

	<h2>Chipping Barnet Area Committee</h2> <h3>8 March 2017</h3>
Title	East Barnet Village Hanging Baskets Proposal - Supplementary information
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
Status	Public
Enclosures	Appendix 1 and 2
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Summary

At the meeting of Chipping Barnet Area Committee, held on 6 July 2016, Members deferred a decision on this item pending receipt of additional information from the grant applicant East Barnet Improvement Committee for the provision and upkeep of Hanging Baskets. The information requested is presented within this report.

Recommendations

1. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee consider the additional information and the request for area committee funding
2. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee decide whether it wishes to:
 - (a) support the applications for funding, subject to due diligence tests being met;
 - (b) defer the decision for funding for further information;
 - (c) reject the application with reasons.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1. At the meeting of the Chipping Barnet Area Committee on 6th July 2016, Members deferred the Area Funding Application from East Barnet Improvement Committee pending provision of additional information. This report presents the information submitted by East Barnet Improvement Committee.

2. REASON FOR DEFERRAL

2.1. At the July 6th Chipping Barnet Area Committee the Chairman stated that he had concerns over the sustainability of the proposal. The proposal required liquidity of £400 per month to maintain. The Chairman also reminded the Committee members that the Borough does not own the lamp post and so permission would need to be sought from the owners prior to the implementation of the works.

2.2. Officers stated that similar schemes had been tried in the Borough before but had failed due to lack of maintenance.

2.3. The Chairman asked for greater assurances over the scheme's long term sustainability and requested that the item be deferred to the next meeting to allow the submission of information relating to the businesses who had signed up to fund the scheme. The Chairman further requested that all quotes originally received should be provided to the Committee.

2.4. The PFI contract in relation to attaching the hanging baskets and the advertisements would also need to be clarified.

2.5. At the meeting it was **RESOLVED that consideration of this item be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee to receive the information requested above.**

2.6. East Barnet Improvement Committee have provided the information requested. This is summarised below as follows and documented :-

2.6.1. Covering letter confirming maintenance arrangements.

- The name and number of businesses involved in the scheme
- Watering rota and arrangements for watering
- Added value expressions of interest from local primary schools and Cat Hill Allotment Society
- Confirmation of equipment required
- Confirmation of costs
- Examples of hanging baskets and village signs
- Total costs of the project - £7,725.00, total cost of area committee funding sought.
- A map indicating the rota zones
- The signatures of businesses owners committed to volunteering to undertake watering on a rota basis.

2.6.2. A Specification list with costs

- 6 x 16litre pump pressure trolleys will be required at cost of £30.23 each if a bulk purchase.
- Cost and type of extension lance – 12 @ £5.40
- Types of hanging baskets

2.6.3. Images of new planting, hanging baskets and street furniture imposed on the streetscene.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1. As set out above.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

4.1. N/A

5. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

N/A

6. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

6.1. Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

6.2. This is a application for Area Committee funding.

6.3. Legal and Constitutional References

6.3.1. Responsibility for Functions, paragraph 6.2, of the council's Constitution reads:

The Council's constitution permits referrals of petitions and Issues from Residents Forums to Area Committees.

6.4. Risk Management

6.5. Not in the context of this report.

6.6. Equalities and Diversity

6.7. Not in the context of this report.

6.8. Consultation and Engagement

6.9. Not in the context of this report.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1. The East Barnet Village Area Committee Funding Application that went to committee 6 July 2016

