

<p>Title of Report:</p> <p>Request for additional funding to carry out site works at the Glebe and Victoria Bridge</p>	<p>Officer Presenting: Director of Health and Community</p> <p>Author: Head of Community Development and Leisure</p>
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To seek Members approval for a financial contribution of £45,000 to carry out required site works, M&E works and other service works at both the Glebe and Victoria Bridge areas.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will recall as part of the recommendation of the Strategic Review of Community Centre(s) (Min Ref: HC33/17), officers had been tasked to work with Community Groups in the Glebe and Victoria Bridge areas to source funding to replace the existing portacabins that were located on both sites.
- 2.2 An additional funding allocation of £40,000 was received from DfC (VCU) for developing both sites in financial year 2016/17. The additional funding had been allocated in line with recommendations emanating from the Strategic Review of Community Centre(s) (Min Ref: HC33/17 and HC240/16). This £40,000 allowed for the purchase of the two re-conditioned Portacabins.

Upgrade of Portacabin at Victoria Bridge to a 20ft x 40ft facility	£18,000
Upgrade of Portacabin at Glebe – 20ft x 40ft facility	£22,000

- 2.3 The two areas outlined above now require site works, M&E works and service installation. The total cost for work at both sites will be approximately £45,000.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 The key issue is the shortfall in funding available to carry out the required site works at both Victoria Bridge and the Glebe. Without the additional input of £45,000 from Council there is a risk that both projects will not be delivered. This would have a detrimental impact to both rural communities who have no community facility to deliver much needed services and programmes.

- 3.2 Once complete both sites will have a community facility that can be used by Community groups and residents in both the Victoria Bridge area and the Glebe.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and Other Implications

- 4.1 There is now a requirement for a financial contribution from Council of £45,000.
- 4.2 Following discussions with the Lead Finance Officer, these monies will be funded from Councils Loan Charge Provision and this will be reflected in Councils Medium Term Financial Plan, which will be presented as part of the upcoming 18/19 Rates process.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 That Members approve the additional allocation of £45,000 for the associated works to be carried out at Victoria Bridge and the Glebe.

Background Papers

Min Refs: HC240/16; HC33/17