

ELLINGTON PARK

Cabinet	31st January 2017
Report Author	Director of Operational Services
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Suzanne Brimm, Cabinet Member for Operational Services
Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No
Previously Considered by	Council 3rd December 2015 – Ellington Park Petition
Ward:	Central Harbour Ward

Executive Summary:

The Council submitted an HLF grant application for Ellington Park, this report provides an update to members on the outcome of the application.

Recommendation(s):

To accept the grant monies being provided by the HLF, associated Standard Terms of Grant, and to commence the project's development phase.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	<p>The initial cost of the Development Phase to work up designs, business cases etc. ready for the Delivery Phase capital works is £153,700 of cash costs funded by £143,700 from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Match funding of £10,000 has been identified from existing revenue budgets. Outside of cash costs the Friends Of Ellington Park is to contribute £10,000 of In-kind match funding using their volunteer time.</p> <p>VAT advice will be sought once final plans for the park have been developed.</p>
Legal	<p>There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. If the HLF grant is accepted, then the Council must enter into an agreement with HLF and comply with the terms of the grant. The Council should undertake a state aid analysis prior to the expenditure of any funds. Agreements entered into pursuant to the grant should be overseen by Legal Services.</p>
Corporate	<p>The risks of the Development Phase of the project are low with the main risk being the failure to recruit to the Officer post funded through the project.</p> <p>The Development Phase is actually intended to reduce the risks associated with the Capital development of the park by undertaking surveys and cost analysis in advance of progressing the next bid to the HLF.</p>

Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
	Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.	
	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	✓
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	✓
Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	✓	
The park is used by residents with all of the named characteristics above and the project will be of benefit by creating better opportunities for access to the park.		

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	✓
Promoting inward investment and job creation	✓
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	✓
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The Friends of Ellington Park have long been a pro-active friends group who have over the last few years been gathering considerable local support to bring forward a variety of projects at Ellington Park.
- 1.2 Working with the Council over this period a joint vision of the works required to the park was formulated, which concentrated around improving the Heritage assets within the park landscape, namely the bandstand, lighting and paths. In addition new toilet and café provision will be provided and an improved playground offering.
- 1.3 These visions led to two previous bids to the HLF for project funding, the first bid was put forward in the name of the Friends Group only and the second was put in with support from the Council, but both were unsuccessful.
- 1.4 In December 2015 the Friends Group submitted a petition to the Council and Council recommended that an HLF bid be supported subject to the appropriate financial considerations being undertaken.
- 1.5 The Council have now considered the financial impact and by working jointly with the Friends of Ellington Park, submitted a third application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for grant funding in September 2016.

1.6 This grant application was successful and this report highlights the next steps for development of the project.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 The grant application for £143,700 for the Development Phase has been approved by the Heritage Lottery Fund towards total cash costs of £153,700. A sum of £10,000 has been identified from existing revenue budgets over two financial years to match fund the grant.

2.2 This grant is to be used to develop the design, business plan, activity plan and undertake various surveys required so the project is in a position to bid for a Delivery Phase grant by February 2018, which will be used to undertake physical works.

2.3 Within the initial Development Phase the Council will employ a Project Development Officer in order to co-ordinate the various professionals required to complete a comprehensive second stage bidding document, the Delivery Phase.

2.4 Should the Delivery Phase application be successful an investment in the park of an estimated £1.85m will be undertaken through a combination of both capital improvements and community engagement.

3.0 Options

3.1 To accept the grant monies being provided by the HLF, associated Standard Terms of Grant, and to commence the project's development phase.

3.2 Not to accept the grant.

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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
Ellington Park Petition	Council 3 rd December 2015 – Available Online

Corporate Consultation

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