

 Executive – 18th April 2012		Agenda Item No. <h1>13A</h1>
Title	Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application	
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Wards of the District directly affected	Stoneleigh	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?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. 163 onwards Correspondence with Applicant.	

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

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	7/03/12	Andy Jones
Head of Service		N/A
CMT	15/03/12	Chris Elliot, Bill Hunt and Andy Jones
Section 151 Officer	13/03/12	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer		N/A
Finance	6/03/12	Chris Brown
Portfolio Holder(s)	7/03/12	Cllr Grainger
Consultation & Community Engagement		
Chair and Vice Chair visited 80% of homes and have a 215 adult signed petition in favour of the scheme.		
Final Decision?		Yes

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides details of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application by Stoneleigh Village Hall Trust for the resurfacing of the two current tennis courts, turning one into a multi-play area.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Executive approves a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant of £30,000 to Stoneleigh Village Hall Trust for the resurfacing and improvement of the existing tennis courts, which equates to 50% of the cost as detailed in paragraph 7.1 supported by appendix 1.

3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Council operates schemes to award Capital Improvement Grants to organisations in urban and rural areas. The grants recommended are in accordance with the Council's agreed scheme and will provide funding to help the schemes progress.
- 3.2 To provide funding to help the schemes start and progress as the redecoration will improve the Hall for extra income generation purposes.

4. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

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

Engaging and supporting communities including community cohesion and Embedding sustainability.
Targeted geographical areas (Neighbourhood Anchors).
Narrowing the gaps/ families at risk
Rurality

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 The budget for the Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Applications for 2012/13 is £150,000 (£75,000 for Rural Projects and £75,000 for Urban Projects). To this has been added £127,046 which is the unallocated budget from 2011/12 which will sit in a separate cost centre and be allocated to either Rural or Urban schemes as the main budgets are used up.
- 5.2 After the grants are awarded by the March Executive, there is £75,000 available to be allocated for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Grants from the Rural Cost Centre in 2012/13 and if the applications within this report are approved, £45,000 will remain in the Rural Cost Centre.
- 5.3 After the grants are awarded by the March Executive, there is £75,000 available to be allocated for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Grants from the Urban Cost Centre in 2012/13

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S) CONSIDERED

- 6.1 The Council has only a specific capital budget to provide grants of this nature and therefore there are no alternatives if the Council is to provide funding for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Schemes.
- 6.2 Members may choose not to approve the grant funding, or to vary the amount awarded as discussed in paragraph 7.

7. BACKGROUND

7.1 Stoneleigh Village Hall Trust

Stoneleigh Village Hall Trust has submitted an application in order to resurface and improve the tennis courts within the Village to help decrease anti social behaviour.

Stoneleigh Village Hall Trust has £15,404 in reserves of which £5,000 is a grant from Leigh Educational which they are using to help fund this project. See Appendix 1

Stoneleigh Village Hall Trust's last successful application from the Rural Initiative Scheme was in way back in December 2004 for £2,281

It is recommended that the Executive approves the award of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant to Stoneleigh Village Hall Trust of 50% of the total cost of the project inclusive of VAT subject to a maximum payment of £30,000