

Beeches Local Area Forum

Title:	Delegated Budget – Local Priorities
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Electoral divisions affected:	Burnham, Dorney, Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges, Taplow

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of a proposal from Burnham NAG which is submitted for approval for funding from The Beeches Local Area Forum (LAF) Local Priorities Budget of £8,000 for 2009/10.

The recommended proposal is:

Burnham NAG – Stomp Road Footpath Fencing £2,112

Should this proposal be approved the remaining balance of local priorities funding to be allocated for expenditure during the financial year 2009/10 is £5,888

2. Local Priorities budget

- 2.1 The Beeches LAF has £8,000 available to it to support the delivery of local community priorities identified by the Beeches LAF through the creation of a Local Area Plan. As the Beeches LAF has not yet undergone the Local Area planning process, proposals for 2009/10 can be assessed against local priorities taken from parish or town plans, the Service Excellence event or any other appropriate local form of priority determination.

3. Local Priorities Funding Conditions

- 3.1 Any recommendations for funding of proposals are made subject to the following conditions:
- That the funding can only be used for the purposes described in this report
 - Evidence of expenditure and completion of the project must be provided
 - The support of the Beeches Local Area Forum must be acknowledged by the recipient in all relevant publicity
 - That the organisation makes itself available for monitoring purposes
 - The funding must be used during the financial year 2009/10



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4. Burnham NAG – Stomp Road Footpath Fencing

- 4.1 Burnham Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) is part of the Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Policing initiative. Working alongside the local Police team the NAG's membership includes representatives from official agencies including the Parish, District and County Councils and Housing Associations as well as local residents representing many of the organisations around the village.
- 4.2 When the NAG was set up two years ago, a public meeting was held and three priorities for action were agreed;
- Anti Social Behaviour;
 - Vulnerable Youths
 - CCTV
- 4.3 The NAG's role is to concentrate on these priorities and to carry out regular Environmental Visual Audits (EVA's) to review the condition of all parts of Burnham. As a result the NAG is working with the Parish and County Councils, Burnham Upper School and the Well@Lentrise on a project to open up the footpath along Stomp Road adjoining the Upper School boundary
- 4.4 The footpath is one of the two main routes to Burnham Upper School from the village centre and the north
- The footpath is overgrown, narrow and in places impassable and the fence broken
 - It requires people to cross to the other side of Stomp Road to access the park-side footpath on a blind bend
 - It is not complete to the school gate
 - The school internal palisade fence is incomplete
 - The hedge is full of litter
- Carrying out improvements to this route will improve access and route security, remove local environmental blight and contribute towards safer routes to schools
- 4.5 The NAG is seeking funding to complete the palisade fencing element of the project. After which the NAG intend with the assistance of volunteers to clear the outer fence, vegetation and litter and secure funding for the footpath to be completed
- 4.6 A total of 20 fence panels 2 metres in height are required costing £3513.50 or approximately £176 per panel. The NAG has secured pledges for 8 of these panels from community sponsors and is seeking £2,112 from the local priorities funding to purchase the remaining 12 panels

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 This proposal has been considered by Rebecca Carley, Locality Service Manager, and Stephen Young, Locality Services Area Coordinator, who recommend the proposal for funding
- 5.2 That the members of The Beeches Local Area Forum agree funding of £2,112 from its Local Priorities Budget for 2009/10 for the, subject to the conditions in 3; above