

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted [*if applicable*]: *None*

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Legal and Community

1. DECISION TAKEN

1.1 The approval of the allocation **Royston Community Grant** funding of:

1.1.1 **£1,500** to THERFIELD, REED AND KELSHALL SPORTS ASSOCIATION (TRAKSA) towards rainwater harvesting equipment and resurfacing of car park.

2. DECISION TAKER

2.1 Cllr Alistair Willoughby, Executive Member for Community and Partnerships, in consultation with the Service Director – Legal and Community.

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

20 September 2023

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 The **Royston Area Forum** held on 6 September 2023 considered a funding application from TRAKSA and recorded their recommendation to the Executive Member for Community and Partnerships for the formal commitment of Community Grant funds via the delegated authority process.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 There are no other reasonable alternative options.

6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)

6.1 Consultation has taken place with the Royston Forum Members in a public meeting on 6 September 2023. Members are in favour and recommend that the Royston Area Community Grant budget should be used for this purpose.

7. FORWARD PLAN

7.1 This decision is not a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 The grant applications were considered by the Royston Area Forum on 6 September 2023. The report with the application details is set out under item 4, available on the Council's website [[CLICK HERE](#)].

8.2 This delegated decision confirms that the recommendation made by the Area Forum members was accepted by the Executive Member for Community & Partnerships, and Service Director on application 1.1.1.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Following the decision of Full Council on 18 April 2023, an Area Forum shall consider applications for community grants in its area and make recommendations to the Executive Member for Community & Partnerships on them. The Executive Member has delegated authority to make these Executive decisions under section 14.6.8(b)((ii)A 5 of the constitution, in consultation with the Service Director: Legal & Community. That decision will be subject to a 5 clear working day call-in period, following publication in the Members Information Service (MIS) and on the Council's website.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. There is £5,816 remaining in the community grant base budget for Royston Area Forum 2023/24.
- 10.2. The grant application for this meeting totals **£1,500**. If the grant is awarded as outlined in 1.1.1, the remaining balance will be **£4,316**.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no relevant risk entries that have been recorded on Ideagen 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.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 Community Grant funds are 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.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 The Social Value Act and "go local" policy do not apply to the matters contained within this report, as there are no recommendations on procurement.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1. The environmental implications of this project will be positive. The rainwater harvesting system will reduce wastewater returning to the wastage system. The harvested water will be used for watering the recreation ground inclusive of a cricket pitch predominantly in the summer months, levels of imported water used to water the grounds will therefore be reduced. This will likely lead to a reduction in water bills. The amount of water collected will be dependent on levels of rainfall and will be useful in dry spells of the weather or periods of restrictions by water companies e.g. hose pipe ban, as there will be a reserve of potentially 1500/1600 litres if the system is at full capacity.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 The activities details of the Community & Partnership team are covered by existing budgets.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

16.1 Terms of Reference for Area Forums, [Section 9 of Council Constitution](#).

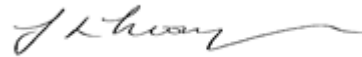
16.2 [Community Grants Policy, 9th May 2023](#)

17. APPENDICES

17.1 See website links above.

NOTIFICATION DATE

22/09/2023



Signature of Service Director Consulted

Date: 20/09/2023

Signature of Executive Member for Community and Partnerships



Decision Taker

Please Note: that *unless urgency provisions apply* EXECUTIVE decisions cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days have elapsed after the decision has been taken to allow for scrutiny call-in.

Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS