

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

(as a result of the Southern Rural Committee on 26 March 2020 being cancelled due to Covid-19 situation)

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted [*if applicable*]

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: *Legal and Community*

1. DECISION TAKEN

The approval of £3,500 to be granted from the Southern Rural Committee budget to Codicote Tennis Club to assist towards the cost of resurfacing the tennis courts.

2. DECISION TAKER

Executive Member - Community Engagement- Cllr Judi Billing, in consultation with the Service Director: Legal and Community (under section 9.8.2 (h) and 14.6.9(b)(iii) 5 of the Constitution).

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

30.3.2020

4. REASON FOR DECISION

The Southern Rural Committee on 26 March 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation.

The awarding of financial assistance to voluntary organisations and the use of discretionary spending allows the Committee to further the aims of the Corporate Plan.

5. CONSULTATION WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Consultation including the effect on stakeholders, partners and the public is contained within the report published with the Southern Rural Committee agenda for meeting on 26 March 2020.

Given the current Covid-19 situation and government advice regarding gatherings, the meeting of the Southern Rural Committee was not possible. Therefore, the Committee Members were requested to provide an indication as to how they would have voted and any comments as to guide the decision maker.

By the prescribed deadline 6 votes were cast in favour of the recommendation and there was 1 abstention.

The following Members of the Southern Rural Committee voted:

- Councillor Sam North;
- Councillor Ian Moody;
- Councillor John Bishop;
- Councillor George Davies;
- Councillor Faye Frost;
- Councillor Terry Tyler; and
- Councillor Lisa Nash.

The following Members offered comments, as summarised below:

- Councillor Ian Moody advised that he would be happy to see an amount given to Codicote Tennis Club. However, he felt £3500 was a large amount.
- Councillor Lisa Nash advised that the amount requested seemed rather large considering what has been given to other groups but would be happy to go ahead if others were.


6. SUPPORTING REPORT

Other information relevant to the decision, such as legal, financial, risk, social value and equality implications, is contained within the report published with the Southern Rural agenda for the meeting on 26 March 2020 via link below:

<https://democracy.north-herts.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=153&MId=2258>

NOTIFICATION DATE


3.4.2020



Signature of Executive Member Decision taker

Date30.3.2020.....

Signature of Service Director: Legal and Community



Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

In respect of Executive Decisions, as per section 6.3.11(b) of the Constitution 'Call-In and Urgency', the call-in procedure does not apply when the decision being taken is urgent. For the purposes of the current Coronavirus pandemic, this decision is considered to be urgent (as normal meetings and the decision-making process has been suspended). The Chair of Council has been informed and agrees that the decision is a reasonable one in the circumstances and is to be treated as a matter of urgency.