



To: South Area Committee
Report by: Head of Community Development
Relevant committee: South Area Committee 12.11.12
Wards affected: Cherry Hinton

Cherry Hinton Community Centre Project – Stage 1

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 Cherry Hinton Residents Association has been developing plans for new community facilities within Cherry Hinton. Discussions have progressed with the County Council's Library Service and the Council's Community Development Service and CHRA are now ready, subject to funding, to implement Stage 1 of their plans. This will give local residents a small dedicated community / café space within Cherry Hinton Library for meetings and activities.
- 1.2 This report seeks funding of £9,000 to cover the Stage 1 works.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 South Area Committee is asked, subject to written confirmation from the County Council's Library Service to guarantee community access:
 - a) To approve funding of £9,000 from developer contributions for the Stage 1 works within Cherry Hinton Library.

3. Background

- 3.1 Cherry Hinton Residents Association (CHRA) have identified a need for a dedicated community facility within their ward through community consultation. They have held meetings with the County Council's Library Service and Community Development officers with a view to providing a small community /café facility at Cherry Hinton Library which is situated in a prominent spot on the High Street.
- 3.2 Whilst CHRA have aspirations over the longer term for a large, purpose built community centre, they are keen to take a incremental approach which will quickly deliver a small facility and enable them to grow their capacity and plan in more detail for the future.

- 3.3 CHRA have produced the attached Project Summary document which sets out the results of their consultation, their strategy for taking this work forward and the details of the work required for Stage 1. It should be noted that the estimate for Stage 3 is probably very low unless an existing building was re-furbished. A purpose built facility similar to Trumpington Pavilion is likely to cost around £1m.
- 3.4 Members are asked to endorse the work undertaken so far by CHRA and agree funding for Stage 1 so that work can be carried out as soon as possible.
- 3.5 The Council Council's Library Service are fully supportive of the proposal and will assist by carrying out the work for and with CHRA. They have indicated that CHRA may need to cover any additional service costs when using the facility outside of normal library opening hours (lighting, heating etc.). Although such costs should be minimal, this issue will need to be clarified.
- 3.6 Governance arrangements are being discussed and will include CHRA becoming key-holders of the library. The capital funding will be subject to written confirmation from the County Council's Library Service that CHRA will have access to the facility to hold meetings and run activities.

4. Implications

- 4.1 If agreed, capital funding will be made available from the following developer contributions for community facilities which have been devolved to South Area Committee.

Planning Ref	Ward	Sum
04/1033/FP	Cherry Hinton	£1,230
04/0926/VC	Cherry Hinton	£1,816
04/0757/FP	Cherry Hinton	£1,743
06/0063/OUT (part)	Cherry Hinton	£4,211
Total		£9,000

5. Appendices

- 5.1 Appendix 1: Cherry Hinton Community Centre Library Annexe Project Summary

7. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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