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MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET** held on 13 December 2016 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor Ms A Western

Also in attendance – Councillor R Mihaly

49/16 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

50/16 **COMMUNITIES PRIORITIES PROGRAMME** The Cabinet Member was updated on the projects supported by the Community Priorities Programme.

To date 31 projects had been approved totalling £285, 504. These ranged from £600 for a large lawnmower to cut grass around the footpaths on the edges of Kirk Hallam Lake to £50,000 towards a new Creswell Heritage and Wellbeing Centre, which would involve removing the swimming pool and redesigning the facilities to include a large flexible hall, soft play area and mining heritage experience. Appendix A to the report provided details about each of the projects funded, this showed that even small amounts of funding could make a difference. It was also reported that there were another 31 applications in various stages of development.

RESOLVED to note the 31 projects totalling £285,504 that had been approved to date.

51/16 **COMMUNITY PRIORITIES PROGRAMME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR BITS AND BOBS AT HOME SERVICE** An application for funding under the Community Priorities Programme had been submitted by Councillors Ellie Wilcox, Dave Wilcox and Damien Greenhalgh for a grant of £30,000 to support Volunteer Centre Glossop (VCG) set up a 'Bits and Bobs at Home' service. This was a social enterprise being developed through Volunteer Centre Glossop and the Gamesley G52 community organisation. Other local organisations such as WellFit CIC, Glossop Arts, Derbyshire Alzheimers, Derbyshire Carers, Time Swap Timebank, Regency Hall supported living and High Peak/Bare Necessities foodbank would also be involved in the partnership. The service would target older people and people living with a disability or a long term limiting illness.

The funding would cover the initial start-up costs for gardening and DIY equipment, a van, the first 12 months of a Coordinators salary and a salary for 2 days per week for the Manager. The Bits and Bobs service would be a community business not a training scheme. However it would act as the next step on a personal journey through a funded training scheme and pre-employment support.

RESOLVED to approve the application for £30,000 for the Bits and Bobs at Home Service as set out in the report.

52/16 COMMUNITY PRIORITIES PROGRAMME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR SHIREBROOK TOWN PARK An application for funding of £50,000 under the Community Priorities Programme had been submitted by Councillor Marian Stockdale towards the redevelopment of Shirebrook Town Park. This was part of a larger proposal to redevelop the park to include play space, splash park, gardens, orchard, timber trim trail, interactive sports wall, audio-interactive play set and exercise equipment.

The current facilities were very limited and this would provide better and more varied play and recreation opportunities to the children and young people of the town and surrounding areas. £25,000 of the funding would go towards phase one of the project which was a bespoke play area for ages 2 to 12. This would be designed so that it was accessible for disabled people. An additional £25,000 would also go towards phase two which was the splash park. The play area had been costed out at £75,000 - £125,000 and the splash park at £50,000 - £70,000 dependant on size, water filtration and circulation preferences. Councillor Stockdale was also contributing £2,000 for the orchard from her Members Community Leadership Scheme funds which would help shape the planned walkways and picnic area by planting established apple and pear trees kick-starting the whole project. Creating the play area would act as a catalyst for the future redevelopment of the park to provide facilities for everyone.

This project would cost approximately £475,000 in total. Shirebrook Town Council had contributed £50,000 and Bolsover District Council had contributed £25,000 towards the redevelopment to date. The contribution of £25,000 from Community Priorities Programme would ensure that the first phase could begin in the Spring of 2017 when everything required to begin the project would be in place. Bolsover District Council's contribution of £25,000 was to provide £5,000 for a consultant to investigate potential external funding opportunities that could support this project and £20,000 towards the park equipment.

The planned park was adjacent to the Kissingate Leisure Centre which the Town Council had taken over from Bolsover District Council. This would

mean that the whole project could be maintained by the workforce employed by the Town Council.

RESOLVED to approve the application for £50,000 for Shirebrook Town Park. The £25,000 towards phase 2, the splash park, was subject to the remainder of the match funding being in place to install the facilities.

53/16 BUDGET MONITORING 2016-17 – MONTH 5 The budget for the Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget portfolio currently stood at approximately £8.432m. The budget monitoring for month 5 was currently showing an underspend of £0.256m, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report. It was anticipated that there would not be this level of underspend at the end of the year. The key variance was as follows:-

Chief Executives – underspend £0.178m

The key underspend related to the front loaded savings from 2014-15, which would be used to provide capacity for essential Council priorities including communication and policy and to manage the budget cuts within Chief Executive's Office. As such an underspend at the year end was not anticipated.

The current balances on the Earmarked Reserves (including reserves held corporately, by the Chief Executive's Office and by the Economy, Transport and Communities Department), totalling £6.408m, were listed in Appendix 2 to the report. These had been earmarked for corporate issues or committed to projects and initiatives that contributed to the Council's Council Plan pledges and priorities.

Budget reductions totalling £0.425m had been allocated to Chief Executive's Office budgets in 2016-17, although it had been agreed to rear end the budget cuts for the department into 2019-20. As such £0.338m cuts had been achieved against the in-year target, as identified in the table at Appendix 3 to the report.

RESOLVED to note the monitoring position for period 5 on the 2016-17 revenue budget.

54/16 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES RESOLVED that the following appointments be approved:-

- Dr Mike Simms to be the Council Trustee on the Eckington Camm's Endowed Board of Trustees.
- Councillor David Williams to be the Council representative on The Butterley Trust and the Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group.