



Environment & Community Scrutiny Committee 27 January 2022

Decisions

5. Community Grants 2022-23

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Approved the Community Grants to voluntary and community organisations for 2022-23, as set out in Appendix 1 of the Officer's report, subject to the budget approval in February 2022 and any further satisfactory information required of applicant organisations.
- ii. Approved £30,000 to Cambridge Council for the Voluntary Sector (CCVS) for a building community power and resilience project following on from the remarkable support undertaken by communities during the pandemic and linking to the Council's 'Our Cambridge' transformation programme, as detailed in section 4 of the Officer's report.

7. Herbicide Reduction Plan

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Approved the Herbicide Reduction Plan Project Initiation Documentation as set out in Appendix A of the Officer's report.
- ii. Approved Newnham and Arbury as the two trial Wards to be completely herbicide free for 2022.
- iii. Approved the introduction of up to 12 herbicide free streets in addition to and outside of the two-trial herbicide free wards.

8. Review of Use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Reviewed the Council's use of RIPA set out in paragraph 3.5 of this report.
- ii. Noted and endorsed the steps described in paragraph 3.7 and in Appendix 1 of the Officer's report to ensure that surveillance is only authorised in accordance with RIPA.
- iii. Approved the general surveillance policy in Appendix 1 to the Officer's report.

11. Review of Operation of the Councils Out of Hours Noise Service

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Noted the results of the pro-active and planned Out of Hours Noise Service trial
- ii. Approved (based on the trial evaluation results) the adoption of the pro-active and planned Service approach on a permanent basis, supported use of evidence gathering technologies and equipment, in place of the reactive and inefficient Service model.

12. Complaint Upheld By The Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman Service Relating To Pest Control

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor noted the findings of the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman Service in respect of this case and the actions taken by the Council in response to these findings.

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