement any conditions of grant imposed by HLF.

3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Following the successful submission in August 2012, the Council were informed of their success in December 2012.
- 3.2 The offer of grant requires the Council to enter into an agreement with HLF to spend monies with claims made retrospectively. The agreement is normally to ensure Council's expend in accordance with the bid submission details and to gain and maintain the site to a Green Flag standard for five years.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 This report supports the Council's Corporate Priorities as follows:
- (i) Active and Healthy Lifestyles.

- (ii) Improved Living Environment.
- (iii) Contributing to promoting Community Engagement.

5 Report Detail

- 5.1 The successful award from HLF will allow officers to refurbish the park in accordance with the Master Plan approved by HLF.
- 5.2 The bid allowed for an internal reconfiguration of the pavilion to include a café (to be operated by a social enterprise) and a small community room.
- 5.3 The War Memorial was also included in terms of access (surfacing) and perimeter fencing.
- 5.4 The award will employ two additional staff members funded by HLF for a period of five years to ensure the community are involved in the development of the park.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial

The total scheme cost is £3,186,800 and HLF have awarded grant totalling £2,273,700 being 71.34% of total scheme costs. The difference between the total scheme cost and the HLF grant award is made up of various cash and non contributions. It will be critical that these cash contributions are received and non cash contributions recorded properly so that full grant can be drawn down. If this is not achieved then HLF will not allow the full draw down of grant to cover costs incurred.

The following table summaries the expenditure and income including grant award and matching contributions.

Expenditure	£
Delivery Costs	£75,900
Works Costs	£2,397,545
Delivering Activities	£270,680
Other Scheme Costs	£442,675
Total Expenditure	£3,186,800

Income	
HLF Grant	£2,273,700
Developer Contributions	£376,697
Staffs Environment Fund	£30,000
CCDC Cash Contributions	£353,303
Non Cash Contributions	£153,100
Total Income	£3,186,800

Some of the expenditure elements above are capital in nature. The capital element of the scheme has been included in the 2013-16 Capital Programme as detailed to Cabinet 31st January 2013. .

Any posts employed as part of the phase 2 project would become redundant at the end of these funding arrangements unless alternative funding could be found. If redundancy payments arise for post holders employed as part of the scheme the Council would have make provision for such payments.

Consideration is needed of the on going revenue costs post the HLF grant period. The Council would be required to fund any increased revenue implications from its own resources and compensatory budget savings would have to be found from within the Council.

6.2 Legal

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 gives the Council a general power of competence and replaces the well being power which was contained in Section 1 of the Local Government Act 2000. The power is wide ranging and establishes the legal framework to enable local authorities to improve the quality of life, opportunity and health of their local communities.

Ultimately it is for the Council to decide whether any particular action will achieve the promotion or improvement of well-being, taking account of local circumstances and the needs/wishes of the local community. It includes the

power to incur expenditure and to enter into arrangements or agreements with any person as proposed in the report.

6.3 Human Resources

The following posts have been allowed for in the successful bid:-

Community and Education Officer (F/T 5 years) – Grade G

Community Gardener (F/T 5 years) – Grade F

Project Manager (P/T 2 years) – Grade H

Job descriptions have been prepared for the posts and have been subjected to the Council's job evaluation scheme which has established the grading structure and confirmed the cost of each.

Any post holder employed for more than two years in the above roles will be entitled to a redundancy payment at the end of the fixed term contract. Potential redundancy costs will need to be factored in to the overall budget for the project. Such costs may be increased if the relevant postholder has continuous local government service with another local government employer, upon appointment.

6.4 Section 17 (Crime Prevention)

The Council is obliged to consider activities which may lead to reduction in anti-social behaviour. Understanding the barriers to use have been built into this scheme ensuring play areas and the bowling green would be fenced but the floodlit teen zone would be available throughout the year when other activities are likely to close. The fear of groups of children and to much lesser extent crime deters many people from using parks. This is more the case with particular vulnerable groups and it is recognised that good design and management can allay these fears. The scheme would be considered by the Police and Fire Service to ensure any areas of concern are designed out.

6.5 Human Rights Act

There are no direct implications in respect of the Human Rights Act 1998 arising from this report.

6.6 Data Protection

There are no identified implications in respect of the Data Protection Act.

6.7 Risk Management

The conditions around the HLF Parks for People Programme ensure that risk is assessed continually throughout the project. The risks associated with the project revolved around the bid being unsuccessful meaning that only the works associated with St. Modwen along Victoria Street would have been undertaken. This would have left the Council failing to meet its DDA requirements in respect of the access to the pavilion, bowling greens and tennis courts. Now that this is not the case the majority of risks revolve around technical aspects of the scheme and above inflation increases in crude oil based products/processes such as fencing, tarmac etc

6.8 Equality & Diversity

The scheme will acknowledge diversity and design out any barriers and consultation has already been undertaken with a number of access groups in the park.

6.9 Best Value

This has been encompassed in the bidding process

7 Appendices to the Report

None

Previous Consideration	
Cabinet Report	15 September 2011
Cabinet Report	19 July 2012

Background Papers
People, Places and their Green Spaces – CLG, BTVC, Green Space and Keep Britain Tidy
The Value of Public Space – Cobe Space
Conservation Management Planning Integrated Plans for Conservation Work, Physical Access, Management and Maintenance at Heritage Sites – Heritage Lottery Fund
Parks for People, Grants between £25,000 and £5 million, Introduction and help notes – HLF
Section 106 Environmental Schemes – Capital Programme 2011-12, 28/4/2011