Record Of Decision Taken Under Scheme Of Delegation By Member Of Senior Management Team In Consultation With Portfolio Holder and Chair of My Neighbourhood Forum



Transitional Leadership

Team:

Service Group: Portfolio Holder:

Portfolio/Committee:

My Neighbourhood

Chair:

My Neighbourhood

Forum:

Subject:

Decision:

Details and Reasoning:

Jonathan Noad

Development, Enterprise & Community

Councillor Phil Smith

Regeneration & Healthy Communities

Councillor Mike Nelson

Eastern

Permission to spend core funds allocated to the Eastern Neighbourhood

Forum to create a wildlife habitat at Walton Park

Permission to allocate and spend core funds of up to £1465 to create a wildlife habitat at Walton Park.

Introduction

The Eastern Neighbourhood Plan includes the following project:

Creation of a wildlife habitat at Walton Park

Background

In 2016 Eastern Neighbourhood Forum supported the above project by building on the existing work carried out using Lancashire Environmental Fund funding to further enhance the parks facilities by planting native plant species in the pond, building a work station and providing pond dipping equipment. This proposal was to support the friends group to make improvements to the park.

Over the past 12 months the Friends of Walton Park have worked hard to secure external funding for planting bluebell bulbs, creating a woodland path and installing raised beds.

Pond dipping equipment and pond dwelling plants were also purchased.

Details

The final stage of this project is to now develop and produce a map that shows the various paths/trails that exist within the park (including the route that links to Preston junction). This map would include the various features within the park including: -

- Nocturnal Wildlife Interpretation Board
- Seasonal Sightings Interpretation Board
- Wildlife Viewing Platform
- Willow Tunnel

It is proposed that the map would be displayed as an information board/lectern (two leg frame) at the main entrance to the park.

As part of this project shrubs would be purchased to enhance the wildlife viewing area with plants such as Buddleia. This work would be undertaken by the Friends of Walton Park supported by South Ribble Borough Council, but in order to undertake this and future projects, waterproof clothing (workwear) is required for each member of the group.

Proposal

In line with the details given above, the proposal is to allocate up to £1465 from core funds to further develop the works on-going on Walton Park.

Cost Details

Information Board - £750 Planting - £250

Waterproof Clothing (Workwear) - £465

Total Cost - £1465

Wider Implications (Financial, Legal, Equality & Risk):	None	
Report attached?	Please refer to www.southribble.gov.uk website for further details of My Neighbourhood Forum decisions.	
Exempt from publication? If exempt, give reason(s):	No	

Signed: Financial Management

Legal Services

Date

25/1/18

J. Blundell

Date

26/1/18

SMT Member

Portfolio Holder

My Neighbourhood Chair

Date

Date

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