

REPORT TO CABINET

Open		Would any decisions proposed :			
Any especially affected Wards	Discretionary /	Be entirely within Cabinet's powers to decide		YES	
		Need to be recommendations to Council		NO	
		Is it a Key Decision		NO	
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		Other Members consulted: King's Lynn Area Consultative Committee			
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Financial Implications YES	Policy/Personnel Implications NO	Statutory Implications NO	Equal Impact Assessment Pre-screening completed	Risk Management Implications NO	Environmental Considerations NO

Date of meeting: 31 October 2019

PARISH PARTNERSHIP SCHEMES FOR 2020/21

Summary

In 2016 the King's Lynn Area Consultative Committee (KLACC) had their Terms of Reference extended to allow bids to be made into Norfolk County Council's Parish Partnership fund. This is a fund that provides match funding for small-scale highway schemes within Parishes, which was extended to cover unparished areas of the County. The maximum value of schemes is £50,000, therefore the maximum amount of match funding is £25,000. Parish Councils and District/Borough Councils in unparished areas have to submit bids for the fund, and the deadline for the submission of bids to the County Council for the next round of funding is 6 December 2019. Any bid is expected to have the support of the relevant County Councillor(s), which is the case with the schemes put forward here.

Four schemes have been put forward for the 2020/21 funding year, namely the provision of a moveable Speed Awareness Messaging (SAM2) sign to be located in the Newlyn (Queensway) area, and the provision of bus shelters at Peckover Way, Minster Court/William Booth Road, and Saddlebow Road. The total cost of the schemes is £18,650, and agreement from Cabinet for funding of £9,475 is requested (half the total cost of the schemes plus the insurance costs for the SAM sign). This will need to be paid for out of the King's Lynn special expenses.

At the KLACC meeting on 31 October, and in relation to the specific schemes, it was resolved

- 1) That all four schemes be endorsed by the Committee and recommended to Cabinet that they be taken forward as bids to Norfolk

County Council through the Parish Partnership scheme

- 2) That Cllr John Collop present the Committee's views to Cabinet

Should Cabinet agree to endorse the bids to the Parish Partnership fund for these schemes then this will need to be confirmed with the County Council, so the bid can be completed.

Recommendation

That Cabinet consider whether to endorse the request for match funding for the provision of one SAM2 sign in the Newlyn (Queensway) area of the town, as well as bus shelters at Peckover Way, Minster Court/William Booth Road and Saddlebow Road. These will be paid for through an increase in King's Lynn special expenses.

Reason for Decision

Cabinet is required to consider any Parish Partnership fund bids endorsed by KLACC, as per the Committee's terms of reference.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Parish Partnership scheme is a Norfolk County Council initiative allowing Parish Councils to bid into an annual fund, to allow small-scale highway works (schemes cannot cost more than £50,000) to come forward in the Parishes. Any bid made has to be match funded to be eligible.
- 1.2 In 2016, in response to complaints of unfairness across the County, Norfolk County Council decided to expand the terms of its Parish Partnership scheme, to include the unparished areas of the County. These were urban areas of the County, such as Norwich, King's Lynn and Great Yarmouth.
- 1.3 It was agreed that the terms of reference of KLACC should be extended, to allow them to consider small-scale highway schemes within King's Lynn (and West Lynn), and any schemes supported by KLACC would go forward to Cabinet for consideration.
- 1.4 It was agreed that the Borough Council's match funding element for future schemes would have to be paid for through the King's Lynn special expenses.
- 1.5 Four schemes have come forward this year, for the 2020/21 bidding round, namely the provision of one Speed Awareness Messaging (SAM2) sign to be placed in positions in the Newlyn area, namely on either Rosebery Avenue, Kent Road, Jermyn Road, Kensington Road and Queensway. The total cost of this is £18,650, and Cabinet is asked to support match funding of £9,475, which is half the costs of the schemes plus the insurance costs for the SAM2 sign.

- 1.6 Payment of match funding through special expenses would be paid for over the lifetime of the schemes, which is 5 years for the sign, and 10 years for the bus shelters, as this represents the estimated lifespan of the equipment. This would add a further 4p to King's Lynn special expenses for the sign (over a 5 year period), and a further 6p for the bus shelters (over a 10 year period). This is based on a Band D equivalent in the usual way.
- 1.7 At the KLACC meeting on 31 October, and in relation to the specific schemes, it was agreed
- 1) That all four schemes be endorsed by the Committee and recommended to Cabinet that they be taken forward as bids to Norfolk County Council through the Parish Partnership scheme
 - 2) That Cllr John Collop present the Committee's views to Cabinet
- 1.8 Should match funding be agreed by Cabinet this will need to be confirmed with Norfolk County Council so the bid can be completed in time. The deadline for bids for the 2020/21 funding period is 6 December 2019.
- 1.9 A copy of the report provided to KLACC giving precise details of the schemes, including the proposed locations for the sign and the positions of the bus shelters is attached to this report.

2.0 Options Considered

- 2.1 The options for Cabinet are
- a) to support all of the bids for Parish Partnership funding put forward, namely the proposed SAM2 sign and the proposed bus shelters in King's Lynn, as detailed above and endorsed by KLACC. This will ensure the bid can be finalised to Norfolk County Council, which if successful will allow the provision of the sign and bus shelter in the 2020/21 financial year.
 - b) to support one or up to three of the four separate bids put forward.
 - c) to not support any of the bids put forward.

3.0 Policy Implications

- 3.1 There are none.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Should the request for match funding be approved then this will result in a small increase in special expenses to cover the schemes. In this case KLACC have recommended that special expenses in King's Lynn

be increased by 4p for a period of 5 years to pay for the SAM2 sign, and by 6p in total over a period of 10 years to pay for the bus shelters (based on a Band D equivalent).

5.0 Personnel Implications

5.1 There are none.

6.0 Environmental considerations

6.1 Considered to be positive overall considering the potential to reduce the speed of traffic (SAM2 sign), and the bus shelters will encourage use of public transport.

7.0 Statutory Considerations

7.1 There are none.

8.0 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 A pre-screening assessment has been undertaken and there are no implications.

9.0 Risk Management Implications

9.1 None.

10.0 Declarations of Interest / Dispensations Granted

10.1 None

Background Papers

KLACC Parish Partnership report for 2021/21 funding round attached



Pre-Screening Equality Impact Assessment

Name of policy/service/function	Parish Partnership funding bid				
Is this a new or existing policy/ service/function?	Existing scheme but a new (annual) bid				
Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened. Please state if this policy/service rigidly constrained by statutory obligations	Aims to improve small-scale highway infrastructure within a settlement by providing a fund that can be bid for No				
Question	Answer				
<p>1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups according to their different protected characteristic, for example, because they have particular needs, experiences, issues or priorities or in terms of ability to access the service?</p> <p>Please tick the relevant box for each group.</p> <p>NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any group.</p>		Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
	Age			x	
	Disability			x	
	Gender			x	
	Gender Re-assignment			x	
	Marriage/civil partnership			x	
	Pregnancy & maternity			x	
	Race			x	
	Religion or belief			x	
	Sexual orientation			x	
	Other (eg low income)			x	
Question	Answer	Comments			
2. Is the proposed policy/service likely to affect relations between certain equality communities or to damage relations between the equality communities and the Council, for example because it is seen as favouring a particular community or denying opportunities to another?	No				
3. Could this policy/service be perceived as impacting on communities differently?	No				
4. Is the policy/service specifically designed to tackle evidence of disadvantage or potential discrimination?	No				
<p>5. Are any impacts identified above minor and if so, can these be eliminated or reduced by minor actions? If yes, please agree actions with a member of the Corporate Equalities Working Group and list agreed actions in the comments section</p>	N/A	Actions:			
		Actions agreed by EWG member:			
Assessment completed by: Name Stuart Ashworth					
Job title Assistant Director	Date 14/10/2019				