

FINANCE and MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: 15th JANUARY 2015

AGENDA ITEM 7: BUDGET REPORT 2015/16 – ADDITIONAL ITEM

SERVICE and FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKING GROUP

1. At the Committee's meeting on 4th December, it was agreed to convene the Service and Financial Planning Working Group to assess proposals for new capital investment.
2. Subsequently, bids were submitted by Council officers and assessed against the approved evaluation framework.
3. The Group met on 12th January 2015 to score the bids against the corresponding scoring criteria. The Group consisted of Councillors Wheeler, Watson, Richards and Taylor supported by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services
(*Note: Councillor Harrison tendered apologies*)
4. Twelve separate bids were submitted as follows:

Property Level Flood Protection	Installation of door barriers, air bricks and periscope air vents
Community Food Hub	Recycling excess food - based in Swadlincote
Noise and Antisocial Behaviour Prevention	Purchase of specialist noise investigation equipment
Private Disabled Facility Grants	To meet current backlog estimated at £200,000
Fully Adapted Temporary Accommodation	Adapt 1 property for disabled and bariatric homeless persons
Community Partnership Scheme	To replenish the Fund for various community projects
Etwall Leisure Centre Overflow Car Park	Resurfacing and expanding the overspill car park
Grove Hall Active Zone Redevelopment	To supplement approved project with air conditioning and pool works at Green Bank
Racket Sports Development Programme	To develop tennis and badminton across the District - REVENUE PROJECT
Rosliston Forestry Centre - Play Project	Redevelop play area with a significant destination play facility
Swadlincote Town Centre Cycle Event	To launch a South Derbyshire Cycling Strategy
Swadlincote Woodlands Nature Reserve	Repair infrastructure and provide improved facilities in accordance with Site Plan

5. The Group scored each bid against the following criteria:

- Degree of contribution to Council priorities
- The impact of community involvement
- The amount of partnership working and external funding
- Project/scheme risks
- Financial analysis

6. The following scores (out of 100) were returned:

	Proposed Project / Scheme	Score	SDDC Cost
1	Swadlincote Woodlands Nature Reserve	90	£15,000
2	Rosliston Forestry Centre - Play Project	89	£50,000
3	Private Disabled Facility Grants	77	£186,000
4	Community Partnership Scheme	68	£300,000
5	Grove Hall Active Zone Redevelopment	65	£100,000
6	Noise and Antisocial Behaviour Prevention	63	£10,000
7	Community Food Hub	50	£30,000
8	Fully Adapted Temporary Accommodation	39	£50,000
9	Swadlincote Town Centre Cycle Event	39	£5,000
10	Property Level Flood Protection	36	£18,000
11	Etwall Leisure Centre Overflow Car Park	33	£20,000
12	Racket Sports Development Programme	33	£10,000
			<u>£794,000</u>

GUIDANCE NOTE:

- Bids 1 to 3 are the higher priority proposals with a score greater than 75% including a maximum score against their contribution to Council priorities – they total **£251,000**.
- Bids 4 to 6 are more medium priorities with a score between 50% and 75% including a moderate rank against Council priorities - they total **£410,000**.
- Bids 7 to 12 are lower priority proposals with a score of 50% or lower including a minor contribution against Council priorities – they total **£133,000**.

7. A sum of £300,000 in the General Fund Reserve has been earmarked for new investment. The Committee should consider the scored bids, together with their relevant ranking against the updated MTFP as detailed in the main report.

Kevin Stackhouse
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13th January 2015