

Committee: Resources

Date: 6 September 2022

Title: Market Town Investment Group

Purpose of Report

Members to agree a way forward that will allow the town to benefit from additional MTIG funding.

Recommendation:

Members resolve to delegate authority to officers to apply and implement plans for the additional MTIG funding identified on the 17 August 2022.

Background:

1. An email was received on the 17 August alerting officers to the possibility of there being an additional £9,000 of project funding being made available.
2. This funding follows on from a previous round where members will recall we were able to purchase a variety of items including benches, signs, goal posts and bunting for the town. In addition to this Cllr Taylor and Cllr Hamilton have been working with MTIG and officers to get the information boards revamped and updated as part of some additional MTIG funding.
3. The scope of the project included the following options:

Option 1 – Street furniture including benches, cycle racks, litter bins or other alternatives for your town centres.

Option 2 – Items for your parks and green spaces including picnic benches, sports type equipment, table tennis table, set of goal posts, trim trail to name a few.

Option 3 – A project of your own choice but it must be ready to start, the scoping of the work is already completed, quotes received and no agreements i.e. planning to be obtained.

Option 4 – You do not wish to partake in this latest round of funding.

4. Members were alerted to this email the following day and asked to provide details of any projects that they thought might fall within the scope of the

options outlined. To date only two members have responded with any thoughts.

5. This centred around the updating of the information board near to Boots. The issue with this is that it will take longer to plan and implement than we have been given
6. In addition to the members ideas, the Countryside manager also came up with some thoughts. These were: -
 - I. *Education Kit*
 - II. *Outdoor chess Table*
 - III. *Some Bins*
 - IV. *Map of Herne Hill*
 - V. *Way finding*
7. All members were copied in on the finer details of the thinking behind the Countryside Manager's ideas.
8. There is a deadline in which the Expression of Interest Form for this funding, needs to be completed by the 8 September. If we are to stand any chance of obtaining the funding then we will need to have delegated authority from this committee given to officers to apply for and implement projects that will attract the funding.
9. Members of the Resources Committee resolve to delegate authority to officers to apply and implement plans for the additional MTIG funding identified on the 17 August 2022.

**Mark Tredwin
Town Clerk
August 2022**