

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITIES – RURAL CABINET MEMBER

APPROVAL OF ENHANCING OUR ENVIRONMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the applications for financial support against the eligibility criteria of the scheme and available funds.
- 1.2 To confirm the level of grant support to be awarded as outlined in Appendix 1.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 An allocation of £150,000 from the Enhanced and Prosperous Communities Fund was resolved in January 2020 to support groups with delivering environmental projects in North Lincolnshire.
- 2.2 This report sets out at Appendix 1 the current applications to the grant scheme together with the assessment panel's recommendations for consideration by the cabinet member.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Option 1

- 3.1 Approve the amounts recommended for applications shown in Appendix 1.

Option 2

- 3.2 Do not approve the amounts recommended or vary the proportion of cost that grant award is based.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 The applications meet the criteria for grant funding up to the level requested.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 Financial

- 5.1.1 Community Grant Fund – Enhancing our Environment

Total Budget	Total Spend To-Date	Commitments in 2020/21 (grants offered)	Balance £	Sum Requested £
£150,000	£5,000	£0	£145,000	£15,229

5.2 There are no other resource implications to consider.

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

6.1 The grant fund criteria includes compliance with relevant legislation and supports the priorities set out in the council plan, notably Enabling Communities to Flourish.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 Not applicable

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 No conflicts of interest identified.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the Cabinet Member confirms the level of community grant support to be awarded.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report
Community Grant Aid – Application packs

Appendix 1

Enhancing our Environment Fund Application – November 2020

(A) Group	(B) Scheme	(C) Total cost	(D) Amount requested	(E) Match funding	(F) Additional Information and recommendation	(G) Geographical	(H) Panel Recommendations
Wroot Parish Council	Community Woodland Development (Phase 1 - Planting)	£2,965	£2,665 (90%)	£300 from Wroot Poor Close Trust	<p>This application is retrospective so would not normally be considered for community grant.</p> <p>Title deeds are not available as the site was registered with the Land Registry just prior to lockdown and gov.uk website confirms due to restrictions of COVID-19 services which have less impact on the normal operation of the property market are likely to experience more significant disruption. This includes the register to create applications. The process has been started but will be sometime before completion.</p> <p>Any allocation offered should be subject to Title Deeds being available.</p>	Axholme South	<p>Amount requested is recommended</p> <p>In conjunction with the Phase 2 application, approve subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirmation of long term interest (freehold or leasehold) in the land. 2. The entirety of the Community Woodland Development being available for use by residents of North Lincolnshire without unreasonable restrictions. 3. The tree and wildflower planting scheme being agreed with the councils Ecologist and always benefiting from appropriate maintenance arrangements.

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Wroot Parish Council	Community Woodland Development (Phase 2 – Fencing, Gates, Wildflowers & Seating)	£3,570	£3,070 (86%)	£500 from own funds	<p>Title deeds are not available as the site was registered with the Land Registry just prior to lockdown and gov.uk website confirms due to restrictions of COVID-19 services which have less impact on the normal operation of the property market are likely to experience more significant disruption. This includes the register to create applications. The process has been started but will be sometime before completion.</p> <p>Any allocation offered should be subject to Title Deeds being available.</p>	Axholme South	As above.
Haxey Memorial Hall	Installation of solar panels	£7,790	£5,000 (64%)	£2,790 from own funds	Application meets scheme criteria and all documents have been checked and verified.	Axholme South	<p>Amount requested is recommended</p> <p>Approve subject to the following condition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The installation always benefiting from appropriate maintenance arrangements.
Brigg Bowling Club	Rainwater Harvesting and Irrigation System	£5,994	£4,494 (75%)	£600 from own funds £400 from Brigg TC and £500 from NLC Community Grant Offer	<p>Application meets scheme criteria and all documents have been checked and verified.</p> <p>This application has already received some support from the Community Grant Fund.</p>	Brigg & Wolds	<p>Amount requested is recommended</p> <p>Approve subject to the following condition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The installation always benefiting from appropriate maintenance arrangements.

