

 Executive – 31st May 2018		Agenda Item No. 12
Title	Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme (RUCIS) Application	
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Wards of the District directly affected	Budbrooke and Brunswick	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?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. 233 to 235 and file no. 236; correspondence with applicants.	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	YES - 931
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	14.5.18	Chris Elliott
Head of Service	14.5.18	Mike Snow
CMT	14.5.18	Chris Elliot, Bill Hunt and Andy Jones
Section 151 Officer	14.5.18	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer	14.5.18	Andy Jones
Finance	14.5.18	Mike Snow
Portfolio Holder(s)	14.5.18	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 4 th May 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:

- Budbrooke Community Association to renew the roof, interior suspended ceiling and replace the entrance and fire doors of the Budbrooke Community Centre main hall which are at the end of their life span and also install new LED lighting
- Brunswick Healthy Living Centre to refurbish the community hall into an adapted, flexible space; new audio visual system, flooring, fire doors, lighting, seating, tables, acoustic panelling, storage space and re-decorating

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Executive approves:

Budbrooke Community Association

A Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant from the rural cost centre budget for Budbrooke Community Association of 50% of the total project costs to renew the roof, interior suspended ceiling and replace the entrance and fire doors of the Budbrooke Community Centre main hall and also install new LED lighting, as detailed within paragraphs 1.1, 3.2 and 8.1, up to a maximum of £25,925 including vat.

As supported by appendix 1.

Brunswick Healthy Living Centre

A Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant from the urban cost centre budget for Brunswick Healthy Living Centre of 50% of the total project costs to refurbish the community hall into an adapted, flexible space; new audio visual system, flooring, fire doors, lighting, seating, tables, acoustic panelling, storage space and re-decorating, as detailed within paragraphs 1.1, 3.2 and 8.2, up to a maximum of £26,256 including vat, subject to receipt of the following:

- Written confirmation from Asda Foundation (or an alternative grant provider) to approve a capital grant of £18,058

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:

Budbrooke Community Association

This project contributes to the Council's Fit for the Future Strategy; without the Budbrooke Community 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 renew the roof, interior suspended ceiling and replace the entrance and fire doors and provide new LED lighting which will remove current Health & Safety concerns and will ensure that the centre remains a viable facility for community use.

Brunswick Healthy Living Centre

This project contributes to the Council's Fit for the Future Strategy; without the 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 centre is located in the heart of a local neighbourhood in one of the most disadvantaged wards in Warwick District; the project will create a multi-function community hall that will provide a facility where much needed community activities can run in a fit-for-purpose space. The existing community hall is inadequate to do this as it lacks facilities, has no storage and very poor lighting. Once the project to refurbish the community hall has been completed the centre aims to;

- Increase the numbers of people accessing physical exercise by expanding and developing activities to promote health and wellbeing
- Recruit 10 new volunteers to run new parent/toddler sessions
- Provide weekend/evening social events at affordable prices such as live screen sports, film mantinee's and live local theatre

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 Cohesive and active	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Area has well looked after public spaces All communities have access to decent open space Improved air quality	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Dynamic and diverse local economy Vibrant town centres Improved performance/productivity of local economy

communities	Low levels of crime and ASB	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 £75,000 available to be allocated for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Grants from the rural cost centre budget in 2018/19. If the application from Budbrooke Community Association of 50% of the total project costs up to a maximum of £25,925 (including vat) is approved, £49,075 will remain in the rural cost centre budget.

5.3 There is £75,000 available to be allocated for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Grants from the urban cost centre budget in 2018/19. If the application

from Brunswick Healthy Living Centre of 50% of the total project costs up to a maximum of £26,256 (including vat) is approved, £48,744 will remain in the urban cost centre budget.

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 Budbrooke Community Association:

Budbrooke Community Association has submitted a RUCIS application to renew the roof, interior suspended ceiling and replace the entrance and fire doors of the Budbrooke Community Centre main hall which are at the end of their life span and also install new LED lighting.

The application is for 50% of the total project costs up to a maximum of £25,925 including vat.

Budbrooke Community Association has committed £9,924 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.

Budbrooke Community Association 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.

Budbrooke Parish Council has agreed a £16,000 contribution to the project.

Budbrooke Community Association have previously had a RUCIS grant award;

- April 2016 – 44% grant awarded which equated to £30,000 to extend Budbrooke Community Centre to build a new storage facility

Additionally, Budbrooke Community Centre itself has had the following successful RUCIS grant awards:

- Circa 2004 (date and reason for the grant is not recorded in the RUCIS full budget summary spreadsheet) - 29% grant awarded which equated to £14,100
- Circa 2004 (the date the grant was awarded is not recorded in the RUCIS full budget summary spreadsheet) - 54% grant awarded which equated to £5,900 for a disabled toilet

- July 2005 - 73% grant awarded which equated to £8,000 for refurbishing toilet facilities

The application therefore meets the scheme criteria whereby after a successful grant award an organisation must wait for a minimum of 2 years before re-applying for a new grant and also the multi-sport organisation scheme criteria noted above.

It is therefore recommended that the Executive approves an award of a Rural / Urban Capital Improvement grant to Budbrooke Community Association of 50% of the total cost of the project including vat subject to a maximum of £25,925.

8.2 **Brunswick Healthy Living Centre:**

Brunswick Healthy Living Centre has submitted a RUCIS application to refurbish the community hall into an adapted, flexible space; new audio visual system, flooring, fire doors, lighting, seating, tables, acoustic panelling, storage space and re-decorating.

The application is for 50% of the total project costs up to a maximum of £26,256 including vat.

Brunswick Healthy Living Centre have committed £1,599 to the project from their cash reserves; these funds have been evidenced through their annual accounts and the provision of a recent bank statement.

Brunswick Healthy Living Centre 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.

Leamington Town Council has agreed a £250 contribution to the project.

Brunswick Healthy Living Centre have already successfully applied for grants from; Big Lottery Fund and Edward Cadbury Charitable Trust. There is one other grant application awaiting a decision; Asda Foundation.

Brunswick Healthy Living Centre have never previously had a RUCIS grant award.

It is therefore recommended that the Executive approves an award of a Rural / Urban Capital Improvement grant to Brunswick Healthy Living Centre of 50% of the total project costs including vat up to a maximum of £26,526.