

Title	Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application
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Wards of the District directly affected	Warwick West
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?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. 177 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	10/12/12	Andy Jones
Head of Service		N/A
CMT	10/12/12	Chris Elliot, Bill Hunt and Andy Jones
Section 151 Officer	11/12/12	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer		N/A
Finance	3/12/12	Chris Brown
Portfolio Holder(s)	11/12/12	Cllr Mobbs
Consultation & Community Engagement		
Final Decision?	Yes	

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides details of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application by Central Ajax Football Club, Hampton Road, Warwick, CV35 7TB to resurface the access driveway and repair the inadequate drainage along the driveway.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Executive approves a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant of £15,000 to Central Ajax Football Club for the repair to drainage and the driveway to improve access for parents and children to be dropped off for coaching and football matches which equates to 35% 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 Football Club increase and improve access so more children can get involved in football within the deprived area of Warwick West.

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 areas 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 were awarded by the December Executive, there are no funds available to be allocated for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Grants from the Rural Cost Centre in 2012/13 Any future Rural Applications approved will also need to be funded from the slippage of which £93,450 remains.
- 5.3 After the grants were awarded by the December Executive, there is £65,000 still available to be allocated for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Grants from the Urban Cost Centre in 2012/13 and if the application within this report is approved, £50,000 will remain in the Urban Cost Centre.

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 alternative sources of funding 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 Central Ajax Football Club

Central Ajax Football Club has submitted an application to resurface the driveway and parking areas to improve and increase the access to the club house and sports pitches.

Central Ajax Football Club has only £400 in reserves. They are currently fund raising at present to provide the £1,000 that will be provided to help fund this project. See Appendix 1.

Central Ajax Football Club have never previously applied to the Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant Fund.

It is recommended that the Executive approves the award of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant to Central Ajax Football Club of 35% of the total cost of the project inclusive of VAT subject to a maximum payment of £15,000.