

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 9TH DECEMBER 2021 CABINET:

Applicant : **Myton Hospice**

Description of scheme: Resurfacing of the Warwick Myton Hospice Car Park; this will involve breaking out and removing of the existing failed surfacing, laying new surfacing and painting new line markings consisting of junction markings, 91 car parking bays, disabled parking bays and an emergency lane. The project aims to improve the facilities at a space that matters to the community, this will ensure continued usage as currently it is becoming dangerous and unfit for purpose; many of the markings are no longer visible including the arrow signs and words such as "give way" and "slow", there are many areas with potholes, cracks and uneven surfaces. Continuous use will deepen potholes and cracks and so may damage vehicles (which include Myton at Home team vehicles, patient transport vehicles and ambulances). Pedestrians, including visitors, volunteers and staff also use the car park, which presents a risk of injury. In summary, the car park needs resurfacing due to unclear parking bays and information for drivers, wear and tear, potholes and cracks which will worsen causing risk to vehicles and personnel and general appearance of the front of the hospice which is used by our local community as a fundraising hub for events.

Evidence of need: The Hospice's condition survey report undertaken by an independent expert in 2017 identified the need for improvements to the car park and driveway. This is also apparent from a visual perspective; works will improve the condition and safety of the driveway for years to come.

3 years accounts received? 2019 - 2021 accounts have been received along with a recent bank statement for the only account held in the name of Myton Hospice (31st August 2021); this evidences sufficient cash reserves to meet the contribution stated on the application form.

Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
	31/03/21	31/03/20	31/03/19
	£2,262,065	-£303,144	-£484,717

Available Funds (cash and reserves)	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
	31/03/21	31/03/20	31/03/19
	£3,799,317	£1,962,223	£1,969,079

NOTE: Although Myton Hospice has significant unrestricted cash reserves this meets the RUCIS scheme criteria of available unrestricted cash reserves being no more than 12 months operating costs.

Details of membership, fees etc: There is no membership scheme as the site is a hospice with no charges to patients or visiting family members. There is no charge to use the car park, however electric charging facilities are available to their local neighbours who need to pay to charge their vehicles.

Details of usage: The Warwick Myton Hospice offers specialist care and support to adult patients and their families in Warwick and the surrounding area; their patients have terminal conditions such as heart failure, cancer, motor neuron disease, dementia, Parkinson's, and COPD. All the hospice's services are free of charge. The following figures are for the year ending 31st March 2020 as this time is a better reflection of normal car park use than the following year which included the Covid restrictions:

- Individual outpatient appointments: 767 cars (based on 95% driving to appointment)
- Individual day unit sessions: 423 cars (based on 55% driving as the remaining patients were resident in our IPU)
- IPU visitors: 1450 cars (based on 95% of total visitors arriving by car)

The hospice don't have figures for the number of cars that use the site for fundraising events, donation drop-offs or their charity shop donation stations nor for the number of staff who use the car park on a daily basis, however, you can see from the examples given that the car park is heavily used by members of the local community and it is therefore vital that repairs are made. As well as providing vital end of life care to patients, the hospice also offers a range of support services to patients with a terminal illness, such as: counselling, physiotherapy and fatigue and breathlessness clinics.

Details of Organisations equalities policies: The hospice's formal equality policy has been provided; this policy is intended to demonstrate the hospice's commitment to eliminating discrimination and encouraging and valuing diversity among staff, volunteers, partners, suppliers, users of our services and Trustees. Highlights include:
 "We recognise our responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010, and are committed to meeting them in full. We believe that a culture that embraces and values equality, diversity and inclusion will help us to ensure that everyone feels involved and included in our plans, programmes and activities.
 We aim to create an environment which respects and welcomes everyone, and in which no form of bullying, harassment, disrespectful or discriminatory behaviour is tolerated by anyone towards anyone. This particularly applies in relation to the nine 'protected characteristics' named in the Equality Act 2010: Age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation."
 The policy applies to all individuals connected to Myton, including but not limited to:

- Patients, service users and their families
- Visitors to the hospice
- Staff
- Volunteers
- Contractors and suppliers
- Prospective employees and volunteers during recruitment and selection process

3 quotes provided: Yes

Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met? **Evidence**

Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities Whilst the project doesn't directly impact on this, the hospice provides wellbeing groups offering activities such as embroidery, gardening, painting etc for both patients and family members. If the car park isn't resurfaced it will potentially get to a stage where it will become unusable which will affect access to these facilities and in turn would reduce the opportunity for patients and their family members to enjoy and participate in cultural wellbeing activities.

Engaging and strengthening communities

Whilst the project doesn't directly impact on this, the hospice provides a 'hub' environment for support services, fundraising, events etc. There are lots of community activities that, although closed during the pandemic, have started to re-open. In addition to the end-of-life care provided at the hospice they also offer a range of services for people in earlier stages of their illness, which is open to anyone in the local communities who have received a terminal diagnosis, as well as family members both before and after the death of their loved one; many people may not think of the hospice as a place to provide this type of service. Through the 'Living Well Programme', the hospice have been able to help a number of people who may not previously have accessed hospice support. Examples of the types of support and interventions people have found beneficial are experiencing and learning relaxation techniques, managing anxiety and fatigue, building confidence with physical activities, strengthening emotional coping strategies, learning about the care services and how to access them including the hospice and planning for the future. In addition, the hospice aim to re-start their weekly drop in sessions (for example; hosting garden coffee and cake "welcome back" sessions; approx. 9 sessions with approx. 10 patients at each and then moving on to the indoor drop-in sessions). Sessions include embroidery, macramé, gardening, glass painting, art and craft and jigsaws and in the future the hospice aim to host a monthly film night for families and have live music at their garden events. As well as services the hospice offers to the community, they also use the Warwick Myton Hospice site as a hub for fundraising activities and events as well as a drop-off point for their donation stations that feed their charity shops. The car park is well used by patients, staff, local volunteers and members of the community, it is therefore vital that it is kept in a good state of repair. This all helps to engage and strengthen the community.

Environmentally sensitive - "clean, green and safe", for example; project includes energy efficiency and renewable energy technology

Although not part of this project; Myton Hospice were recently granted money to buy 3 x hybrid-electric vehicles for nurses to make home visits as well as a patient transfer vehicle. They successfully applied to other providers for grants to fund electric vehicle charging points which have now been installed and are being used to charge their own vehicles as well as staff, volunteers and their local neighbours. It's important to ensure that access to these charging points and the car park in general is kept in a good state of repair for all users (including local residents who will be invited to make use of the facilities for a fee) to make full use of this facility and help the climate change emergency.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)

£9,442 This is the net cost as the hospice will be reclaiming VAT from HMRC.

Funded by:

Status

Organisations Own Funds

£4,721 Approved

Total RUCIS

£4,721

equates to

50.0%