

 Executive – 8th August 2012		Agenda Item No. 11A
Title	Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application	
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Wards of the District directly affected	Stoneleigh and 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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?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	/07/12	Andy Jones
Head of Service		N/A
CMT	/07/12	Chris Elliot, Bill Hunt and Andy Jones
Section 151 Officer	/07/12	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer		N/A
Finance	05/07/12	Chris Brown
Portfolio Holder(s)	/07/12	Cllr Grainger
Consultation & Community Engagement		
Final Decision?		Yes

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides details of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application by Baginton Parish Council for the installation of car park heavy duty matting and a storage container for equipment.
- 1.2 The report also contains details of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application by Warwick Sports Club for extra funding to help them with foundations work after problems were found after work had started, following a previous grant they were awarded in November 2011.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Executive approves a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant of £9,000 to Baginton Parish Council for the installation of heavy duty car park matting and storage container which equates to 50% of the cost as detailed in paragraph 7.1 supported by appendix 1.
- 2.2 It is also recommended that the Executive approves a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant of £10,000 to Warwick Sports Club for the laying of foundations that were required for the main project work to start, which equates to 50% of the cost as detailed in paragraph 7.2 supported by appendix 2.

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 were awarded by the June Executive, there are no funds available to be allocated for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Grants from the Rural Cost

Centre in 2012/13 and if the application within this report is approved, the £9,000 will need to come from the slippage money of £127,046 which was from the original Rural Initiatives Scheme. Any future Rural Applications approved will also need to be funded from the slippage.

- 5.3 After the grants were awarded by the June Executive, there is £75,000 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, £65,000 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 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 Baginton Parish Council

Baginton Parish Council has submitted an application in order to install heavy duty grass matting at the Millennium Field in order to provide adequate parking in wet and winter conditions also as the Baginton Events Committee are putting on more and more activities within the village, a storage container is required for all their equipment such as goal posts, line marking equipment, BBQ, ladders, pruners other gardening equipment for the orchard and storage for the large marquee that is used on many occasions throughout the year.

Baginton Parish Council has £15,363 in reserves of which £4,000 will be provided to help fund this project. See Appendix 1

Baginton Parish Council last successful application from the Rural Initiative Scheme was in July 2007 for £1,100

It is recommended that the Executive approves the award of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant to Baginton Parish Council of 50% of the total cost of the project exclusive of VAT subject to a maximum payment of £9,000

7.2 Warwick Sports Club

Warwick Sports Club has submitted a further grant application to finance the laying of Foundations, after it was revealed that when work started on the upstairs lounge area following a successful grant application from Warwick District Council, there were no actual foundations to the Club House and the Club have had to use the grant payment to finance this extra work.

Warwick Sports Club has £13,098 in reserves and is looking for extra funding of this project whilst using the funding they have received from Sport England.

Warwick Sports Club's last successful application was in November 2011 for £26,000 (as previously stated)

It is recommended that the Executive approves the award of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant to Warwick Sports Club of 50% of the total cost of the project inclusive of VAT subject to a maximum payment of £10,000

- 7.3 A review of the Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme is due to be presented to The Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee in August.