

FORDHAM COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (CLT) GRANT APPLICATION

Committee: Corporate Governance and Finance Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To consider a grant application from Fordham Community Land Trust.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 Members are requested to approve the £5,000 grant application to benefit Fordham Community Land Trust.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 On 25 September 2014 Corporate Governance and Finance Committee recommended a one year extension of the community land trusts programme to Full Council in February 2015. The programme was agreed, which includes a £10,000 provision for community land trust set-up grants. Witchford Community Land Trust and Haddenham Community Land Trust have been successful in their grant applications.

3.2 Fordham Community Land Trust has requested £5,000 to fund public meetings (hire of hall, printing of leaflets), pay for legal advice, purchase of model set of rules, registration with the FCA and assistance to prepare a constitution.

3.3 This application for a grant would be in addition to the £10,000 already approved for Witchford Community Land Trust and Haddenham Community Land Trust. This £5,000 grant can be met from current underspends in the Infrastructure & Strategic Housing budget.

3.4 The full application from Fordham Community Land Trust is provided at Appendix 1.

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

4.1 The application has been assessed by the Council's CLT Advisor who confirms that the key information required by the applicant has been included, specifically:

- Vision for the organisation and initial views on the appropriate legal model

- Outline of the project, specifically the type and extent of community benefits to be delivered
- Key objectives
- Local expertise including support from the Parish Council
- Details of expenditure

4.2 The application meets the criteria of the application process and as such it is recommended that Committee approves the application.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 The £5,000 grant can be met from existing budgets.

5.2 An Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) is not required.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix 1- Fordham Community Land Trust Application Form
Appendix 2- Fordham Housing Needs Survey

Background Documents

None

Location

Room 106
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