

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Cabinet Member

DECISION MAKER

Councillor Sophie Porter, Community & Residents Portfolio Holder

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund grant requests from:

- **£4,171 awarded to Aldershot Civic Society** for Aldershot Station Adoption
- **£23,340 awarded to West End Centre (Hampshire Cultural Trust** for The Places that Link Us Project

The Community Environmental Fund commenced in 2001. It is levied by Farnborough Airport on business aviation movements at a rate of £2 per aircraft movement and £5 per aircraft movement where the aircraft is a Boeing Business Jet or an Airbus Corporate Jet.

The fund is available to groups and organisations under the following criteria:

- Located within 5 kilometres (3 miles) from the centre of Farnborough Airport (taken to be halfway down the main runway) and is demonstrably and regularly affected by aircrafts travelling to and from Farnborough Airport
- Has public access to be available to be enjoyed by the community as a whole and result in the improvement of an outdoor facility or area
- Includes an environmental improvement
- Projects may include: -
 - Green or open spaces
 - Natural habitats
 - Environmental improvements
 - Outdoor play
 - Community projects with an emphasis on improving the local environment

In addition, applications from Farnborough Football Club and St Peters Church were considered, but the panel agreed that these applications did not meet all the criteria for the fund.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

11 November 2024

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)

None.

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

(conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

N/A

Signed _____ Sophie Porter _____

Designation ____ Community & Residents Portfolio Holder _____

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

Applicant name and address of project site:	Aldershot Civic Society, 1 York Crescent		
Purpose of grant:	Aldershot Station Adoption		
Grant amount requested:	£4171	Total cost of project:	£4171
Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:	n/a		
Criteria met?	Y/N	Comment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located within distance? • Regularly affected by air movements? • Public access enjoyed by whole community? • Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area? • Include an environmental improvement? 	Y Y Y Y Y	Overall aim to increase the feel of the station and to ensure the station is welcoming for both commuters and visitors. The environmental improvement would be the planting, which would aim to encourage pollinators.	
Other sources of funding for this project:	£0	-	
Accounts:	Income: £955.20	Expenditure: £1584.00	Balances: £1488.80
Additional information:	<p>The Station Adoption's progress so far has included working hand in hand with station staff, such as the introduction of artwork in renovated waiting rooms.</p> <p>This project will look to ensure that Aldershot fits with other stations along the line and increase civic pride. There were 1,093,476 entries and exits from the station between April 2022 -March 2023.</p> <p>The project has seen a proof of concept, in that they had enough volunteers to keep 3 planters in bloom, watered and managed for a year.</p> <p>The aim is to install the new additional planters in time for the new season (May 2025).</p> <p>This application is for one years worth of planting – sustainable funding for future planting is being sought. Planting is rotated twice a year to provide autumn and winter alternatives.</p>		
Aim of organisation/group:	<p>Aldershot Civic Society upholds the interests of the citizens of Aldershot. All aspects of life in Aldershot are discussed, especially where they can have a positive impact on progressive change and where they can enhance people's experience of living and working there.</p>		
Application recommendation:	£4171		

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

Applicant name and address of project site:	Hampshire Cultural Trust – West End Centre, 48 Queens Road, Aldershot, GU11 3JD		
Purpose of grant:	The Places That Link Us		
Grant amount requested:	£23,340	Total cost of project:	£28,340
Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:	n/a		
Criteria met?	Y/N	Comment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located within distance? • Regularly affected by air movements? • Public access enjoyed by whole community? • Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area? • Include an environmental improvement? 	Y Y Y Y Y	This twelve month long outdoor community project seeks to create a new green space in Aldershot and brings two existing green spaces to life in Farnborough. The project aims to make environmental improvements not only by creating a new community garden, but by increasing engagement with the natural world, through creative activities that help people access and enjoy local green spaces. They aim to engage 900 residents in the project, which will take place across 3 locations: Hawley Community Gardens, Farnborough Civic Green and the West End Centre, Aldershot.	
Other sources of funding for this project:	£5,000	Pride In Place Grant Fund	
Accounts:	Income: £9,251,219	Expenditure: £9,059,735	Balances: £2,529,949
Additional information:	<p>The project will use a co-creation approach, which will link experienced artists and facilitators with the members of the community to support them in engaging in arts and culture within their local green spaces.</p> <p>At the West End Centre, a currently unused, concrete space at the back of the arts centre will be transformed into a brand-new community garden.</p> <p>In the course of a year, with multiple events, workshops, sculpture co-creation, performance, and a public exhibition.</p> <p>The project aims to reach approximately 900 residents and will foster a sense of care for the natural environment. This will have a particular focus on those who lack access to outdoor space or those with restricted budget.</p>		
Aim of organisation/group:	<p>Hampshire Cultural Trust was established as an independent charity in 2014 to promote Hampshire as a county that offers outstanding cultural experiences to both its residents and visitors.</p> <p>The West End Centre venue, is an entertainment and arts centre located on Queens Road in Aldershot.</p>		
Application recommendation:	£23,340		