

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

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[NO]

Any conflict with any Member of the Panel and the bodies concerned **[NO]** *If yes indicate who and what below*

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Legal and Community

1. DECISION TAKEN

1.1 The approval of the allocation **Community Facility Capital Grant** funding of:

1.1.1 **£50,000 to Pirton Parish Council** towards a new sports Pavilion that will replace the existing building which is no longer fit for purpose, to be paid by the Council following receipt of quotes and confirmation of planning permissions/ any necessary consents being received by the Parish Council.

2. DECISION TAKER

The Leader of North Herts Council (Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg) in consultation with the Service Director – Legal and Community.

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

14.12.22

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 The **District Wide Revenue and Capital Grants Panel** held on 23 November 2022 considered the funding applications from the groups listed above (*NB* one was withdrawn following the meeting to be re-submitted in 2023) and recorded the recommendations to the Leader of North Herts Council for the formal commitment of capital funds to the facility listed above via the delegated authority process, subject to the considerations noted at item 6 below.

5. CONSULTATION WITH MEMBERS

5.1 Consultation on all grant applications for consideration took place with the Members of the District Wide Capital and Revenue Grant Panel at a virtual meeting held on 23 November 2022. All the grant applicants made presentations to the Panel in support of their applications and answered any questions the Panel raised in relation to the grant funding request. The decisions outlined in this report are based on the Panel's recommendations.

6. APPLICATION DETAILS

6.1 Pirton Sports Pavilion

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| Applicant | Pirton Parish Council |
| Project | Replacement existing sports pavilion |
| Sum requested | £50,000.00 |
| Total project cost | £894,000.00 |
| Match funding | £75,000 – Fundraising, sponsorship, donations £289,000 – PWLB loan repayable over c40 years £180,000 – S106 contributions £225,000 – Football Foundation £75,000 – other grants |

**Previous support
Council Objectives**

None in the last 10 years
**People First, Sustainability, Brighter Future
Together**

The Pirton Parish Council have set up a working group to coordinate the project that will replace a 50-year-old ex-site hut with a new pavilion that has up to date shower and toilets, a much lower carbon footprint, and additional community facilities. This will provide Improved facilities for sports and social activities, additional meeting capacity for village groups, EV vehicle charging.

The number of households in the village has increased by about 33%, and the Parish Council are seeking to accommodate additional demands from the new residents. They are aiming to widen the use for non-sports activities by clubs, village organisations, more social activities, and events, as well as improving the facilities for sports.

The current building is poorly insulated, and the external wooden planks require constant maintenance. The showers and toilets are not up to the standards required.

The PC have consulted villagers on 4 occasions to date. The consultations resulted in overwhelming support for the project. Several detail design suggestions have been made. The Parish Council set up the working group, accepted the Development Project Plan and has provided the funding for the work done to date.

a successful grant award from NHC would help the project secure money from other funders. If the grant were to be agreed there would have to be conditions - planning permission needs to be in place, and we would need to see quotes before we release funding. Noted that grants are usually paid out in two phases or more on receipt of invoices.

Members voted to recommend that Pirton Parish Council receive the full amount as requested of £50,000 on condition that quotes are received and planning permission is in place

Result: Unanimous in favour of

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Chapter 1, s1-8 of the Localism Act 2011 provides a General Power of Competence which gives local authorities the powers to do anything if it is not specifically prohibited in legislation.
- 7.2 Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 provides specific authority for the Council to incur expenditure on anything which is in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to its area. This includes a charity or other body operating for public service.
- 7.3 The decision taker signing the Decision Notice has delegated authority to take such a decision in accordance with the North Hertfordshire District Council Constitution under section 14.6.8(b)(iii)(A) in relation to Community engagement and development, including financial assistance and grants to external organisations.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Community Facility Capital Grants

The amount available to recommend for allocation at this meeting equated to **£84,702**

- 8.1.1 The total amount of grant funding requested for the consideration of the Panel members equates to **£50,000** if the decision is made to agree this amount - this will leave **£34,702** unallocated in the Community Facility Capital Grant budget.

9. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no relevant risk entries that have been recorded on Pentana Risk, the Council's performance and risk system. Individual events should have their own risk assessments in place to mitigate any health and safety issues. Whenever a request for grant funding for equipment is received, the recipient of the funding will be advised to obtain insurance for the item to avoid a repeat request for funding in the event of the equipment being stolen or damaged. There are no pertinent risk implications for the Authority associated with any items within this report.

10. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 10.2 Grant funding is awarded to community groups that clearly demonstrate positive impact on the community and wider environment. The projects outlined in this report seek to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.

11. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The Social Value Act and "go local" requirements do not apply to this report.

12. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1. There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that apply to this report.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 There are no pertinent Human Resource implications associated with any items within this report.

NOTIFICATION DATE


16.12 2022

Signature of Executive Member Decision taker

Date 14.12.22



Signature of Service Director: Legal and Community



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