

 Executive – 20th June 2012		Agenda Item No. 11A
Title	Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application	
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Wards of the District directly affected	Budbrooke	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?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	18/05/12	Andy Jones
Head of Service		N/A
CMT	24/05/12	Chris Elliot, Bill Hunt and Andy Jones
Section 151 Officer	18/05/12	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer		N/A
Finance	14/05/12	Chris Brown
Portfolio Holder(s)	21/05/12	Cllr Grainger
Consultation & Community Engagement		
Final Decision?		Yes

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides details of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application by Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council for the installation of roof insulation in the Memorial Hall, Barford.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Executive approves a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant of £2,439 to Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council for the replacement of roof lining insulation to improve the thermal efficiency of the Memorial Hall 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 were awarded by the May Executive, there is £0 available to be allocated for Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Grants from the Rural Cost Centre in 2012/13 If the application within this report is approved, the £2,439 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 May 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

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 Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council

Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council has submitted an application in order to replace the roof lining in the Memorial Hall to improve the building's efficiency qualities and to save costs on heating bills.

Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council have £38,156 in reserves of which £2,438 will be provided to help fund this project. See Appendix 1
The reserves have been ear-marked for future projects such as replacing the hot water system, replacement seating and possible replacement of the central heating system with or without the addition of air conditioning.

Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council last successful application from the Rural Initiative Scheme was in June 2008 for £1,135

It is recommended that the Executive approves the award of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant to Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council of 50% of the total cost of the project exclusive of VAT subject to a maximum payment of £2,439

- 7.2 A review of the Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme is due to be presented to the June Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee.