

Executive Member Decision



REPORT OF: Executive Member for Finance and Governance, Public Health and Wellbeing

LEAD OFFICERS: Director of Finance
Director of Public Health & Wellbeing

DATE: Friday, 10 September 2021

PORTFOLIO(S) AFFECTED: Finance & Governance
Public Health and Wellbeing

WARD/S AFFECTED: Livesey with Pleasington; Mill Hill and Moorgate;

SUBJECT:

EMD Council grant funding for Greenfields Community Centre and Mill Hill Juniors FC

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Proposal to provide grant funding of £50,000 in total to two local community groups following the disposal of the Lomond Gardens housing site.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Members approve (subject to the agreement of appropriate conditions, as referred to in the report);

- 1) £20,000 grant funding to Greenfields Community Centre
- 2) £30,000 grant funding to Mill Hill Juniors Football Club

3. BACKGROUND

On 12th March 2020, the Executive Board approved the disposal of Council owned land at Lomond Gardens to McDermott Homes for housing development. McDermott Homes submitted a planning application (planning reference 10/21/0277) and approved in July 2021. McDermott Homes are due to commence works in September 2021 and expected to complete the scheme by September 2023.

Following the disposal of the land, the Council wishes to support two community groups (Greenfields Community Centre and Mill Hill Juniors FC) located near to the site and likely to be valued by local residents by providing funding to each group in the form of a grant to support planned capital improvement projects.

Each community group will need to submit proposals detailing their planned use of the grant on capital projects over the coming months and Council officers will verify the payments on a drawdown basis.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

The Council will work with each group to ensure that the appropriate evidence and documentation is provided to enable the release of funds. Procedures will be in place to ensure that the grant is

spent on capital projects in accordance with the Council's requirements and that funds will only be released upon work being completed/commissioned and appropriate evidence being provided.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed grants will be made available following the receipt of the capital payment from McDermott Homes from the disposal of the Lomond Gardens housing site.

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- 2) £30,000 grant funding to Mill Hill Juniors Football Club

It is anticipated that the grant will be made available in the current 2021/22 financial year following receipt of the capital sum.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The trustees of the two local community groups will need to confirm in writing that they will use the grant monies provided for the specified purposes stated in their submitted proposals, which would be subject to Council agreement. This could be formalised by exchange of letter, which should also contain agreed timescales for use of the grant monies and other conditions that the Council may consider appropriate.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below.

Option 1 ☒ Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 ☐ In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision.

10. CONSULTATIONS

11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded in the Summary of Decisions published.

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DATE:	August 2021
BACKGROUND PAPER:	None