ELMBRIDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

LOCAL SPENDING BOARD (WEYBRIDGE)

REPORT of a meeting held on Thursday, 16 March 2017

Members of the Committee:

* B.J.F. Cheyne (Chairman)

* L.J. Brown

* A. Davis

* G.P. Dearlove

* I. Donaldson

P.M. Harman

* S.J. Foale

* M.J. Freeman

* A.M. Muddyman

* Denotes attendance

15/15 TO APPOINT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2016/17 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Weybridge Local Spending Board appointed B.J.F. Cheyne as Chairman for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

16/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In respect of the bid submitted by Thames Landscape Strategy, whilst not a disclosable pecuniary or any other interest under the Code of Conduct, M.J. Freeman wished that it be noted that his wife was a member of the Weybridge Rowing Club, the neighbouring property to Weybridge Point.

In respect of the bid submitted by the Thames Landscape Strategy, whilst not a disclosable pecuniary or any other interest under the Code of Conduct, B.J.F Cheyne wished that it be noted that he was the Council’s representative on the Thames Landscape Strategy Board and would not take part in the consideration of the application.

17/15 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH 2016

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

RECOMMENDATION TO CABINET – 7 JUNE 2017

18/15 WEYBRIDGE LOCAL SPENDING BOARD REPORT

The Weybridge Local Spending Board considered a report that summarised four applications received by the Council which sought Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds:
Manby Lodge Infant School, which was seeking £17,820. The application was in respect of funding towards the creation of an outdoor area with a safe play surface.

Surrey County Council, which was seeking £43,400. The application was in respect of additional funding towards the footpath between Cowey Sale and Greenside Road along the north side of Broadwater.

Elmbridge Borough Council in conjunction with Surrey County Council, which was seeking £329,038.56. The application was in respect of funding towards the Weybridge Streetscape Scheme.

Thames Landscape Strategy, which was seeking £72,000. The application was in respect of funding towards improvements at Weybridge Point.

Members noted that £573,000 was available for the settlement area of Weybridge to spend on local infrastructure improvements.

Furthermore, Members noted that the legislation stated that the funds must be allocated to projects that met the following criteria:

- The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- Anything else that was concerned with addressing the demands that development placed on an area.

Applicants had been invited to the meeting to present their respective application.

19/15 MANBY LODGE INFANT SCHOOL

The Local Spending Board for Weybridge welcomed Ms. T. Creasey and Ms. S. Mullarkey, representatives from Manby Lodge Infant School to the meeting. Ms. Mullarkey presented the application and provided Members with background information in respect of the creation of an outdoor area for the children with a safe play surface and climbing equipment.

Members requested clarification as to whether planning permission would be required for the surfacing and officers agreed to establish this position with the school.

On consideration of the application, the Weybridge Local Spending Board

RECOMMENDED: THAT

£17,820 BE AWARDED TO MANBY LODGE INFANT SCHOOL IN RESPECT OF THE CREATION OF AN OUTDOOR AREA WITH A SAFE PLAY SURFACE.
20/15  BROADWATER FOOTPATH

The Local Spending Board for Weybridge welcomed Ms. C. Saunders, a representative from Surrey County Council to the meeting. Ms. Saunders presented the application and provided Members with background information in respect of the footpath between Cowey Sale and Greenside Road along the north side of Broadwater.

A Member commented that any footpath should be able to also accommodate cyclists. Ms. Saunders explained that a footpath accommodating a cycleway would be required to be approximately 2.5 metres wide and this was beyond the scope of this application.

Members expressed concern over the lack of a signed legal agreement with St. George’s School and had requested clarity in this regard.

On consideration of the application, the Weybridge Local Spending Board

**RECOMMENDED: THAT**

£43,400 BE AWARDED TO SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE FOOTPATH BETWEEN COWEY SALE AND GREENSIDE ROAD ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF BROADWATER, SUBJECT TO A SATISFACTORY LEGAL AGREEMENT BEING PROVIDED.

21/15  WEYBRIDGE STREETSCENE

The Local Spending Board for Weybridge welcomed Mr. D. Perkins, a representative from Elmbridge Borough Council and Mr. P. Povey, a representative from the Weybridge Town Business Group to the meeting. Mr. Perkins presented the application and provided Members with background information in respect of the Weybridge Streetscene Scheme.

Members were of the view that the OJEU process (Official Journal of the European Union) should commence as soon as possible.

On consideration of the application, the Weybridge Local Spending Board

**RECOMMENDED: THAT**

£329,038.56 BE AWARDED TO ELMBRIDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL IN CONJUNCTION WITH SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE WEYBRIDGE STREETSCENE SCHEME.

22/15  WEYBRIDGE POINT

The Local Spending Board for Weybridge welcomed Mr. J. Debney, a representative from Thames Landscape Strategy to the meeting. Mr. Debney presented the application and provided Members with background information in respect of improvements at Weybridge Point.
Members commented that specialist waste bins should be considered that were animal proof and to avoid additional spillage of litter at Weybridge Point.

On consideration of the application, the Weybridge Local Spending Board

RECOMMENDED: THAT

£72,000 BE AWARDED TO THAMES LANDSCAPE STRATEGY IN RESPECT OF IMPROVEMENTS AT WEYBRIDGE POINT.

23/15 ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEM

The Infrastructure Delivery Co-ordinator informed Members of an additional item that had not been included on the agenda, however the item related to a previous application in respect of Heathside School.

Members had partially funded an application from Heathside School in March 2016 in respect of improved and expanded cycle storage facilities.

Members noted that £18,000 had originally been allocated, however despite work to reduce costs a shortfall of £2,000 remained.

On consideration of the additional urgent item, the Weybridge Local Spending Board

RECOMMENDED: THAT

AN ADDITIONAL £2,000 BE AWARDED TO HEATHSIDE SCHOOL IN RESPECT OF THE SHORTFALL TOWARDS THE PROVISION OF 60 ADDITIONAL CYCLE STORAGE SPACES ON THE BASIS SET OUT IN THE 2016 CIL APPLICATION FORM.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and concluded at 8.51 pm

B.J.F. CHEYNE
CHAIRMAN

Democratic Services Officer
Mrs. P. Phillips

Committee and Member Services Officer

Other Officers in attendance
M. Behrendt Ms. J. Jenkins
Planning Policy Manager Infrastructure Delivery Coordinator