

Sittingbourne Area Committee Meeting	
Meeting Date	13 December 2022
Report Title	Repurposing of funding - reference SITT015
SMT Lead	Philip Sutcliffe, Communications and Policy Manager
Lead Officer	Janet Dart, Policy & Engagement Officer
Classification	Open
Recommendations	To agree to repurpose the award of funding to the Milton Regis Society in 2021/22, bid reference SITT015, to go towards the partially funding project SITT030 awarded in 2022/23.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

This report outlines the reasons why the Milton Regis Society have requested allocation reference SITT015 be repurposed so that it can be added to funding award SITT030 and asks members to agree this proposal.

2 Background

- 2.1 In the financial year 2021/22, Sittingbourne Area Committee allocated £568.80 in funding to pay for the installation of two signs on the wall in the square in front of the library in Milton Regis High Street. This project has not been started as it was difficult to obtain all the information that was required until the Court Hall opened as that group would provide the extra historical references required. Also, the Milton Regis Society have not yet been able to find someone that can translate the designs up to the size required at the correct resolution. Due to an increase in material costs, the original price has gone up to £801. Therefore, the funds remain with the Milton Regis Society.
- 2.2 In September 2022, due to the Sittingbourne Area Committee fund being oversubscribed, they agreed to award 48.034% of the requested funds to all applicants. Milton Regis Society had requested £7,997.90 for their bid reference SITT030, and were awarded 48.034% of that figure which came to £3,841.71.
- 2.3 Bid reference SITT030 was for two projects, one of which was to install a new double sided village sign on an existing post and frame at a cost of £5,370.00. As the applicant only received 48.034% of funding towards this project, they have requested that the £568.80 awarded for bid reference SITT015 be transferred to bid reference SITT030 which will assist with completing the village sign project. The shortfall will be covered from other funding sources.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 Officers propose that the Sittingbourne Area Committee agree the proposal to repurpose the funding of £568.80 bid reference SITT015 so that Milton Regis Society can put it towards the village sign project bid reference SITT030.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 Sittingbourne Area Committee Members could agree not to repurpose the funding. This would mean that the Milton Regis Society are unable to complete two projects instead of being close to completing one project, the installation of a village sign.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 No consultation has been undertaken. However, Sittingbourne Area Committee Members will be consulted at the December 2022 meeting when a final proposal will be considered and voted on.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	No specific implications identified at this stage.
Financial, Resource and Property	The financial implications are as outlined in the report.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	No specific implications identified at this stage.
Crime and Disorder	No specific implications identified at this stage.
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	No specific implications identified at this stage.
Health and Wellbeing	No specific implications identified at this stage.
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	No specific implications identified at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	No specific implications identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	No specific implications identified at this stage.
Privacy and Data Protection	No specific implications identified at this stage.

7 Appendices

7.1 There are no appendices.

8 Background Papers

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