

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Safer Communities Section

TO: Area Committee - East

25/7/2013

WARDS: Coleridge

SAFER CITY GRANT SCHEME 2013/14: APPLICATION FROM THE RUSTAT NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

1 INTRODUCTION (or EXECUTIVE SUMMARY for long reports)

- 1.1 The Rustat Neighbourhood Association has lodged an application for a Safer City grant up to £5,000 (with a minimum requirement of £3,124.06) to pay for the installation of a column light on the path between Flamsteed Road and Derby Road. Details of the application are appended to this report.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the committee approves the application.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Safer City grant scheme provides small grants (up to £5,000) to community-based projects that will help combat crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. The scheme was changed in 2012/13 (at the Community Services Scrutiny Committee of 12 January 2012) in order to devolve the power to approve area-specific applications to the Area Committees. Applications are welcomed for an annual bidding round at each of the four Area Committees; the bidding round for the East Area Committee is being considered at the 25 July 2013 meeting.
- 3.2 This is the first (and sole) area-specific application that is being considered by the East Area Committee.
- 3.3 Each Area Committee is assigned £10,000 at the beginning of the financial year, from the total £50,000 Safer City grant budget.

Following the annual bidding round, any area-specific applications received up until the end of the financial year will be considered by the Director of Customer and Community Services. Any unassigned funds will be drawn back to the central Safer City grant budget on 1 December 2013.

CONSULTATIONS

Ward councillors were consulted by the Rustat Neighbourhood Association as part of the application process.

OPTIONS

Safer City grant applications can either be approved or rejected.

CONCLUSIONS

None.

IMPLICATIONS

- (a) **Financial Implications:** The implication of approving this application is a reduction in the East area allocation to a minimum £5,000.
- (b) **Staffing Implications:** None.
- (c) **Equal Opportunities Implications:** None.
- (d) **Environmental Implications:** -L.

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- +H / +M / +L: to indicate that the proposal has a high, medium or low positive impact.
- Nil: to indicate that the proposal has no climate change impact.
- -H / -M / -L: to indicate that the proposal has a high, medium or low negative impact.

Follow the guidance on the intranet at <http://intranet/sustainability/policies-and-procedures.html>

- (e) **Procurement:** Procurement of the light will be undertaken by Rustat Neighbourhood Association in conjunction with Cambridgeshire County Council.
- (f) **Consultation and communication:** Local consultation of residents potentially affected by the light was undertaken by the Rustat Neighbourhood Association between 15 and 22 October 2012.
- (g) **Community Safety:** A reduction in the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour along the Flamsteed Road / Derby Road path.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: The following are the background papers that were used in the preparation of this report:

- Grant application from Rustat Neighbourhood Association
- Letter of support from Geoff Oliver, Group Scout Leader, 28th Cambridge Scout Group
- Quote from Balfour Beatty of 24 May 2013

To inspect these documents contact Tom Kingsley on extension 7042

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