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|  Executive – 11th June 2014 | | Agenda Item No. 7A |
| Title | Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme (RUCIS) Application | |
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| Wards of the District directly affected | Kenilworth | |
| Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?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 | Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme details. Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Applications file No. 194 onwards; correspondence with Applicant. | |

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| 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 & Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken | Yes |
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| Officer/Councillor Approval | | |
| Officer Approval | Date | Name |
| Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive | 28.5.14 | Chris Elliott |
| Head of Service | 28.5.14 | Mike Snow |
| CMT | 28.5.14 | Chris Elliot, Bill Hunt and Andy Jones |
| Section 151 Officer | 28.5.14 | Mike Snow |
| Monitoring Officer | 28.5.14 | Andy Jones |
| Finance | 28.5.14 | Mike Snow |
| Portfolio Holder(s) | 28.5.14 | Cllr Cross |
| Consultation & Community Engagement | | |
| Community Partnership Team and Manoj Sonecha (Active Communities Officer) –Copy of report forwarded 19 th May 2014 | | |
| Final Decision? | | Yes/No |
| Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below) | | |

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides details of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme grant application by Kenilworth Town FC to install a new purpose built security fence, complete repairs to the shower block and outside walls of the brick clubhouse and to build a patio area in front of the brick clubhouse to provide disabled and pushchair access and an area for social activities / events.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Executive approves a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant from the Urban cost centre budget for Kenilworth Town FC of 50% of the total project costs to install a new purpose built security fence, complete repairs to the shower block and outside walls of the brick clubhouse and to build a patio area in front of the brick clubhouse to provide disabled and pushchair access and an area for social activities / events, up to a maximum of £13,250 subject to receipt of the following:

- Written confirmation of funding decision from Kenilworth Town Council; if approved, the contribution from Kenilworth Town FC's cash reserves will be reduced accordingly
- Recent bank account statement(s) confirming end of year balance / cash reserves and 2010/2011 accounts for the Senior Section

(see appendix 1)

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 grant recommended is in accordance with the Council's agreed scheme and will provide funding to help the project progress.
- 3.2 This project contributes to the Council's Sustainable Community Strategy as without the Football Club there would be fewer opportunities for the community to enjoy and participate in sporting activities which could potentially result in an increase in anti-social behaviour and obesity, particularly in children. The provision of a patio area in front of the clubhouse will provide better access for parents with young children and disabled members of the community to use the clubhouse facility in turn further engaging and strengthening the community.

4. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 4.1 The Rural and Urban Capital Improvement Scheme supports the Sustainable Community Strategy and the cross cutting themes which form the priorities for funding areas as follows:-

Community Engagement & Cohesion (including Families at Risk)
Targeting disadvantaged rural locations
Narrowing The Gaps

5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 5.1 The budget for the Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme applications for 2014/15 is £150,000 (£75,000 for rural projects and £75,000 for urban projects).
- 5.2 The unallocated budget from 2013/2014 of £33,634 will be requested to be considered as slippage as part of the June Final Accounts Report. This budget will sit within a separate cost centre budget so as to be added to either Rural or Urban schemes once the 2014/2015 budget has been used.
- 5.3 There is £75,000 available to be allocated for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Grants from the Urban Cost Centre budget for 2014/15.
- 5.4 There is £75,000 available to be allocated for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Grants from the Rural Cost Centre budget in 2014/15.

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 Kenilworth Town FC has submitted a RUCIS application to install a new purpose built security fence, complete repairs to the shower block and outside walls of the brick clubhouse and to build a patio area in front of the brick clubhouse to provide disabled and push chair access and an area for social activities/events.
- 8.2 The RUCIS application is for 50% of the total project costs up to a maximum of £13,250.
- 8.3 Kenilworth Town FC is not registered for VAT; they won't be reclaiming VAT in connection to this project therefore the award will be inclusive of VAT.
- 8.4 Kenilworth Town FC has committed £13,250 to the project from their cash reserves.
- 8.5 Kenilworth Town Council has indicated that whilst they support the project they are unable to financially contribute although we are waiting for formal confirmation of this. If the Council do decide to contribute, Kenilworth Town FC's contribution from cash reserves will be reduced accordingly.
- 8.6 Kenilworth Town FC hasn't previously received any RUCIS grants.

It is therefore recommended that the Executive approves an award of a Rural / Urban Capital Improvement grant to Kenilworth Town FC of 50% of the total cost of the project inclusive of VAT subject to a maximum of £13,250