

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:

- **£1,000 awarded to Tower Hill School** for Eco Hub Project
- **£4,750 awarded to SATRO** for Planet Utopia Project
- **£15,400 awarded to Cove Brook Greenway** for The Resurfacing of the Greenway

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

There is £11,024 available for allocation from the Community Environmental Fund.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

20 December 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:	Tower Hill Primary School Fowler Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 OBW		
Purpose of grant:	Eco Hub Project		
Grant amount requested:	£1,000	Total cost of project:	£4,064
Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:	2019 – Environmental Classroom 2021 – Quiet Zone		
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	<p>When open, the Eco Hub has been and can be used as part of a street party celebration and national events, inviting parents and members of the community to celebrate.</p> <p>Seeds and pots will be given to pupils to grow at home and bring back to school to plant in the Eco Hub.</p> <p>Planting in the Eco hub will attract a variety of wildlife which will be encouraged through this project.</p>	
Other sources of funding for this project:	£1500	Donation from a member of the local community	
Accounts:	Income:	£-	Expenditure: £- Balances: £-
Additional information:	<p>Tower Hill Primary School have an Eco Hub, which is an area where children are able to plant flowers, fruit and vegetables, as well as learning to take care of them.</p> <p>The raised beds within the Eco Hub are built from timber which is rotting. This project would see that this is replaced in order to make the area safer and fit for purpose so growing can resume.</p> <p>When the Eco Hub is reopen, it will also be a resource for supporting mental health.</p>		
Aim of organisation/group:	Tower Hill Primary Schools is a two form entry primary school in Cove with 420 pupils.		
Application recommendation:	£1,000		

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

Applicant name and address of project site:	SATRO, Unit 23, Surrey Technology Centre, 40 Occam Road, Guildford GU2 7YG		
Purpose of grant:	Planet Utopia – Delivery in Rushmoor Secondary Schools		
Grant amount requested:	£4,750	Total cost of project:	£4,750
Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:	n/a		
Criteria met?	Y/N	Comment	
• Located within distance?	Y	<p>Delivery to five schools within the 5km radius.</p> <p>The volunteers who support this challenge also raise awareness of potential careers in the local area, and fostering links between the students, schools and those companies, demonstrating companies that are located on their doorstep.</p> <p>The Project focuses on environmental and sustainability themes – demonstrating why and how communities can be more sustainable.</p>	
• Regularly affected by air movements?	Y		
• Public access enjoyed by whole community?	Y		
• Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area?	Y		
• Include an environmental improvement?	Y		
Other sources of funding for this project:	£0	n/a	
Accounts:	Income:	£374,056	Expenditure: £348,983 Balances: £379,293
Additional information:	<p>Planet Utopia is a full day interactive event to engage pupils in a challenge to design the lived environment on a new planet with the focus on new technologies and how to sustainably thrive as a community.</p> <p>The challenge incorporates a number of different activities designed to get students thinking about a range of concepts, including new technologies, sustainability in community design, transport and energy use. It also introduces them to different careers and helps them develop vital life and employability skills including teamwork, problem solving, critical thinking, communication and presentation.</p> <p>The project will involve volunteers from local businesses to share their experiences and routes to their careers raising awareness of the possibilities open to the students and inspiring them about their options. We have a particular focus on STEM careers and look to recruit volunteers from local businesses relevant to the activities.</p>		
Aim of organisation/group:	<p>SATRO is an education charity with a mission to inspire young people so that through engagement with people from a wide range of business they can help with employability, raise aspirations, overcome barriers, build confidence and reinforce for companies the value of engaging with young people.</p>		
Application recommendation:	£4,750		

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

Applicant name and address of project site:	Cove Brook Greenway Group – CO 3B Holly Close, Farnborough GU14 OED		
Purpose of grant:	Resurfacing of the Greenway		
Grant amount requested:	£15,400	Total cost of project:	£21,882
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	<p>Resurface and improve drainage of the Cove Brook Greenway accessible, multi-use path between Blunden Bridge to Houseman Road Bridge.</p> <p>The path is a safe key route through Cove for those attending local schools and pre-schools, avoiding walking along roads and using footpaths.</p> <p>By adding a camber to the new paths, this will allow surface water to drain away into Cove Brook, rather than pool on the path.</p> <p>This will prevent the adjacent land being damaged as users creating 'desire paths' around the flooded areas.</p>	
Other sources of funding for this project:	£4,000 £500 £2,000	PEBL RBC Cove Brook Greenway Members	
Accounts:	Income:	£730.44	Expenditure: £1,125.97 Balances: £2,161.51
Additional information:	<p>The path enables safe cycling from Blackwater Station (and thence Reading and Guildford) to the wider Cove and Farnborough area for commuters. In addition the path provides a long distance footpath link through the urban area of Cove from Southwood Woods and beyond, through the Southwood SANG (on the fringes of the Airport), to Hawley Meadows and the River Blackwater in the north.</p> <p>This path is a key component of Farnborough's Urban Greenway enabling wildlife and plant species to move through the urban area without the restrictions posed by gates and fences etc. Is part of a 'green lung' nestled between areas of housing and business.</p>		
Aim of organisation/group:	<p>Cove Brook Greenway Group (CBGG) is a group of volunteers that look after the green areas that surround Cove Brook as it passes through the area from Five Arches, West Heath, Farnborough to Hawley Lane. They ensure the area is pleasant and well cared for, both for the local population, who use it for recreation, leisure and getting to and from work and school, and for local wildlife. CBGG has a role in making people aware of the value and importance of their local environment by encouraging them to look after it, to learn more about it and to be more aware of their environment and its wildlife in general.</p>		
Application recommendation:	£15,400		