

 <b>Executive – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012</b>		<b>Agenda Item No.</b>  <b>6A</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application</b>	
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<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	Bishops Tachbrook and Cubbington	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?</b>	No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b>	Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme details. Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Applications file No. 163 onwards Correspondence with Applicant.	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No
<b>Equality &amp; Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken</b>	Yes

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	26/04/12	Andy Jones
Head of Service		N/A
CMT	04/05/12	Chris Elliot, Bill Hunt and Andy Jones
Section 151 Officer	30/04/12	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer		N/A
Finance	25/04/12	Chris Brown
Portfolio Holder(s)	26/04/12	Cllr Grainger
<b>Consultation &amp; Community Engagement</b>		
<b>Final Decision?</b>		Yes

## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides details of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application by Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council for the building of a new Community Centre in the centre of the Village. This project has taken over 10 years to finally get off the ground.
- 1.2 The report also contains details of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application by Bubbenhall Village Hall Management Committee for the renovation and modernisation of the Gents toilets facilities and showering facilities within the changing rooms of the Village Hall.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Executive approves a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant of £50,000 to Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council for the building of phase 1 of the new Community Centre, which equates to 27% 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 £3,000 to Bubbenhall Village Hall Management Committee for the renovation and modernisation of the toilet and shower facilities, which equates to 21% 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 April Executive, there is £45,000 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, £0 will remain in the Rural Cost Centre the remaining £8,000 will come from the slippage money of £127,046 which was from the original Rural Initiatives Scheme.

- 5.3 After the grants are awarded by the April 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 Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council**

Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council has submitted an application in order to build a new Community Centre within the Village, they have also been instrumental in the setting up of the new charitable trust that will operate the centre once built, this charitable trust will provide £22,975 and a further £16,684 from written pledges towards the first phase of this massive project.

Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council has £73,004 in reserves of which £50,000 will be provided to help fund this project. See Appendix 1

Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council's last successful application from the Rural Initiative Scheme was in February 2009 for £21,618

It is recommended that the Executive approves the award of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant to Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council of 27% of the total cost of the project exclusive of VAT subject to a maximum payment of £50,000

### **7.2 Bubbenhall Village Hall Management Committee**

Bubbenhall Village Hall Management Committee have submitted an application in order to renovate and modernise the toilets and the shower facilities at the Village Hall, they have approved funding from the Parish Council of £750 towards the project.

Bubbenhall Village Hall Management Committee has £10,038 in reserves of which £2,250 will be provided to help fund this project.

Bubbenhall Village Hall Management Committee's last successful application from the Rural Initiative Scheme was in February 2010 for £9,957

It is recommended that the Executive approves the award of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant to Bubbenhall Village Hall Management Committee of 21% of the total cost of the project inclusive of VAT subject to a maximum payment of £3,000