

## REPORT (FOR NOTING BY AREA FORUM)

**BALDOCK AREA FORUM  
11 MARCH 2024**

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### **SERVICE DIRECTORATE: LEGAL & COMMUNITY**

#### **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 To advise the Area Forum on the current expenditure and balances of the Community Grant budget.
- 1.2 To advise the Forum of the activities and schemes with which Community & Partnerships officers have been involved in and some important community-based activities that will take place during the next few months.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

#### **3. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 The community grant base budget for Baldock Area Forum 2023/24 is **£5,000**.
- 3.2 The budget available for community grants for the Baldock area stands at **£2,229**.
- 3.3 Discussions around the future of Baldock street furniture. Report attached with Appendix 3,4 and 5.

#### **4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Any issues raised in this report are for information and noting and therefore no direct legal implications arise.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 As outlined in Appendix 1, and under item 3.2, the remaining Community Grant budget available is **£2,229**. This is to be carried forward into the 2024/25 budget, subject to approval from Cabinet.

#### **6. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no risk implications relating to this report.

#### **7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no equalities implications in relation to this report.

#### **8. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 The Social Value Act and “go local” policy do not apply to the matters contained within this report, as there are no recommendations on procurement.

## **9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no environmental implications in relation to this report.

## **10. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

10. The activities of the Community & Partnerships team are covered by existing budgets.

## **11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11.1 Terms of Reference for Area Forums, Section 9 of Council Constitution updated May 2023.

## **12. APPENDICES**

12.1 Appendix 1. Baldock Community Grant Budget 23-24

12.2 Appendix 2. Community Updates

12.3 Appendix 3. Extract Baldock Committee Minutes 7.08.07 Agreement of Design

12.4 Appendix 4. Report Baldock & District Committee 7.08.07

12.5 Appendix 5. Baldock TC Enhancement Consultation Rev Recommendation 7.08.07

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