ENCLOSURE 2A

Approval of CIL Spending Priorities

CIL Task and Finish Group Report to Town Council

2nd December 2021.

The group has now met on three occasions following the last Town Council meeting. Collectively we have reviewed ideas from all three parties and have created a consolidated list which is attached to this report. These projects have all been assessed against the key themes emerging from the Town Survey conducted earlier this year. The proposed projects have all been discussed by the group and in some cases have been deprioritised, adjusted, amended or amalgamated.

The process from here is not entirely simple.

We have not attempted to create a full suite of projects that will account for all the funding that we expect to come to the council over the next ten years. This is because we accept that over that time period things are likely to change. In addition we want to ensure that there is scope for members of the community to bring forward project ideas and proposals of their own. There is also more work to be done to engage with younger members of our community via the school.

We have therefore made a number of recommendations under particular headings:

Projects that's are almost ready to go which we believe we should proceed with.

- Cycleway over St John's Bridge (up to £50k)
- Design work to better integrate the Pavilions Development into the town including changes to the highway configuration (c£5k)*
- Traffic Strategy for the Town (up to £30k).

Projects which we believe should be a priority for the Town Council but which will require support from other partners where we should commence discussions immediately.

- Abbey Fields Cycleway
- Safe Routes to School
- Skate Park (& Pump Track)
- Station Road Pedestrianisation

Projects that require further exploration but which we believe should be ongoing priorities for the Town Council.

- Highways improvements for all road users*
- Renewal of Playgrounds & Park Equipment
- Community Wood(s)
- Wayfinding (links to the Castle)

*A number of road priorities were put forward in specific areas of the town. However, given that these are yet to be scoped in detail the group agreed to create a new item that would be a catch-all. This would enable funding requests to be bought forward at a later date for scoping work or implementation as appropriate.

There were a number of items that we decided not to take forward and some items where we felt it would be more appropriate for funding requests to be bought forward by local community groups. Additionally we are recommending that rather than have a separate resource line all projects should ensure that they account for resource within their scoping.

We are now asking the Town Council to do the following:

- Approve and adopt the priorities as set out in this report
- Agree that all funding requests should be presented to the Finance & General Services Committee before being recommended to Town Council for approval
- Delegate the Task & Finish Group to continue this work and commence engagement where needed on behalf of the Town Council, accepting that they will in some cases require additional support from other councillors and external resource.

The discussions that we have had as a group have been useful. We have not always started with agreement but have managed to explore, discuss, and debate items and have come to a proposal upon which we are all agreed and would recommend to the Town Council to take forward.