

Committee: Cabinet

Agenda Item

Date: 25 June 2014

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Title: New Homes Bonus Contingency Reserve

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Chambers

Key decision: **No**

Summary

1. This report recommends three projects for funding from the New Homes Bonus Contingency Reserve.

Recommendations

2. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the following
 - a. The allocation of a maximum of £33,000 for use as funding for the cleaning of war memorials and sowing of poppy seeds.
 - b. The funding to be to a maximum amount of £550 per Parish.
 - c. Retrospective funding to be allowed where the memorial has already been cleaned in 2014
 - d. Written applications to be sent to the Section 151 Officer
 - e. A sum of up to £5,000 be allocated for the establishment of an RAF Memorial at Carver Barracks.
 - f. The £38,000 cost identified above to be funded from the New Homes Bonus Reserve.
 - g. The refurbishment of Hill Street toilets, Saffron Walden.

Financial Implications

3. All of the projects are to be funded from the New Homes Bonus Contingency Reserve.

Background Papers

None.

Impact

Communication/Consultation	None
Community Safety	No specific implications
Equalities	No specific implications
Health and Safety	No specific implications
Human Rights/Legal Implications	No specific implications
Sustainability	No specific implications
Ward-specific impacts	No specific implications
Workforce/Workplace	No specific implications

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Parishes do not take up the offer	2 (the offer will be well promoted with parishes)	1 (the money will remain in the reserve)	Parishes will be made fully aware of the offer

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.

Situation

War Memorial cleaning and the RAF memorial

1. The council wishes to support the cleaning of all war memorials within the district.
2. The council would also like to see the planting, where appropriate, of poppy seeds.
3. The maximum amount any parish can claim for cleaning and planting is £550 and the award will cover actual costs incurred.

4. The report also allocates £5,000 for an RAF memorial to be established at Carver Barracks.
5. During World War II Carver Barracks was an RAF base, however there is no recognition of this outside of the base itself.

Refurbishment of Hill Street toilets, Saffron Walden

6. These are the last toilets owned by the council.
7. The toilets were last refurbished about 8 years ago and have now come to the end of their useful life.
8. Anticipated cost of refurbishment is set out in the Part II paper