

Report to the Denham and Gerrards Cross Local Area Forum

Title: LOCAL PRIORITIES BUDGET 2017-18

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Gerrards Cross

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report presents recommendations for the allocation of the Denham and Gerrards Cross Local Priorities Budget for 2017-18.
- 1.2 The Local area budget for 2017-18 is £22,790. Of this, £2,474 has already been allocated, leaving a balance of £20,316 available for allocation.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Denham and Gerrards Cross Local Area Forum are recommended to support the proposals summarised in the table below. Detailed descriptions and evaluations of the proposals are contained in the report.

Proposal	Match funding	Total project cost	Amount recommended
Gerrards Cross CCTV	£0	£9,090	£9,090
Denham Bus Stop Drainage	£0	£4,000	£4,000
Ring fenced for projects to support vulnerable older people in Denham	£0	£7,226	£7,226
Total	£0	£20,316	£20,316



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3. Background

- 3.1 The Denham and Gerrards Cross LAF has a Local Priorities devolved budget to be used for evidence based projects which address local needs and which fit with the County Council's strategic priorities.
- 3.2 This funding must be spent on expenditure relating to this financial year running from 1 April 2017 to end March 2018.
- 3.3 Applications received are evaluated against the evidence of local need.
- 3.4 They are also evaluated against the County Council's strategic priority themes which are:
- Safeguarding our vulnerable
 - Creating opportunities and building self-reliance
 - Keeping Buckinghamshire thriving and attractive.
- 3.5 More detail on these priorities is available at: <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/council-and-democracy/our-plans/our-strategic-plan/>
- 3.6 All allocations are subject to the standard terms and conditions unless amended in the detailed recommendations below.

4. Budget Available

- 4.1 The LAF's 2017-18 budget is £22,790. Of this, £2,474 has already been allocated, leaving a balance of £20,316 available for allocation.
- 4.2 The current allocation is for:

Proposal	Match funding	Total project cost	Amount recommended
Gerrards Cross Layby Feasibility Study	£2,474	£4,948	£2,474
Total	£2,474	£4,948	£2,474

- 4.3 The allocation for the Gerrards Cross Layby Feasibility Study was agreed by the local County Councillors in May 2017.

5. Proposals recommended for funding

5.1 Gerrards Cross CCTV

- 5.1 This proposal has been put forward by Gerrards Cross Town Council to reduce anti-social behaviour by youths in the centre of town. Eight youths who had come in to the town using the train link from High Wycombe have recently been prosecuted and the Police have now recommended that high quality CCTV in the town centre would help solve and prevent crime.
- 5.2 A seven camera CCTV system would be installed. This installation will help Gerrards Cross remain a thriving and attractive place to live and work and will safeguard all sectors of the community against the threat of crime. The Town Council will manage the ongoing maintenance and servicing of the system.

5.3 The Town Council have provided a detailed quote for the system.

5.4 In terms of meeting the Local Priorities Budget funding criteria:

- a) The proposal is a good fit to meet the local area need to reduce anti-social behaviour, prevent crime and safeguard the vulnerable across Gerrards Cross town centre.
- b) The proposal is a good fit with the County Council's strategic priority to Create Opportunities and Build Self Reliance because it aims to improve community safety and reduce crime and the fear of crime.
- c) The proposal provides an average fit in terms of value for money because although there is no match funding, the Town Council will take on the ongoing maintenance costs for servicing and repair which will ensure continued usage of the system.

5.5 It is recommended that the LAF allocate £9,090 towards the installation of the CCTV system in Gerrards Cross.

5.6 Denham Bus Stop Drainage

5.7 This proposal has been put forward by Denham Parish Council to install drainage channels at two existing bus stops in Denham Avenue which will enable residents and visitors access to the bus service.

5.8 There are two Bus Shelters, opposite each other, on the A412 Denham Avenue that frequently flood due to the levels of the floor of the Shelter and the gradient of the pavement and the fact that the kerb is at the same level as the road.

It is proposed to install 4" Aquaflo Drainage Channels at each Shelter and then re-direct the water to a metre square soakaway pit at one side of each Shelter. The parish council has obtained a quote for the work from a local contractor.

5.9 In terms of meeting the Local Priorities Budget funding criteria:

- a) The proposal is an average fit to meet the local area need to enable the use of all services in the area which will ensure that the service is attractive to local residents who wish to travel and also to visitors of the area.
- b) The proposal is a good fit with the County Councils strategic priority to Keep Buckinghamshire Thriving and Attractive as it will repair drainage for the bus stop allowing the continued use of a service.
- c) The proposal provides an average fit in terms of value for money because although there is no match funding, Denham Parish Council have sought their own quotes and will coordinate completion of the works.

5.10 It is recommended that the LAF allocate £4000 for the installation of drainage channels at the Denham Avenue Bus Stops provided that all works are done off the carriageway and do not touch the kerb. This project is also subject to all relevant permissions being granted by Streetworks.

5.11 Ring fenced for projects to support vulnerable older people

5.12 Following the allocation of the above it is recommended that the LAF ring fence it's remaining budget (£4726) to be used for Good Neighbours projects to support vulnerable older people in Denham. The scheme would establish projects including Befriending Scheme, a Men in Sheds project and will be used towards the development of the scout hut to be usable by activities and groups for vulnerable and older people.

5.13 The project would not receive any funding until costed proposals have been received, and assessed as being eligible for funding.

6 Future Proposals

6.1 Following Forum agreement regarding the above recommendations, the Forum's budget would be allocated for 2017/18.

Report ends