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Elmbridge Borough Council

Strategic Spending Board

Report of a meeting held on Wednesday, 4 September 2019

Members of the Committee:

* S.J. Selleck (Chairman)

* S. Bax	* Mrs. S.R. Kapadia
* N. Haig-Brown	* Mrs. D.M. Mitchell
P.M. Harman	* Mrs. K. Randolph

* Denotes attendance

Also present:

Rachael I. Lake and Mrs. M.C. Sheldon

20/19 To Appoint a Chairman for the 2019/20 Municipal Year

The Strategic Spending Board appointed S.J. Selleck as Chairman for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

21/19 Declarations of Interest

In respect of the Bid submitted by 1st Oxshott Scouts and 1st Oxshott Guides in respect of a new Oxshott Scout and Guide Centre, whilst not a disclosable pecuniary interest or other interest under the Code of Conduct, S. Bax wished that it be noted that his sons were current members of the 1st Oxshott Scouts.

In respect of the Bid submitted by Surrey Police in respect of a public engagement vehicle, whilst not a disclosable pecuniary interest or other interest under the Code of Conduct, S. Bax wished that it be noted that he was employed by the Police Federation England and Wales.

In respect of the Bid submitted by Elmbridge Community Fishing Academy (ECFA) in respect of a support building, whilst not a disclosable pecuniary interest or other interest under the Code of Conduct, all Members of the Strategic Spending Board wished that it be noted that they were acquainted with the Applicant, Rachael I. Lake by virtue of being a Councillor.

22/19 Minutes of the Strategic Spending Board meeting held on 14 February 2019

The Minutes of the Strategic Spending Board Meeting held on 14 February 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

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23/19 Strategic Spending Applications for Funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) 2019-20

(Link to Council priorities: P3)

The Strategic Spending Board considered a report that summarised the applications received by the Council which sought Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds as follows:

- Esher College was seeking £278,487.50. The application was in respect of installing a 3G pitch to provide an all year-round outdoor sports provision;
- The Royal Kent CoE Primary School was seeking £80,000. The application was in respect of creating a new Pre-School Facility;
- Surrey Police was seeking £47,406.80. The application was in respect of a new Public Engagement Vehicle;
- Elmbridge Community Fishing Academy (ECFA) was seeking £80,000. The application was in respect of erecting a support building to operate as a permanent support centre for ECFA;
- Claygate Primary School was seeking £360,000. The application was in respect of transforming the current swimming pool into a community swimming pool;
- Citizens Advice Elmbridge (West) was seeking £22,017.30. The application was in respect of upgrading and installing a new IT system;
- 1st Oxshott Scouts and 1st Oxshott Guides were seeking £427,517.00. The application was in respect of building a new Scout and Guide facility;
- Elmbridge Borough Council was seeking £11,722. The application was in respect of upgrading and replacing the retractable seating unit within Walton Playhouse; and
- North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group was seeking £140,000. The application was in respect of providing GP services at Walton Community Hospital.

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

(a) Appendix A - Esher College - Outdoor Sports Provision

The Strategic Spending Board welcomed the Director of Finance and Estates, Ms. S. Wiles from Esher College to the meeting.

Ms. S. Wiles presented the application and informed the Board that the installation of a 3G pitch would support growth and improve facilities for the students and local community. It was noted that on-site parking was available, and the facility would be accessible for all users.

The Strategic Spending Board was pleased to note that the lettings income and the creation of a sinking fund would cover both annual maintenance and the surface replacement after an estimated 15 years. On this occasion the Strategic Spending Board agreed to partially award Esher College a sum of £200,000.

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On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

Recommended: that

£200,000 be awarded to Esher College in respect of the outdoor sports provision.

(b) Appendix B - The Royal Kent CoE Primary School - Pre-School Facility

The Strategic Spending Board welcomed Headteacher, Ms. K. Hancock and the Chair of Governors, N. Mengham from the Royal Kent CoE Primary School to the meeting.

N. Mengham presented the application and informed the Board that provisions for 'Funded Early Years Education' and 'Free Early Education' had not been available in Oxshott and creating a Pre-School facility would support the increasing demand within Oxshott and neighbouring areas.

Members were pleased to note that the application supported means tested families and acknowledged that there had been a need for such a facility in the area since the closure of the pre-school facility at St Andrew's Church in February 2019.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

Recommended: that

£80,000 be awarded to the Royal Kent CoE Primary School in respect of the Pre-School facility.

(c) Appendix C - Surrey Police - Public Engagement Vehicle

The Strategic Spending Board welcomed A. Taylor and Sgt G. Turner from Surrey Police to the meeting.

Sgt G. Turner presented the application and informed the Board that by procuring a new public engagement vehicle it would increase Police engagement with the community at fetes, fairs and events, and would allow officers to show a wider presence and raise awareness by engaging with residents face-to-face.

Sgt G. Turner assured the Board that the Public Engagement Vehicle would be used exclusively within Elmbridge and would not be a county-wide initiative.

Members agreed that supporting the application would increase engagement with the Community and improve Surrey Police visibility.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

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Recommended: that

£47,406.80 be awarded to Surrey Police in respect of a Public Engagement Vehicle.

(d) Appendix D - Elmbridge Community Fishing Academy - Support Building

The Strategic Spending Board welcomed the founder and Elmbridge Community Fishing Academy (ECFA) Management Board Member, Rachael I. Lake and Senior Coach, A. Petipher to the meeting.

Rachael I. Lake presented the application and informed the Board that EFCA supported a number of groups which included the Youth Engagement Scheme and the Elmbridge Isolation Programme. Members noted the lack of accommodation and acknowledged that this application would create a permanent space for these groups to operate from all year-round.

Whilst acknowledging the service that ECFA offers and provides, Members considered that the erection of a support building would be of limited benefit to the wider community.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

Recommended: that

No funding be awarded to Elmbridge Community Fishing Academy in respect of creating a support building.

(e) Appendix E - Claygate Primary School - Claygate Swimming Pool for All

The Strategic Spending Board welcomed Mrs. G. Brickwood and B. Howells, Chair of Claygate Primary School Governors to the meeting.

Mrs. G. Brickwood and B. Howells presented the application and informed the Strategic Spending Board that by transforming the current pool to a community facility it would deliver far reaching benefits to the local community providing year-round swimming in an area currently with very limited access to publicly accessible swimming pools, in addition to new community space.

Members agreed that the application supported not just the school but the wider community and local groups. As such, satisfying strategic priorities of the Council, particularly those relating to improvements to facilities and community space suitable for Community Infrastructure Levy funding.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

Recommended: that

£200,000 be awarded to Claygate Primary School in respect of enhancing the existing swimming to create a community swimming pool.

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(f) Appendix F - Citizens Advice Elmbridge (West) - IT Operations Project

The Strategic Spending Board welcomed Community Fundraiser Manager, Ms F. Curtis-Kay to the meeting.

In respect of the application, it was noted that Citizens Advice Elmbridge (West) were proposing to renew their IT system and technology to introduce new streamlined efficient ways of working to enable supporting more residents.

Ms F. Curtis-Kay informed the Strategic Spending Board that Citizens Advice Elmbridge (West) had successfully secured funding from an alternative source and, therefore were seeking a revised sum of £9,677.30 from the Board.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

Recommended: that

£9,677.30 be awarded to Citizens Advice Elmbridge (West) in respect of upgrading and installing a new IT system.

(g) Appendix G - 1st Oxshott Scouts and 1st Oxshott Guides - Oxshott Scout and Guide Centre

The Strategic Spending Board welcomed Girlguiding Leader, Mrs. L. Heather and Group Scout Leader, Ms. A. Davidson to the meeting.

Mrs. L. Heather presented the application and informed the Board that the proposed new Centre would be more environment friendly and energy efficient. It was noted that 1st Oxshott Guides and 1st Oxshott Scouts were fundraising and seeking alternative sources of funding.

Members agreed that the application did not satisfy the strategic criteria to be considered by the Board.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

Recommended: that

No funding be awarded to 1st Oxshott Guides and 1st Oxshott Scouts in respect of creating a new Centre.

(h) Appendix H - Elmbridge Borough Council - Walton Playhouse Retractable Seating

The Strategic Spending Board welcomed Leisure Facilities Manager, Ms. L. Taylor to the meeting.

Ms. L. Taylor presented the application and explained to the Strategic Spending Board that the project had previously been awarded £35,000 towards replacing the retractable seating at Walton Playhouse in 2017/18. However, due to a further

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detailed structural survey, the revised quote had increased, and the Council were seeking additional funding to cover the costs to complete and deliver the project.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

Recommended: that

£11,722 be awarded to Elmbridge Borough Council towards replacing the retractable seating at Walton Playhouse.

(i) Appendix I - North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group - Provision of GP Services at Walton Community Hospital

The Strategic Spending Board welcomed Head of Estates, J. Wilmshurst-Smith to the meeting.

J. Wilmshurst-Smith presented the application and advised the Strategic Spending Board that the proposals involved the redevelopment of existing NHS property at Walton Community Hospital to create and improve GP capacity. In turn enhancing local capacity to manage health.

Members agreed that the proposals to expand medical facilities supported growth in the Borough and would offer a greater level of services to be provided to the community.

Members discussed the ongoing appeal with the planning decision and highlighted that the appropriate planning permission would need to be obtained as per the outstanding issues recommended by the Board at its meeting on 14 February 2019.

On consideration of the application, the Strategic Spending Board

Recommended: that

£140,000 be awarded to North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group in respect of providing GP services at Walton Hospital.

The meeting commenced at 2.02 pm and concluded at 5.25 pm

S.J. Selleck
Chairman

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Democratic Services Officer

Miss. S. Ullah - Committee and Member Services Officer

Other Officers in attendance

Mrs. K. Tagliarini - Head of Planning Services
Mrs. J. Pourier-Benham - Infrastructure Delivery Co-ordinator