



To: Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health
Report by: Head of Community Development
Relevant committee: East Area Committee 10/2/11
Wards affected: Romsey, Petersfield, Coleridge

Community Development Capital Projects in the East Area Application from St Philips Church – Community Facilities

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 This application from St Philips Church is for £44,000 and will contribute to the costs of the major refurbishment and redevelopment of the church site in Romsey. In particular, the grant will enhance community use of the site by people with mobility or disability issues and help to improve the sustainability of the operation of the facility. The grant will be used for the provision of a **lift to enable disabled people and others who are elderly or infirm to access the new multi-function rooms on a newly built first floor and to install solar photovoltaic panels to reduce energy consumption, carbon emissions and ongoing running costs.**

2. Recommendations

The Executive Councillor is recommended:

To approve a grant of £44,000 for St Philips Church to improve community use and the sustainability of their facilities.

3. Background

- 3.1 In August 2010, following consideration by the East Area Committee, the Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health approved a Capital Grant Programme for the East of the City. The budget for the programme, which has come from s 106 contributions from developers, was set at £800,000 with £400,000 being reserved for 5 named projects, including St Philips. The remainder of the funding has been allocated to each ward in proportion to the contributions received as a result of developments in the four wards. All applications are subject to a project appraisal process before a recommendation is made.

3.2 The criteria used to assess potential schemes include:

Projects should -

- Increase and/or improve the quality and sustainability of community facilities serving the East of the City.
- Demonstrate value for money.
- Have no net adverse environmental impact and where possible have a positive impact on the causes and effects of climate change.
- Be completed by 2013 or have established a clear implementation plan within an agreed timescale.
- Should not normally require revenue funding from the City Council.
- Have robust and sustainable management arrangements.
- Have an equal opportunities policy in place.
- Have developed a solid business plan.
- Demonstrate the ability to raise additional funding in circumstances where the Council is not the sole or main funder.

3.3 Successful applicants are required to enter into a legal agreement with the Council, that sets out the conditions of the grant, before any money is released.

3.4 The application form St Philips has two components. These are:

a) The installation of a lift to a new multi purpose activity space - £25,500. This would enable people with disabilities and/or mobility issues to make full use of the facility. Plans for the area include using it for a range of community-focussed activities including, for example, counselling and advice sessions on debt and other issues. Other programme ideas currently being delivered or worked up include an innovative arts project for more vulnerable local people suffering from mental health problems, and investigation into a cafe-based training project for people with learning and physical disabilities.

b) Provision of Solar photovoltaic panels to reduce energy consumption, carbon emissions and ongoing running costs - £18,500 This will make an ongoing contribution to the viability and sustainability of the centre's operation. It will also have an important demonstration value in terms of a high-profile public building visibly adopting a renewable energy system. St Philips have offered to share their learning and experience from this equipment installation by informally advising others.

4. Implications

- 4.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report that have not been covered in the body of the report.
- 4.2 Briefings on progress with other potential applications are being sent to members on a regular basis. Also meetings to discuss ward issues are taking place with Ward Councillors as required.

5. Background papers

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- 5.1 St Philips s 106 application form.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 None

7. Inspection of papers

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

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