

 Executive – 25th July 2018		Agenda Item No. <h1 style="text-align: center;">11A</h1>
Title	Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme (RUCIS) Application	
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Wards of the District directly affected	Bishop's Tachbrook and Cubbington	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?	No	
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	N/A	
Background Papers	RUCIS Scheme details. RUCIS Application file no. 236 to 238; correspondence with applicants.	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	No
Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken	Yes

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	09/07/2018	Chris Elliott
Head of Service	09/07/2018	Mike Snow
CMT	09/07/2018	Chris Elliot, Bill Hunt and Andy Jones
Section 151 Officer	09/07/2018	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer	09/07/2018	Andy Jones
Finance	09/07/2018	Mike Snow
Portfolio Holder(s)	09/07/2018	Cllr Whiting
Consultation & Community Engagement		
Community Partnership Team, Manoj Sonecha (Active Communities Officer), Stuart Winslow (Sports and Leisure Contract Manager) and Mair Evans (Arts Development Officer); Copy of report forwarded 28 th June 2018.		
Final Decision?	Yes/No	
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. Summary

1.1 This report provides details of two Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme grant applications:

- St Chad's Centre Trust Company Ltd to construct a pathway from the centre to the village green, including re-ordered drainage and a pathway lighting system, and to provide mains power supply from the centre to the village green
- Cubbington Sports & Social Club Limited to resurface the top car park which has come to the end of its life span

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Executive approves:

St Chad's Centre Trust Company Ltd

A Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant from the rural cost centre budget for St Chad's Centre Trust Company Ltd of 49% of the total project costs to construct a pathway from the centre to the village green, including re-ordered drainage and a pathway lighting system, and to provide mains power supply from the centre to the village green, as detailed within paragraphs 1.1, 3.2 and 8.1, up to a maximum of £9,000 including vat.

As supported by appendix 1.

Cubbington Sports & Social Club Limited

A Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant from the rural cost centre budget for Cubbington Sports & Social Club Limited of 50% of the total project costs to resurface the top car park, as detailed within paragraphs 1.1, 3.2 and 8.2, up to a maximum of £11,430 excluding vat, subject to receipt of the following:

- Written confirmation from Cubbington Parish Council (or an alternative grant provider) to approve a capital grant of £5,000
- Written confirmation from Cubbington Free Holders (or an alternative grant provider) to approve a capital grant of £5,000
- Providing proof of ownership of the land

As supported by appendix 2.

3. Reasons for the Recommendation

3.1 The Council operates a scheme to award Capital Improvement Grants to organisations in rural and urban areas. The grants recommended are in accordance with the Council's agreed scheme and will provide funding to help the projects progress.

3.2 All projects contribute to the Council’s Fit for the Future Strategy:

St Chad’s Centre Trust Company Ltd:

This project contributes to the Council’s Fit for the Future Strategy; without the St Chad’s Centre there would be fewer opportunities for the community to enjoy and participate in physical, social and cultural activities which could potentially result in an increase in anti-social behaviour, an increase in obesity (including in children) and disengage and weaken the community. The project will provide a proper well-lit pathway from the centre to the village green and provide mains power supply to the village green which will facilitate all-weather all-year round usage of the centre as well as enabling additional activities and events to be held on the village green; this will increase the opportunities for the community to participate and enjoy physical, social and cultural activities which in turn will help to further reduce anti-social behaviour and obesity including within children.

Cublington Sports & Social Club Limited:

This project contributes to the Council’s Fit for the Future Strategy; without the club there would be fewer opportunities for the community to enjoy and participate in sport/physical, social and cultural activities which could potentially result in an increase in anti-social behaviour, an increase in obesity (including in children) and disengage and weaken the community. The project will resolve current health & safety issues and ensure that the top car park can remain open for use; besides enabling a greater number of people to park at the club to enjoy and participate in activities and events, the car park is also used by parents twice daily on week days during school term to safely park whilst dropping off/picking up their children and it is also the site for recycling bins that are used on a regular basis by the whole community.

4. Policy Framework

4.1 Fit for the Future (FFF):

The Council’s FFF Strategy is designed to deliver the Vision for the District of making it a Great Place to Live, Work and Visit. To that end amongst other things the FFF Strategy contains several Key projects.

The FFF Strategy has 3 strands; People, Services and Money and each has an external and internal element to it. The table below illustrates the impact of this proposal, if any, in relation to the Council’s FFF Strategy.

FFF Strands		
People	Services	Money
External		
Health, Homes, Communities	Green, Clean, Safe	Infrastructure, Enterprise, Employment
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Improved health for all Housing needs for all met Impressive cultural and sports activities	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Area has well looked after public spaces All communities have access to decent open space	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Dynamic and diverse local economy Vibrant town centres Improved performance/productivity of local

Cohesive and active communities	Improved air quality Low levels of crime and ASB	economy Increased employment and income levels
Impacts of Proposal		
All RUCIS applications are designed to encourage and support local communities and local not-for-profit organisations in developing cohesive and active communities. The details behind this are set out in appendices 1 and 2.	Through the delivery of RUCIS grants the aim is to deliver cohesive and active communities which in turn help to support and maintain lower levels of crime and ASB. The details behind this are set out in appendices 1 and 2.	N/A
Internal		
Effective Staff	Maintain or Improve Services	Firm Financial Footing over the Longer Term
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> All staff are properly trained All staff have the appropriate tools All staff are engaged, empowered and supported The right people are in the right job with the right skills and right behaviours	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Focusing on our customers' needs Continuously improve our processes Increase the digital provision of services	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Better return/use of our assets Full Cost accounting Continued cost management Maximise income earning opportunities Seek best value for money
Impacts of Proposal		
N/A	N/A	N/A

4.2 Supporting Strategies; each strand of the FFF Strategy has several supporting strategies and but none are directly relevant in this case.

4.3 Changes to Existing Policies; there are no changes to existing policies.

4.4 Impact Assessments; there are no new or significant policy changes proposed in respect of Equalities.

5. Budgetary Framework

5.1 The budget for the Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme applications for 2018/19 is £150,000 (£75,000 for rural projects and £75,000 for urban projects).

5.2 There is £49,075 available to be allocated for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Grants from the rural cost centre budget in 2018/19. If the applications from

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power supply from the centre to the village green, up to a maximum of £9,000 (including vat), and;

- Cubbington Sports & Social Club Limited of 50% of the total project costs to resurface the top car park, up to a maximum of £11,430 (excluding vat)

Are approved, £28,645 will remain in the rural cost centre budget.

- 5.3 There is £48,744 available to be allocated for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Grants from the urban cost centre budget in 2018/19.

As per appendix 3.

6. Risks

- 6.1 There are no main risks for this proposal.

7. Alternative Option(s) considered

- 7.1 The Council has only a specific capital budget to provide grants of this nature and therefore there are no alternative sources of funding if the Council is to provide funding for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Schemes.

- 7.2 Members may choose not to approve the grant funding, or to vary the amount awarded.

8. Background

8.1 St Chad's Centre Trust Company Ltd:

St Chad's Centre Trust Company Ltd has submitted a RUCIS application to construct a pathway from the centre to the village green, including re-ordered drainage and a pathway lighting system, and to provide mains power supply from the centre to the village green.

The application is for 49% of the total project costs up to a maximum of £9,000 including vat.

St Chad's Centre Trust Company Ltd has committed £500 to the project costs from their cash reserves; these funds have been evidenced through their annual accounts and the provision of a recent bank statement.

St Chad's Centre Trust Company Ltd isn't registered for vat and therefore will not be reclaiming vat in connection to this project; the award will therefore be inclusive of vat.

Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council has agreed a £9,000 contribution to the project.

Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council was previously awarded a £50,000 RUCIS grant in May 2012 to build a new centre for the village, however, this was subsequently withdrawn in November 2014 and was replaced with a £450,000 grant to St Chad's Centre Trust Company Ltd through the Chief Executive's Office. This enabled the successful build of the St Chad's Centre.

St Chad's Centre Trust Company Ltd has not previously had a RUCIS grant award.

St Chad's Centre Trust Company Ltd are a registered charity (number 1148234) and a not-for-profit organisation thereby meeting the rucis scheme criteria.

It is therefore recommended that the Executive approves an award of a Rural / Urban Capital Improvement grant to St Chad's Centre Trust Company Ltd of 49% of the total costs of the project including vat up to a maximum of £9,000.

8.2 **Cubbington Sports & Social Club Limited:**

Cubbington Sports & Social Club Limited has submitted a RUCIS application to resurface the top car park which has come to the end of its life span.

The application is for 50% of the total project costs up to a maximum of £11,430 excluding vat.

Cubbington Sports & Social Club Limited have committed £1,430 to the project from their cash reserves; these funds have been evidenced through their annual accounts and the provision of a recent bank statement.

Cubbington Sports & Social Club Limited are registered for vat (272407468) and will be reclaiming vat in connection to this project; the award will therefore be excluding vat. The vat will initially be paid from the club's cash reserves; these funds have been evidenced through their annual accounts and the provision of a recent bank statement.

Cubbington Sports & Social Club Limited have made a formal request to Cubbington Parish Council for a £5,000 financial contribution to the project; they are now waiting for a decision.

Cubbington Sports & Social Club Limited have also successfully completed a grant application to Cubbington Free Holder's; they have already been awarded a £1,000 grant (this is the amount requested as a minimum contribution), however, the grant provider has advised that they are willing to match the Parish Council contribution which if successful is £5,000.

Cubbington Sports & Social Club Limited have never previously had a RUCIS grant award.

Cubbington Sports & Social Club Limited are registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 1968 (register number 30987 R), a copy of the club's rulebook has been provided, it confirms:

- Shares (rule 6); are not withdrawable or transferable and shall be of the value of 10p. No member shall hold more than one share and no interest or dividend shall be paid on it. A member shall forfeit his share on ceasing from whatever cause to be a member.
- Application of profits (rule 26); the profits of the club may be applied in any of the following ways

- § In promoting mutual intercourse and united action between members and others interested in improving the conditions of the people of the United Kingdom
 - § In promoting education by the establishment of lectures, classes, examinations and scholarships
 - § In maintaining or supporting the Union Convalescent Home or other convalescent homes, hospitals, infirmaries, or in supporting or maintaining circulation and reference libraries and reading-rooms with the best works in all departments of literature, science and art, for the use of members
 - § For any other lawful purpose determined by the managing committee or any general or special general meeting subject to rule 27
- Application of funds (rule 27); except by the dissolution of the club, no profit or funds of the club shall be distributed amongst the members.
 - Dissolution (rule 30); the club may at any time be dissolved by the consent of three-fourths of the members, testified by their signatures to an instrument of dissolution in the form provided by the Act, or by winding up in a manner provided by the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts. The remaining assets, after the payment of all liabilities, shall be distributed amongst the members in equal shares.

The club is a not-for-profit organisation thereby meeting the rucis scheme criteria.

It is therefore recommended that the Executive approves an award of a Rural / Urban Capital Improvement grant to Cubbington Sports & Social Club Limited of 50% of the total project costs excluding vat up to a maximum of £11,430.