



HARPENDEN TOWN COUNCIL

CLOSER TO THE COMMUNITY

Capital Receipt Allocations

Update following Harpenden Town Council Meeting on 18 May 2020

All Town Councillors met on 18 May 2020 to consider the next stage of the Town Council process of allocating our Capital Reserve.

Council agreed in principle that several projects will be taken forward subject to the Council's usual Governance and due diligence processes.

Projects that have been allocated funding

The projects that have been allocated in principle funding are set out below. Where possible, we have included the funding allocated to the project. However, in some cases the amount allocated to the project is subject to legal/commercial implications and will remain confidential at this stage. For example, they impact on negotiations with landowners or prospective external funders.

As soon as the legal/commercial implications are no longer relevant, the figures will be announced.

Delivery plans will be worked up for each of these projects and these will be considered by Council in September 2020. The delivery of these projects will be phased over 24 months.

Theme	Project	Funding
Commons & Greens	Invest in new play equipment at Rothamsted Park (subject to confirming match funding and taking ownership of the asset from SADC)	£150,000
Commons & Greens	Invest in new play equipment for Roundwood Lane Open Space (subject to taking ownership of the asset from SADC)	£80,000
Commons & Greens	Invest in new play equipment for Wood End Open Space (subject to taking ownership of the asset from SADC)	£80,000
Commons & Greens	Install Boardwalk at Batford Springs Nature Reserve	£100,000
Commons & Greens	Improve/resurface vehicular access onto the Common from Baa Lambs Car Park	£50,000

Community Building	New Community Clubhouse/pavilion in Rothamsted Park (subject to confirming external funding and taking ownership of the asset from SADC)	TBA
Community Building	Improve insulation of Council buildings	£20,000
Other	Festive lighting displays	TBA
Other	Installation of defibrillators across public areas	£3,000
Other	Funds to replace Town Council maintenance vehicles	£70,000
Other	Purchase of additional HTC maintenance equipment	£20,000
Other	Upgrade events team equipment such as gazebos	£5,000
Public Realm	Provide funding for the HTC public realm improvement plan	£150,000
Public Realm	Install friendship benches in town where people can sit on the understanding that they wish to have a chat with someone as and when someone takes a seat.	£2,000
Sports Facilities	New 3G pitch in Rothamsted Park (subject to confirming external funding and taking ownership of the asset from SADC)	TBA
Sports Facilities	Improved Grass pitches in Rothamsted Park	TBA
Sports Facilities	Improvement works to Cricket square in Rothamsted Park (subject to taking ownership of the asset from SADC)	TBA
Sustainability	Tree planting across open spaces	£50,000
Sustainability	Install water refill stations in public spaces as part of Plastic Free Harpenden	£20,000
Transport & Movement	Increase depth of parking area on Leyton Road (opposite British Legion)	£30,000
Transport & Movement	Improve existing footpaths and adding new ones around Harpenden	£100,000
Transport & Movement	Provide more secure cycle parking in the town centre.	£15,000
Transport & Movement	New pedestrian/cyclist entrance to the station on South side from Southdown	TBA

Projects that will be scoped further

There are several project ideas that have not been allocated funding yet, but Council have requested further scoping and analysis. These will be considered by Council in September. They include:

Theme	Item
Commons & Greens	Lay "all weather" material/surface in car park at end of Orchard Avenue into Rothamsted park to eliminate current "mud bath"
Commons & Greens	Play area improvement behind Highfield Avenue
Commons & Greens	Outdoor gym in key parks
Commons & Greens	Introduce a sports pitch or play area at Derwent Road Park
Community Building	Public toilet at the top of town
Other	Install free little libraries around town
Other	Purchase HTC branded electric vehicle for use of staff to travel to meetings, around the town and on event days
Public Realm	Resurface the Concourse and add power supply to North side
Public Realm	Replace bollards on Lower High Street
Public Realm	New gateway signs in Harpenden making more attractive to visitors
Sustainability	Install PV solar panels on public buildings
Sustainability	Install City Trees to address levels of pollution on key roads in Harpenden
Transport & Movement	Install electric car charging points at various locations in Amenbury Lane and Lydekker Car Parks and in Southdown
Transport & Movement	Introduce smart parking in road sensors with an App

Projects that will not be taken forward

There is a further set of project ideas that Council have so far indicated that they will not be taking forward. However, some of these may be scoped and analysed further and Council will take a decision on the next steps for these at the July Council meeting.

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