



## AGENDA

### EASTERN AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 29 September 2022

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: West Faversham Community Centre, Bysing Wood Road, Faversham ME13 7RH

#### Membership:

Councillors Lloyd Bowen, Alastair Gould, Mike Henderson, Carole Jackson, Denise Knights (Chair), Ben J Martin, Hannah Perkin, Julian Saunders (Vice-Chair), David Simmons, Eddie Thomas, Tim Valentine and Mike Whiting.

Quorum = 4.

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## Eastern Area Committee meeting: September 2022 – Matters arising

No.	Item	Background	Progress on actions
1.	Bus consultation project	<p>At the December 2021 meeting, Eastern Area Committee Members agreed to award £10,000.00 to undertake a public consultation on local bus services. Due to SBC resource issues there was a recommendation by the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development to explore an alternative delivery option such as project management by a town or parish council.</p> <p>At the Area Committee meeting on 22 March 2022, Members questioned if a parish or town council would have the resources to carry out this consultation and felt that it would be better for SBC to run this project, which was of huge importance to the residents of the Eastern Area.</p> <p>The following options were identified to take forward at Informal Cabinet on 4 April 2022.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Seek a suitably qualified temp or student placement to undertake the work under the direction of either the Capital Projects Manager or the Economy and Community Services Manager.</li> <li>2) Contract the work out to a third party with the contract managed by either the Capital Projects Manager or the Economy and Community Services Manager.</li> </ol>	<p>Contact with the University of Kent did not identify graduate candidates to be recruited for this project and with the submission of funding bids to Government concluded over the summer a limited officer resource is available, through the Economic Development Support Officer.</p> <p>A specification for the work will need to be drawn-up with input from Councillors Gould, Saunders and Whiting and the work commissioned, potentially through an add-on to the existing contract with Project Centre, which is working on the pedestrianisation project and therefore already have experience of the locality. This would expedite the speed with which it can be progressed.</p>

		Officers assessed the resource implications and made contact with the University of Kent Careers and Employability Service to determine what particular scheme this might best sit within, and when a student might be available.	
2.	Flooding in the Whitstable Road area.	<p>Councillor Julian Saunders went through the chronology of progress including email exchanges with Southern Water (SW) following a recent flooding event. He identified that some significant progress had been made with KCC as a result of the efforts of the Committee Chair. Members commented on the response by SW which stated the network “had sufficient capacity for up to a one-in 50-year storm event” as events of this level had occurred twice in the previous year, the modelling did not equate with events.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillor Julian Saunders in his capacity of Vice-Chair of the Eastern Area Committee write to SW to ask that they continued to take action and provide further updates on flooding in Whitstable Road and the wider Faversham area. Also, to challenge the statement that SW would not be expanding the sewage capacity to deal with new housing developments.</p> <p>Also, Councillor Saunders in his capacity of Vice-Chair of the Eastern Area Committee write to Helen Whately MP to ask for a further meeting with SW and other agencies to be arranged.</p>	See Appendix 1 for an update.
3.	Removal of White lines on roads	Chris Oswald-Jones referred to the aspiration to promote Active Travel, part of which was the	Councillor Thomas contacted the KCC Highways Active Travel Team to ask if

		<p>removal of white lines in the middle of the road where possible. He said it was only necessary at junctions and a lot of the time it was not possible to stay to the left of the lines due to parked vehicles.</p> <p>Councillor Eddie Thomas in his capacity of Chair of Faversham Town Council's Active Travel Committee advised that he was in discussions with the Active Travel Team at KCC about this matter and would feedback after his next meeting with them.</p>	<p>they could advise if the resurfacing team at KCC had formally been told not to repair centre white lines within Faversham's 20mph zone.</p> <p>They responded to confirm that all centre lines on refreshing other lines or when resurfacing should not be replaced within the 20mph limit.</p>
4.	Lack of bins and removal of bins	<p>Councillor Carole Jackson said there were not enough bins at Wildish Road, Bysing Wood. Other Wards were in a similar position. Litter pickers had to carry rubbish out of the area for disposal. Councillor Lloyd Bowen and Councillor Mike Henderson said that bins had been removed and not been replaced in Teynham, at the entrance to Love Lane, to the back of Morrisons and by the takeaway at Upper Brents.</p> <p>It was agreed that these matters should be referred to the Environment Committee and that Ward Members should be consulted before bins were removed</p>	<p>The Head of Environment &amp; Leisure confirmed that he has escalated this with officers and will ensure that Members are advised in future if any bins are to be removed. However, we have had a few occasions recently where litter bins have been taken without our consent. It is proposed to debate a report on litter bins policy at Environment Committee next year.</p>
5.	Lack of play equipment at the green on Whiting Crescent, Faversham	<p>Councillor Carole Jackson spoke about the lack of play equipment at the green on Whiting Crescent, Faversham. It was a deprived area with young families who could not travel to play areas further away. She requested that a small amount of play equipment be installed there.</p>	<p>The Head of Environment &amp; Leisure advised that there are two other playgrounds within 10-15 minutes' walk from Whiting Crescent and the Council cannot provide any more playgrounds in that location.</p>

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### Update on Flooding in Whitstable Road and other parts of Faversham

#### 1. Correspondence with Southern Water

As agreed at the last Eastern Area Committee meeting, Councillor Julian Saunders in his capacity of Vice-Chair of Eastern Area Committee, wrote to Southern Water (SW) on 7 July 2022 regarding resolving flooding issues in Whitstable Road and other parts of Faversham. He explained that while the Area Committee were pleased to hear about the progress so far, it was concerned that not all the issues that are causing flooding at Whitstable Road have been resolved. He noted that that lifting latches on the inspection hatch were still awaiting repair and that SW intend to fit a CCTV camera in the inspection hub in Cypress Road. He urged SW to undertake this work as soon as possible and said that the Area Committee would also like to know about the budget and planning schedule for this area of Faversham.

He also stated that the Area Committee remained concerned about the overall capacity of the system at a time when, what SW have described as 'one-in 50-year storm events', appear to be increasingly frequent and would also want to challenge SW's apparent view that there is no need to plan for an expansion in the capacity of the local network despite the significant expansion in the volume of housing in the local area planned.

On 20 July 2022, Sue Cobb, SW Stakeholder Management Team responded with the following updates:

#### ***"Whitstable Road/Cyprus Road***

*Work on the manhole covers was completed on July 6th. At the present time, the CCTV for the CSO chamber is still in the design phase and has not been built. We are keen to progress this and will update you as soon as we have further information.*

#### ***Tanners Street***

*We have carried out CCTV surveys and investigations in this area in the past and have spoken to KCC about our findings and are aware they are looking at potential future works there.*

#### ***Capacity and future planning***

*We have published our draft Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan for Southern Water region which considers the current performance in our sewerage systems and the change in performance and risk due to factors such as climate change, urban creep (this is conversion of gardens with car parking or conservatories, patios) and population growth.*

*Faversham is one of the catchments assessed in detail and in general terms the results inform us that the catchment does have a moderate level of risk with respect to flooding compared with our other drainage catchments and although future effects*

*of climate change etc will increase risk our analysis suggests that the risk is not increased to a level of high concern. It must be pointed out that this is risk of flooding from the sewerage system and does not include flooding from other sources such as surface water runoff or river flooding. The impacts here may be worse and will be considered by the appropriate authorities (Lead Local Flood Authorities and the Environment Agency). However, where the root cause of flooding or options to reduce risk overlap with Southern Waters, we will be very keen to work with others to deliver partnership schemes so that investment delivers the greatest overall benefit to residents and customers.*

*The link to our published plans is [Drainage and Wastewater Management Plans \(DWMPs\) \(southernwater.co.uk\)](https://www.southernwater.co.uk) and Faversham can be viewed by following links to the North Kent river basin district.*

*As far as future investment is concerned to address the risks we will be prioritising where to invest based on the level of current and future risk, the level of investment required to reduce that risk and the priority of that investment compared with all other investment needs across the region.*

*There are a number of storm overflows in the Faversham sewerage system which spill excess and heavily diluted wastewater, mostly consisting of rainfall, to Faversham Creek to protect against flooding. You will be aware of the national debate around the quality of rivers and the impact that combined sewer overflows may have on the water quality. DEFRA are finalising their guidance on the phasing out of the use of CSOs and which to prioritise first. We eagerly await this guidance so that we can then put plans in place to address these, though we have already committed to significantly reducing the frequency of CSO discharges by 2030. We see this as an opportunity to also address flooding from sewers. If we remove the rainfall flows entering the combined sewerage system this will have the effect of reducing CSO spills and also reducing flood risk, with the added benefit of reducing the volume of flow our pumping stations and treatment works need to handle.*

*As far as the impact of new developments on the system performance and the need to reinforce the system is concerned we can advise that we assess the hydraulic impact of all planned developments greater than 20 properties. These are added to our hydraulic models to determine the increase in flood risk. Our records show that there are currently around 1100 new properties planned for construction in the catchment across around a dozen sites. The new developments must be separately drained so that only domestic waste is connected and discharged to the foul sewer and any rainfall related flows must be drained separately. Due to the scale of development planned in the next few years and the cumulative effect this may have on the system we have determined that network capacity may be an issue.*

*We are now undertaking a detailed analysis using our hydraulic computer models to determine the impact these will have on the sewerage system and will identify any sewer upgrades that may be required to accommodate this flow. This investment required will be built into our future plans and prioritised based on the level of risk and cost to address the risk.”*

## 2. Developments reported at meeting organised by Helen Whately MP with all partners on 22 July.

### **Summary**

This meeting had updates from KCC and the Southern Water team on progress that had been made during the year and included a walk about the Whitstable Road area. Notes provided by Southern Water are summarised below

### **Key points made:**

There are multiple causes of issues in Whitstable Road and mixed responsibilities but there had been liaison with KCC and on-site visits, with everyone playing a part to resolve issues.

Maintenance scheduled tasks in key outfalls have increased

Repair work at Cyprus Road pumping station has been carried out

There is a commitment to get CCTV into Cypress Road CSO (see summary below)

There is an issue with the nearby recreation ground that needs to be resolved by the borough council. Tree planting has been suggested and the council is committed to installing a sleeping policeman to help stop flows

Beany drains will be cleaned by KCC

It is key that any flooding issues need to be called in to the customer phone line so that issues can be logged and monitored

SW will be installing more sewer level monitors that will give a proactive analysis of the network

### **Actions**

Liaison to continue between Councillors, SW and KCC

Councillors to circulate the message that any flooding must be reported by customers immediately

Next meeting to be attended by a member of the SW asset strategy and planning team to update on planning following completion of hydraulic modelling for Faversham

### **Work completed by SW this year**

- SW has checked telemetry at the CSO and confirmed that there is no spill from the sewer network at the junction of Whitstable Road/ Cyprus Road and it is performing as designed. We may still have inundation from where the flooding occurs but since the clearance of the culvert to Cooksditch from the Beaney blocks has been done we should see less of this as hopefully the highway floods less moving forward.
- SW is looking at the possibility of trialling a static camera in the Cyprus Road CSO at the junction of Whitstable Road and Cyprus Road so that we can have a visual of how the CSO operates during a storm event on top of the telemetry data we currently have. The company that we have approached is still in the design phase and as yet no date has been provided on production. It is critical we get the right product designed and built. We will keep you updated
- Blockage cleared at Cyprus Road CSO. There is a maintenance scheduled task (MST) in place for this particular section of sewer to combat the considerable amounts of fat that have been seen to build up and this has

recently been reviewed to take place more frequently in light of the blockage. The MSTs in East Street and Cyprus Road have been combined to happen every 360 days down from 390 days (East Street) and 1080 days (Cyprus Road)

- SW has completed works at Cyprus Road Wastewater Pumping Station to the wall around the storm outlet pipework and resealed the pipework around the new section of the wall. All flap valves are fully operational.
- Tanners Street remade road surface around manhole.
- Cyprus Road/Whitstable road manhole cover replaced due to worn lifting holes.
- Non-Return Valves on Faversham Creek side have been placed on MSTs to service these and ensure they are operational
- 4 manhole covers replaced with sealed units on the creek to prevent them being inundated during high tide and wet weather events.

### 3. Further Developments

#### Tanners Street

KCC are in the process of arranging a site meeting with Southern Water to discuss the topographical surveys that have been carried out.

#### Potential works at Faversham Recreation Ground

The Head of Environment & Leisure has advised that the Greenspaces team have the design of these works on their list. It will include some run-off areas on the main pathway to flow into temporary water holding areas and blockers under the gates.

KCC are also investigating this area, with the view of installing additional drainage and have had an initial site meeting with a contractor to discuss designs for slowing down the water entering from the Rec.

Meeting scheduled between KCC and SBC to discuss next steps.



## Cover Report for Eastern Area Committee Funding Scheme

### Introduction

The Eastern Area Committee has been allocated a total of £40,000.00 for the financial year 2022/23.

The process proposed by the Area Committee Review Working Group, and agreed by Area Committee Chairs, was to carry out a scoring process on applications received for Area Committee Funding. The deadline for applications was Monday 1 August 2022 and £27,237.00 of bids were received for consideration by the Committee. This means that there is potentially £12,763.00 worth of funding remaining. All applications have been assessed for eligibility by officers and a scoring process carried out.

Three impartial officers have independently considered each application and given them a score against the criteria set out in the Applicant Guidance Notes. Each criteria were scored as follows High – 3, Adequate – 2, Limited – 1, None – 0. All three officers scores were added together and presented to Committee Members in Appendix 1. Also attached to this paper is the summary report on applications received which contain the full text provided by applicants describing projects/activities (Appendix 2).

Committee Members were given the opportunity to challenge the scores and request a review. No challenges were made.

### Proposal

Having considered the summary report and supporting papers, along with the scoring and background information, officers would like to submit 2 options for allocating funds for the Committee to vote on:

#### Option 1:

This option would allow all applicants to receive 100% of funding regardless of their score as the total bids received is less than the annual allocation to the Eastern Area Committee. This will leave £12,763.00 funding remaining:

Applicant	Score	Funding request	Proposed allocation
Youth Resilience UK CIC EAC023	23	£1,560.00	£1,560.00
West Faversham Community Association EAC024	22	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Faversham Swimming Pools EAC025	25	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
Swale Friends of the Earth EAC026	33	£1,233.00	£1,233.00
Teynham Parish Council EAC027	29	£5,444.00	£5,444.00
Oare Village Hall EAC028	23	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£27,237.00</b>

## Option 2

So that all possible options are presented for Committee Members to vote on, the second option is to award no funding to any bid and return the funding to the General Fund and it be recorded as a saving for 2022/23.

Eastern Area Committee Members are invited to vote on the above options.

## Next Steps

The Eastern Area Committee may wish this evening to consider how they would like any remaining funding to be allocated. A second bidding round could commence on 10 October 2022 and closing on Friday 4 November 2022. The Area Committee could either allow:

- 1) Bids from external organisations that comply with the criteria agreed by the Eastern Area Committee, however, there is a possibility that the value of bids received could exceed the amount of funding remaining.
- 2) Bids from external organisations that would specifically contribute to one or two of the Work Plan objectives agreed by the Eastern Area Committee at the June 2022 meeting, as set out below. The Area Committee would need to agree which ones should be retained:
  - a. Active Travel – consultation events or infrastructure improvements;
  - b. biodiversity planting above the current plans; and
  - c. support for interventions around the cost-of-living crisis – food banks and VCS support such as debt advice etc.
- 3) Bids from external organisation that would specifically contribute to any of the three agreed Work Plan objectives agreed by the Eastern Area Committee at the June 2022 meeting, as set out above.
- 4) The final option is to not allocate the remaining funding to any project, the funding would be returned to the General Fund and it be recorded as a saving for 2022/23.

As before, all bids will be reviewed by officers and go through the assessment procedure described in the introduction and brought back to the December 2022 meeting for approval.

Area Committee Members are asked to note that as the funding cannot be rolled forward to the year 2023/24, any unallocated funding by the end of the financial year would be forfeited and recorded as a saving for 2022/23. Additionally, any allocated but unspent funding by the end of this electoral cycle would be forfeited.



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## Eastern Area Committee Funding Scheme

### Summary of applications received for the September 2022 meeting

Area Committee's allocation for 2022-23 - £40,000.00

There have been no previously agreed allocations by Eastern Area Committee

**Available to allocate at the September 2022 meeting - £40,000.00**

*(Applications arranged in the order they were received)*

<b>Reference:</b>	EAC023
<b>Organisation:</b>	Youth Resilience UK CIC
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	James Walker – Operations Director
<b>Status of organisation:</b>	Social Enterprise
<b>Details of project/activity:</b>	<p>We would like to fund continued delivery of one-to-one support sessions for young people in Swale within their schools or alternative education settings that support them in remaining engaged with their formal education. Our sessions are tailored for each young person to help them maintain and improve their mental health and wellbeing so that they are able to make better decisions and choices that impact their behaviour. Our ultimate goal is to allow vulnerable and at-risk young people to maintain their places in school and not become excluded or moved onto alternative curriculum programs where they will be highly unlikely to achieve the true potential and this will then impact on their whole lives going forward. We work with young people that are struggling and often in a position of extreme risk regarding being involved in crime and anti-social behaviours. Our work allows these young people to better understand the impact of their decisions so they can make more informed choices. By achieving better academic engagement and gaining formal qualifications this will directly lessen the chances that these young people remain trapped in the cycle of deprivation that their families often face and also help them avoid entanglement with the criminal justice system at an early age.</p> <p>A large part of the work we do also involves linking these young people to the relevant services and advocating for them when they need additional support, for example when a young person clearly has mental health problems but cannot get accepted by their local CAMHS provider we can provide links to self-support and community groups that can assist whilst we help advocate for their need for clinical support. We have also been working with the KCC Talents and Interests programme and the Children In Need essential items programme to provide local gym memberships for young people to improve their physical and mental health.</p>

	<p>This grant would allow us to continue working in local schools with our very successful interventions until the end of this 2022/23 academic year providing vital opportunities to some of the most vulnerable and deprived young people across Swale. Our work meets Swale's Strategic Priority 3 as it looks to tackle inequalities for deprived young people by offering them support and interventions services to improve their physical and mental wellbeing using local activity and resource providers. By ensuring these youths remaining engaged in education we will enhance their opportunities to success in life and not become social disconnected or NEET, which can in turn increase the likelihood of anti-social behaviours.</p> <p>We pride ourselves on being an active part of the Swale voluntary sector and seek to work collaboratively with our sector colleagues and the local authorities to provide joined up support for all. We would like the area committees to consider jointly funding this initiative so that we can provide the support to young people in Swale regardless of their postcode, however if applications need to area specific we would look to apply for one third of the costs at each area and deliver for the benefit of those young people where we might be awarded funds.</p> <p>We have already been awarded funding from Awards for All and Children In Need to provide Mental Health First Aid training which we would offer to local schools for free as part of this support project. We will also be offering the opportunity for young people we have previously supported to undertake a volunteering role on this project to gain experience for the CV and YRUK will cover these expenses with the hopes that this may develop into an apprenticeship opportunity for the young people with our organisation.</p> <p><i>Additional information provided – Youth Resilience UK CIC advised they will be working with students at the Oasis Academy at both sites as well as Fulston Manor, The Sittingbourne School, Borden Grammar and Abbey School. They are more than willing to make additional links to new schools if any of the councillors feel that would be appropriate.</i></p>
<p><b>Quote provided</b></p>	<p>The main costs we are asking for is staffing so I could send payslips to show their earning after the project is complete or give you details of salaries.</p> <p>The MHFA costs are based on £300 per person for 16 people training in MHFA Youth Two Day and £150 per person for 16 people training in MHFA Youth One Day.</p>
<p><b>Total project expenditure:</b></p>	<p>Staffing – 1-1 support sessions - £4,200.00  Resources for managing behaviour and wellbeing - £300.00  Travel expenses to schools across Swale - £180.00  MHFA training courses for adults and youths - £3,900.00</p>

	<p>Volunteer placement for a young person - £300.00</p> <p><b>Total Project Expenditure - £8,880.00</b></p>
<p><b>Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):</b></p>	<p>Volunteering expenses – met by YRUK - £300</p> <p>Staff Training in MHFA – subsidised by Children in Need £1,500</p> <p>Pupil Training in MHFA – subsidised by National Lottery £2,400</p> <p><b>Total project income - £4,200.00</b></p> <p><i>NB Identical bids have been submitted to Sittingbourne and Sheppey Area Committees, splitting the cost 3 ways.</i></p>
<p><b>Funding request:</b></p>	<p><b>£1,560.00</b></p>

<b>Reference:</b>	EAC024
<b>Organisation:</b>	West Faversham Community Association
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Louise Asekokhai – Director of Community Activities
<b>Status of organisation:</b>	Registered Charity
<b>Details of project/activity:</b>	<p>We would like funding for an intervention project which supports young people in the locality who are excluded from school, only attend school part time or are at risk of offending or causing anti-social behaviour in the local area. We would like to offer a holistic and subjective package of one-to-one intervention where are youth workers work with the young people when they are not in school and help them learn to moderate and understand their behaviour, offer them support and help dealing with their issues and problems and offering them an alternative to disruptive behaviour and low-level crime.</p> <p>As part of this work they will have the opportunity to use our fitness facilities with the youth workers and gym workers supporting them, they can bring in schoolwork and homework and have help and support in competing tasks and subjects they struggle with and we have the technology they can use that they may not have access to at home, they can start a project such as fixing bikes, making an engine, engaging in some arts and crafts, cooking or anything that interests them and engages them and which will give them a sense of achievement.</p> <p>We believe by offering this intervention to these young people and offering high levels of support they will be less likely to go out on the streets causing trouble, they will feel more connected to their community, they will build a trusting relationship with an older role model, they are more likely to attend other groups and activities that we offer and make better social connections keeping them away from gangs and other bad influences. This kind of intervention will support their social and general development it prevents problems occurring, or it helps to tackle them head-on when they do, before problems get worse. It also helps to foster a whole set of personal strengths and skills that prepare a young person for adult life.</p> <p>This fits in with SBC's priorities as these young people come from some of the areas most disadvantaged families in the area, our project promotes well-being, reduces social exclusion and enhances opportunities. Also, by having these young people in a safe place where they are supervised and occupied the local area will be a better environment for others, with less groups of bored, disengaged young people out causing trouble for entertainment.</p>
<b>Quote provided</b>	Yes
<b>Total project expenditure:</b>	Staff - £4,400.00 Resources for activities such as mechanics, cooking, sport - £2,600.00 <b>Total Project Expenditure - £7,000.00</b>

<b>Total project income (<i>addition sources of income including cash/in kind</i>):</b>	Grant from Street Games UK - £3,000.00
<b>Funding request:</b>	<b>£4,000.00</b>

<b>Reference:</b>	EAC025
<b>Organisation:</b>	Faversham Swimming Pools
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Marylka Gowland – Development Manager
<b>Status of organisation:</b>	Registered Charity
<b>Details of project/activity:</b>	<p>We urgently seek funding to replace our lockers. The long Covid closure (during which the Pools were only able to open for 60 days in total out of the whole year because of the pandemic) has exacerbated the decline of the existing lockers, which have been in place for many years. Because no maintenance was able to be carried out during Covid, the very moist atmosphere and minimal air circulation has led to corrosion and now almost a third are out of service, with many more temperamental and needing constant repair. This negatively impacts on our swimmers, affecting their enjoyment and ease of use of our community charity pool.</p> <p>Currently, we have 220 lockers in our indoor changing village. Of those, over 60 are broken beyond repair – and this number rises by the week. Repairing lockers is a major drain on the staff time of our maintenance manager. Customers report that the unreliable lockers are a serious barrier to their enjoyment of swimming at Faversham Pools; on busy days, congestion around the functioning lockers builds up.</p> <p>Accessibility for swimmers with disabilities is at the heart of all the upgrades we make, and the locker project is no exception. The new lockers will replace the current ones on the same footprint, but each bank will offer larger lockers – not only more practical for general swimmers and families, but also for swimmers with additional needs such as those who swim with prosthetics. Lockers will be available with braille tags and braille signage for those with a visual impairment. We will also make sure that these accessible lockers are at a convenient height, to assist elderly swimmers, or those with mobility problems. More modern lockers are made from higher-quality material, which will provide a longer lifespan.</p> <p>Making this upgrade will greatly enhance the appearance of our changing village, as well as the facilities of our pool – a community hub since its inception in the 1960s. In terms of Swale’s Strategic Priority 2, this would provide much-needed investment (2.3) for a charity unable to make a capital purchase of this size on its own, and boost Faversham Pools’ reputation in the area for its upgraded and accessible facilities (2.4). As Faversham’s most popular tourist attraction, this can only ‘boost the local tourism industry’ as stipulated by Swale. And in respect of the Strategic Priority 3.5, swimming is an activity suitable for all ages and fitness levels with very positive outcomes on health and physical wellbeing. Making the facilities more accessible to swimmers with additional needs will encourage participation.</p>

	<p><b>BENEFITS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More accessible lockers for storage of personal possessions while enjoying safe exercise facilities</li> <li>• A greater range of disability-friendly lockers for people with mobility, visual &amp; physical impairments</li> <li>• Respond to community demand for better facilities for the 200,000 swimmers who visit us annually</li> <li>• Health and safety benefits of replacing ageing metal structures with modern, durable alternatives</li> <li>• A visual, functional sign of progress and recovery for our swimmers who've supported us through the long pandemic period.</li> </ul> <p>As a charity – impacted significantly by the long closures over the past 2 years – we are reluctant to place any pressure on our depleted finances and cannot fund this work ourselves. Along with affecting the lockers, the long Covid closure placed incredible strain on our plant and heating system, and we have had to make significant investments from reserves to ensure our continuing survival. However, we are a community charity. While we must be mindful of protecting our long-term financial position by avoiding unnecessary risk, we also seek to respond to customer demand, and serve our local community. We are therefore seeking support from various local funders to part-fund this important work. Without additional funding, we will be unable to proceed with the project.</p>
<b>Quote provided</b>	Yes
<b>Total project expenditure:</b>	Safespace Lockers – 63 banks of lockers - £30,928.73 VAT – £6,185.75 <b>Total project expenditure - £37,114.48</b>
<b>Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):</b>	Faversham Pools contribution from reserves - £6,185.75 Bensted's Charity confirmed grant - £2,000.00 <b>Total project income - £8,185.75</b> <i>(Faversham Swimming Pools are applying to other local funders to help fund the balance including Queenborough Fisheries Trust)</i>
<b>Funding request:</b>	<b>£10,000.00</b>

<b>Reference:</b>	EAC026
<b>Organisation:</b>	Swale Friends of the Earth
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Lib Owen – Swale Friends of the Earth Coordinator
<b>Status of organisation:</b>	Unicorporated Association – Community Group
<b>Details of project/activity:</b>	<p>Swale Friends of the Earth is one of over a hundred local groups across the UK. We work for the creation of a healthy and sustainable environment in which human needs are met in harmony with the natural world. Our approach is to raise awareness of environmental challenges and impacts. We act to resist harmful developments and practices not least by promoting positive, pragmatic solutions to the various challenges which beset humanity, globally and locally.</p> <p>Swale Friends of the Earth, together with other interested associations and individuals, is organising a series of events to be staged next summer on the theme of Lovely World: Imagining a cool and green future. We envisage this enterprise as providing an antidote to the dystopian outlook which tends to preoccupy us all; an encouragement to people to look forward in hope and to better understand that today's positive actions can deliver a better quality of life for all.</p> <p>'Lovely World' will include a competition for Swale primary and secondary schools, an art exhibition and spoken word event, films and talks. It will culminate in a major exhibition on 24 June 2023 centred on the Alexander Centre in Faversham, which has already been secured. It is our intention to attract wide publicity and a great deal of public interest.</p> <p>The exhibition will present a vision of a future in perhaps twenty years' time, in which the 'right' environmental choices have been made. Businesses, universities, schools and others are being invited to showcase visions of a future in 2040 in which the environmental and societal issues we wrestle with today have been addressed, in which communities flourish sustainably in a healthy environment.</p> <p>We mean to demonstrate that the technologies and policies already in development have the potential to transform the quality of our environment and of our and our childrens' lives. Energy, transport, food, employment, leisure, the built environment, the natural environment, community structure: Intelligent and imaginative investments made now will transform the world for the better.</p> <p>The intention is to create a walk-in experience for the public, where they see, feel and learn what will be attained when as a society we make the right choices. Our visitors will be inspired to see that a 'lovely world' is achievable, to have a better understanding of how we can reach it and a desire to act.</p>



N.B. Primary and secondary schools throughout Swale are being invited to contribute to the project. Students would be stimulated to formulate their own visions of a 'Lovely World' of the future and to give their ideas form by making either collages or 3-D representations using scrap and recycled materials. A school's role in creating a happier and healthier future starts with students' confident imagining of it. We envisage that this project will also support the government's recently-stated commitment to lead the way in climate and sustainability education.

Entries will be on view in an exhibition at the Guildhall, Faversham and the finalists will be identified by the public. The finalists from this will have their entries judged by a panel of suitably-qualified individuals at the Alexander Centre on 24 June, and the creator of that deemed most inspiring will be awarded a prize of £100.

**Benefits** - This event is expected to engage at least 2000 people from school children to grandparents, sole traders to large businesses, schools to universities.

**The 24 June 2023 Exhibition** - The local community, from the young to the elderly, will benefit from imagining and experiencing a positive vision of the future. It will give them an opportunity to reflect on changes and commit to changes that could be made now.

This will be measured\* by:

- The number of visitors to the exhibition
- The number of participants in the workshops
- Analysis of the feedback collected from visitors
- Analysis of the numbers and types of pledges collected from visitors

**The School Projects** - Primary and Secondary School Students, their teachers and their parents will benefit from their respective roles in imagining, researching, and constructing their vision of a Lovely World. The students will be exhibiting their visions and the 'worthiest' will be rewarded with a cash prize.

This will be measured\* by:

- Comments by the teachers re the project
- Comments by the students about the project and what they learned
- Comments by the visitors to the exhibition of the visions

**An exhibition of Art and the Spoken Word** - The local community will benefit from experiencing the Lovely World through the Art and Spoken Word exhibition. It will seek to engage through the senses.

This will be measured\* by:

- The number of visitors to the exhibition and spoken word event
- The comments made by the visitors

**Other events** - The other events will also benefit the whole community through experiencing the Lovely World through other media, such as films, talks. These will be measured\* by

- The number of visitors that attend each of the events

\*Feedback and pledges will be invited explicitly and the means made available for their collection; all of these data will be collected systematically.

**In Kind Support** - will be from members of Friends of the Earth to support the production and design of education and information materials (professional copywriting, graphic design) and event organisation and promotion.

**Supporting the Area Committee criteria & Swale's Strategic Priorities 2 & 3**

**Area Committee criteria** - Bids should seek to improve the appearance, environment and facilities of the area.

**Strategic Priorities** - Swale's Strategic Priority 2: Investing in our environment and responding positively to global challenges

Swale's Strategic Priority 3: Tackling deprivation and creating equal opportunities for everyone.

**How does Swale Friends of the Earth support both criteria?**

Swale Friends of the Earth's approach generally supports both the Area Committee criteria and Strategic Priority 2 by raising awareness of environmental challenges and impacts and by presenting positive, pragmatic solutions which support sustainable development. It aims to make all better informed, more engaged and more active. It will help people to comprehend and encourage them to support long term goals of local government initiatives sympathetic to these ideas.

Manifestly, this encompasses improvement to the area's appearance, environment and facilities. (SP2)

Specifically, the Lovely World initiative supports Strategic Priority 2 through providing a showcase for innovative and novel solutions to the environmental crisis we face.

Equal opportunities and an end to deprivation are integral to the 'Lovely World' concept: it is anticipated that several exhibits will address these issues explicitly. Our invitation to schools

	in the most deprived parts of the Borough to participate aims to capture the imagination and to stoke the ambition of their students. (SP3)
<b>Quote provided</b>	
<b>Total project expenditure:</b>	Venue Hire - £1,380.00 Publicity - £500.00 Prizes - £200.00 Travel for presenters fees/travel - £750.00 2 x Film Licences and contingency £503.00 <b>Total project expenditure - £3,333.00</b>
<b>Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):</b>	Faversham Town Council - £1,200.00 National Friends of the Earth - £500.00 Local Friends of the Earth - £400.00 <b>Total project income - £2,100.00</b>
<b>Funding request:</b>	<b>£1,233.00</b>

<b>Reference:</b>	EAC027
<b>Organisation:</b>	Teynham Parish Council
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Mrs Hayley Steel – Parish clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
<b>Status of organisation:</b>	Statutory Parish Council
<b>Details of project/activity:</b>	<p><b>This is an application for a CCTV system.</b> After significant investment in The Meadow, Teynham, there is ongoing vandalism, graffiti and antisocial behaviour impacting the new children’s play equipment. The proposed CCTV is part of a package of measures to reduce vandalism and antisocial behaviour with the aim of creating a safer and enjoyable environment for the local community.</p> <p>As the result of the housing development east of Station Road, Teynham Parish Council has been the beneficiary of S106 monies towards the improvement to both the quality and capacity of the formal sports areas and the provision of play equipment on The Meadow, Belle Friday Close, owned by Teynham Parish Council.</p> <p>This project is now reaching its conclusion with the installation of high quality play and exercise equipment. Regrettably the new equipment has been vandalised on a number of occasions over the past weeks which was not expected or budgeted for in the overall scheme. Whilst it is disappointing to see the brand new play equipment having graffiti across it, the appearance of graffiti could intimidate and act as a deterrent to those bringing young children to the park and if not dealt with may also encourage further crime amongst the easily influenced the young adults and teenagers using the equipment, risking them turning to vandalism.</p> <p>We are therefore proposing to install a CCTV system to monitor the vulnerable areas, record and identify the perpetrators with a view to engaging with them to prevent further vandalism. This grant application is for equipment as part of these proposals. Initially it is proposed to install 2 CCTV cameras, one on an adjacent lamp post, the second on the Village Hall, along with monitoring and recording apparatus. In either location a camera, accessories and recording equipment, as detailed in the ‘Estimates and Quotations’ will be required.</p> <p>Upon completion of the scheme Teynham, and indeed Swale, will have a high quality, CCTV safety monitored children’s play area for the younger children and a ‘Multi-Use Games Area’ (MUGA) for young adults, teenagers and adults. This will not only benefit their wellbeing but also improve their health as much of the equipment is directed towards exercise rather than just play.</p>

This new development within the parish of Teynham will reduce car use, including addressing air quality issues, as previously to access such play and sports equipment necessitated driving a reasonable distance to another park within the borough. Now parishioners just have a short walk to CCTV safety monitored equipment promoting wellbeing and enjoyment of life by encouraging a wide range of sporting, cultural and other leisure activities appropriate and accessible to each age group.

The CCTV will protect the much-needed investment within the parish, creating and giving equal opportunities to parishioners, pride in the place where they live and boosting the safe use of its open spaces. Antisocial behaviour can be monitored along with the leaving of litter with the Parish Council playing a proactive role in reducing crime and antisocial behaviour by the provision of CCTV.

The play equipment is located in The Meadow, Belle Friday Close, Teynham, ME9 9TU.

#### **Objectives**

- The objectives of this project are:
- Reduce vandalism to play equipment
  - Reduce antisocial behaviour in the Meadow
  - Creating a visual deterrent
  - Identify individuals that are vandalising community equipment
  - Creating evidence that could be used (as a last resort) in a Court of Law.

#### **Approach**

- Build a system that can be expanded at a later date, if required.
- Build a system that is independent of other organisations (e.g. Teynham Village Hall Management Committee) and create a clear legal boundary (e.g. who is responsible for what technology; maintenance, protecting data etc).
- Start with 'light touch': 2 cameras, with ample spare capacity. There will be blind spots in the coverage. Greater coverage requires more cameras.
- Use technology that is 'unlocked' and can be used with similar technology.
- Create minimum intrusion on law abiding citizens.
- Where possible used wired technology over mobile/SIM technology.
- Teynham Parish Council project manages the installation of the system; Contractors
- install equipment - particularly any items requiring working at height.
- Use infrared light for CCTV cameras not visible light.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If we use any visible lights make sure they are DARK SKY lights (i.e. no upward light, and little sideways light) so that we do not impact the night sky. By providing additional visible light we may attract more people during the night hours. Use a light with a light temperature in the range of 2700K - 3000K.</li> <li>• Factor in regular 3-month camera lens cleaning schedule.</li> <li>• Consider opportunities to work with Swale BC's CCTV team. Note: At the time of preparing this grant application SBC's CCTV team were in the process of updating their rate card. Details of the rates were not available at this time.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note - Teynham Parish Council have confirmed they will not be looking for any ongoing revenue commitment from Swale Borough Council for this project and no requests for SBC officer resource.</i></p>
<b>Quote provided</b>	Yes
<b>Total project expenditure:</b>	CCTV Cameras x 2 - £2,283.00 Installation - £2,170.00 Record and playback technology - £511.00 Cables, connections etc - £310.00 WiFi long range link from remote camera to recorder - £170.00 <b>Total project expenditure - £5,444.00</b>
<b>Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):</b>	None
<b>Funding request:</b>	<b>£5,444.00</b>

<b>Reference:</b>	EAC028
<b>Organisation:</b>	Oare Village Hall
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Bex Ratchford – Fundraising Officer
<b>Status of organisation:</b>	Registered Charity
<b>Details of project/activity:</b>	<p>Oare Village Hall is a former infants school in Oare. It became the village hall in 1983 and since then has played an important part in the life of the village. Its charitable objects are 'use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants'. However, due to diminishing funds and the challenges brought about by COVID, it is in need of some maintenance and renovation.</p> <p>The village hall has had little work done to it for many years and is therefore in need of some investment. The most pressing concern is an issue with damp ingress at the back of the hall. This has caused the plaster to fall away around the back door. We therefore need to reinstate the French drain around the hall which will solve the damp problem and then repair the plaster. The front door is also in need of replacement and the brick wall surrounding it needs repointing. The other, less urgent, parts of our project include re-decoration throughout, including a new glazed door between the porch and the hall, and a new anti-slip floor covering in the porch as this is currently very unsafe, particularly when wet.</p> <p>The hall is an important community asset and serves as a meeting place, not only for the parish council, but for local groups such as the German school and the Beavers. It also regularly hosts parties and events, and the local PCSO holds monthly surgeries there. As the former infants school it is an important piece of the village's history, having been in existence for at least a hundred years, and it would be a shame if it were allowed to fall into disrepair. Oare has no other community building apart from the church and the village hall is therefore an important facility which we do not want to lose. Without the village hall, local residents would need to travel (most probably by car) to Faversham or Sittingbourne to take part in activities and clubs, which could otherwise be on their doorstep and within walking distance. Having a fit-for-purpose local amenity such as the village hall will help to reduce social exclusion and enhance the quality of life of local people. It will also support local heritage, boost local tourism, and reduce car usage. The installation of the glazed door and the anti-slip floor covering will make the village hall safer for all user groups, thus reducing inequality for those with health conditions or who are disadvantaged.</p>
<b>Quote provided</b>	Estimate
<b>Total project expenditure:</b>	Reinstatement of French drain - £5,000.00 repair to plaster - £1,000.00 New front door & frame and repointing - £2,000.00

	Including new glazed inner door - £1,500.00 Anti-slip floor covering in hall way to aid accessibility - £500.00 <b>Total project expenditure - £10,000.00</b>
<b>Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):</b>	Seeking funding from other sources - £5,000.00
<b>Funding request:</b>	<b>£5,000.00</b>