

Report on	Community Development - Connecting Pomeroy
Date of Meeting	1 st July 2021
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney, Head of Community Development

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To accept funding from the Rural Development Programme to proceed with the court yard parking and amenity area at Pomeroy Forest.
2.0	Background
2.1	As part of the development of Connecting Pomeroy a new build and trails are being proposed at Pomeroy Forest. Due to the planned use of the forest, and potential at a later stage for use of the court yard buildings, an additional car park and amenity area is being proposed.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>An award of funding of £93,750 has been secured from underspend from DAERA as part of the Rural Development Programme. The funding is to be matched by 25% to allow it to be utilised. A contribution of £31,250 is required to allow the funding investment to be maximised on the site at a value of £125,000.</p> <p>This funding contribution will alleviate some of the pressure on the Connecting Pomeroy budget which is due to the increasing costs and inflation between the initial application in 2017 and present.</p> <p>The funding will be used for the following works in line with the Rural Development Programme requirements:</p> <p>Courtyard Area Re-surfacing works for car parking £85,000 Car park lighting £20,000 Demolition of outbuilding and wall £5,500 Courtyard buildings made safe, cleaned, painted, virtual window dressings £10,000 Picnic tables and bins £3,000 Signage £2,000 Total £125,500 Note: these are stage 3 costs and final costs will be provided – within the overall budget allocation.</p> <p>It is proposed for Council to accept the funding and to maximise funding investment and match it by £31,250. The match funding will be from the main Council capital</p>

	<p>programme. Final confirmation from the main funder, SEUPB is required to ensure all governance requirements are met.</p> <p>Officers continue to work to identify areas of funding to support Council in the delivery of its agreed capital programme.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>£93,750 DAERA funding and £31,250 Council match funding.</p> <p><u>Professional Support</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To accept funding from the Rural Development Programme, with match contribution, and proceed with the court yard parking and amenity area at Pomeroy Forest.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
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