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SCRUTINY COMMISSION

18 July 2019

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR 2019/20

Report of Director (Environment and Planning)

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report outlines the Environmental Improvement Programme for 2019/20.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Scrutiny agrees the enhancement schemes (Appendix 1) to be implemented in the financial year 2019/20 as the Environmental Improvement Programme.

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

BOROUGH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2019/20

3.1 If partners agree to make financial contributions towards projects, as anticipated, it will be possible to finance the 16 schemes identified in Appendix 1. The 16 schemes have an overall estimated cost of £106,767.65 with a gross cost to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council of £39,620.15. After taking account of external contributions the net cost to this Authority will be £34,985.15.

3.2 This year's programme aims to continue the practice to implement schemes identified in the Authority's Conservation Area Management Plan Reviews and provide a good distribution of projects throughout the borough, both in the urban and rural areas. Match funding is sought where appropriate.

3.3 Appendix 2 outlines the progress made on the projects included in the 2018/19 programme.

3.4 GUIDELINES FOR PRIORITISING SCHEMES

The agreed guidelines approved by members for prioritising schemes are set out below:

- (a) Implement schemes identified in the Authority's Conservation Area Management Plan Reviews,
- (b) Schemes that generate significant amounts of external funding, or be supported by partnerships involving private sector funding,
- (c) Complete or complement schemes undertaken in previous years' programmes,
- (d) Contribute to the Strategic objectives of the Local Authority to provide an attractive environment,
- (e) Be in areas which have not yet benefited significantly in previous years' programmes,
- (f) Voluntary organisations are given priority for undertaking appropriate projects providing the work meets the selection guidelines outlined in sub paragraphs (a) to (e).

4. EXEMPTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES

4.1 This report is to be taken in open session.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [CS]

5.1 Details of schemes and associated costs and income are attached in Appendix 1. The estimated cost for 2019/20 schemes is £39,620.15. The estimated income is £4,635. The net cost to HBBC is therefore estimated to be £34,985.15. This compares to an approved expenditure budget of £50,000 and an income budget of £15,000 making a net budget of £35,000.

5.2 A carry forward of £13,639 has been requested for the 2018/19 schemes which are yet to be completed.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [MR]

6.1 The Council has power under the Localism Act 2011 to do anything that individuals generally may do including for the benefit of its area or persons resident or present in its area.

7. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.1 This report contributes to the following priorities of the Council;
 Places - Creating clean and attractive places to live and work
 Prosperity- Encouraging growth, attracting businesses, improving skills and supporting regeneration.

8. CONSULTATION

8.1 Consultations will take place on each project on an individual officer basis with parish councils and other interested parties.

9. RISK IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner

None identified		
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10. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Projects put forward in the Environmental Improvement Programme are generally spread over the whole of the Borough and includes the rural area.

11. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:
- Community Safety implications- Yes, Improving lighting and the environment will contribute reducing the fear of crime and disorder
 - Environmental implications– Yes, Protecting and enhancing the Borough’s Heritage
 - ICT implications– None directly arising from this report
 - Asset Management implications– None directly arising from this report
 - Procurement implications– None directly arising from this report
 - Human Resources implications– None directly arising from this report
 - Planning implications– Permissions sought where required
 - Data Protection implications– None directly arising from this report
 - Voluntary Sector– Conservation volunteers used where appropriate on different schemes.

Background papers: None

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