

Board/Committee:	POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD
Date of meeting:	5 th July 2023
Title:	BASTION NO 1 GARDEN
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Status:	FOR DECISION

Purpose

To seek support of the Board for additions to the Capital programme and to use developer contributions for Open Space provision secured through CIL contributions, for the development of a garden within Bastion No 1 (The Ramparts).

Recommendation

That the Board agrees to the use of Strategic CIL contributions to be used for the delivery of a new garden within the footprint of Bastion No 1, The Ramparts and approve amendments to the Capital programme as detailed in paragraph 2.4 of this report.

1.0 Background

1.1 *A request from the Friends of Bastion No 1 for Community Grant Funding for £10,000 was discussed at the Grants Sub Board 9th March 2023, for the development of a garden within the footprint of Bastion No 1, that the friends developed encompassing features associated with the Holy trinity Vicarage that appear on maps from the mid-19th C. Appendix A. Consent from Historic England was granted in March 2023 to allow landscaping works to take place as per the plan.*

1.2 *Gosport was granted Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) funding in 2019, the HAZ includes exploring opportunities to preserve and enhance the Gosport Lines, fortifications that run from Bastion No1 to Priddy's Hard.*

1.3 *The HAZ sourced funding from the Coastal Revival Fund for works to clear Bastion No 1 in 2019, with further repair work to the brick work undertaken in 2020.*

2.0 Report

2.1 The Grants Sub Board proposed that the Council look at funding options to deliver the project.

2.2 *The proposed new garden does not sit within the capital programme for 2023/2024.*

2.3 *StreetScene’s budget allocated for the maintenance of parks and open spaces and ancient monuments is committed to the maintenance of the Councils existing parks, open spaces and ancient monuments and is considered to be insufficient to support the delivery of a new garden, but will absorb the future on-going maintenance within its existing budget.*

2.4 *The design costs are estimated at £11.636.05. See Appendix B for indicative costs.*

2.5 *It is proposed that £11.636.05 of the available Strategic CIL pot for Gosport Borough open spaces be used leaving a budget of £7478.95 for future projects and that the project be added to Capital programme.*

3.0 Risk Assessment

3.1 *The council is required to maintain the land as part of its open space asset and will be maintained within the existing open space annual budget.*

4.0 Conclusion

That the delivery of the garden cannot be delivered through Streetscene existing budget provision and that funding should be thought Strategic CIL with the ongoing maintenance being absorbed within existing budgets.

Financial Services comments:	<p><i>The scheme is currently not included within the approved Capital Program</i></p> <p><i>The estimated cost of the scheme £11.636.05 can be funded from unallocated Strategic CIL contributions</i></p>
Legal Services comments:	<p><i>Under Regulation 59(1) of the Community Infrastructure Regulations 2010 (as amended) ("CIL Regs"), as a charging authority, GBC must apply CIL to funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure to support the development of its area.</i></p> <p><i>Under Regulation 59(4) of the CIL Regs may pass CIL to another person for that person to apply to funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure</i></p>
Equality and Diversity:	<i>Provides a community space</i>
Climate Change implications:	
Crime and Disorder:	<i>The overall design was undertaken in consultation with the Friends of bastion No 1</i>

	<i>who are working towards mitigating anti-social behaviour and includes other local residents</i>
Service Improvement Plan implications:	<i>Please consider your own individual service's requirements and the implication of your report on the service's work</i>
Corporate Plan:	<i>The project focuses on the Councils strategic priorities:- Enhances the environment Empowers the local residents</i>
Risk Assessment:	<i>See section 3</i>
Background Papers:	<i>Local Plan 2011 – 2029 (Adopted 2015) Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document March 2018.</i>
Appendices:	<i>Appendix A Design layout Appendix B indicative costs</i>
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