

Title	Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application
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Wards of the District directly affected	Cubbington
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?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	21/11/12	Andy Jones
Head of Service		N/A
CMT	21/11/12	Chris Elliot, Bill Hunt and Andy Jones
Section 151 Officer	19/11/12	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer		N/A
Finance	13/11/12	Chris Brown
Portfolio Holder(s)	19/11/12	Cllr Mobbs
Consultation & Community Engagement		
A petition with 80 names was handed into Bubbenhall Parish Council.		
Final Decision?	Yes	

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides details of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Application by Bubbenhall Parish Council to resurface tennis courts and refurbish the BMX track to create a multi-play area and skate park.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Executive approves a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant of £14,200 to Bubbenhall Parish Council for the refurbishment of the BMX track and tennis courts to provide an area for 12-19 year olds which equates to 27% 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 village with anti-social behaviour problems by providing a new multi-play area for 12-19 year olds.

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 August 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 £107,650 remains.
- 5.3 After the grants were awarded by the August 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.

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 Bubbenhall Parish Council

Bubbenhall Parish Council has submitted an application to resurface the current tennis courts so that it can be converted into a multi-play area for Football, Basketball, Volleyball and other sports, also to refurbish the disused BMX track and create a mini street scene skate area.

Bubbenhall Parish Council has £11,189 in reserves of which £500 will be provided to help fund this project. See Appendix 1.

Bubbenhall Parish Council's last successful application from the Rural Initiative Scheme was in December 2008 for £3,419

It is recommended that the Executive approves the award of a Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Grant to Bubbenhall Parish Council of 27% of the total cost of the project exclusive of VAT subject to a maximum payment of £14,200.

- 7.2 As part of a review of the Rural/Urban Capital Improvement Scheme, it has been agreed that the responsibility for the scheme should rest with Finance, within the remit of the Finance Portfolio holder. This reflects the scheme being administered within the Finance Service Area.