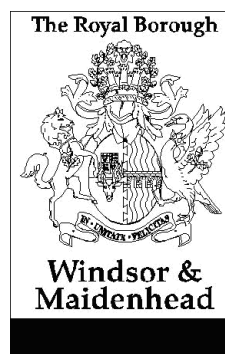


Report for: ACTION



Contains Confidential or Exempt Information	NO - Part I
Title	Neighbourhood Participatory Budget Scheme – April 2016 voting round
Responsible Officer(s)	Russell O’Keefe, Strategic Director of Corporate and Community Services
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Member reporting	Cllr Claire Stretton, Principal Member for Culture and Communities
For Consideration By	Cabinet Participatory Budgeting Sub Committee (CPBSC)
Date to be Considered	20 April 2016
Implementation Date if Not Called In	Immediately
Affected Wards	All

REPORT SUMMARY

1. This report sets out the results of the Neighbourhood Participatory Budget (PB) scheme for projects voted for by the public during February, March and early April 2016.
2. It recommends that Members award up to £2,000 to one or more of the projects based on public voting and match funding as they consider appropriate. This is the final round of voting for the 2015/16 financial year.
3. Although there is no dedicated match funding provision within the budget, Members have the option to allocate match funding from the budget should they choose to do so. In order to qualify for this award the project would need to demonstrate effort and/or success in securing funding from outside the Council.
4. These recommendations are being made to ensure the Council delivers on its Participatory Budgeting commitments.

If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit?

Benefits to residents and reasons why they will benefit	Dates by which residents can expect to notice a difference
Residents are offered the opportunity to determine where small amounts of Council funding is spent to benefit their local communities in areas and issues which are important to them.	Immediately

1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION: That the Cabinet Participatory Budgeting Sub Committee:

- I. Allocate neighbourhood budget funds as they deem appropriate based on the results of the public voting, up to £2,000 per project.**
- II. Consider awarding funds to a project (or projects) which have demonstrated the highest level of match funding in their bid.**

2. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) AND OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 The full breakdown of votes cast for the projects during February, March and early April 2016 can be found in Appendix A.
- 2.2 5 new projects were submitted, and 7 projects were carried forward from the previous voting round. A summary of all 12 projects together with details on funding amounts requested (including any match funding) is attached at Appendix B.
- 2.3 The projects with the highest number of votes were:
 - Knowl Hill C of E Academy Playground Transformation, with a total of 582 votes. They have not requested any match funding.
 - Salvation Youth Trust - Youth Club, with a total of 116 votes. They have requested £4,000 match funding.
 - Speech Therapy for Children with Down's Syndrome, with 111 votes. They have not requested any match funding.
- 2.4 Although it is made clear to projects - when submitting an application - that votes are invited from 'RBWM residents' and all voters are required to submit a post code, votes continue to be received from out-of-borough residents (in this round a total of 38% - 16% more than the last voting round, although 29% of those votes were for one project).
- 2.5 The project that received the most out-of-borough votes was Knowl Hill C of E Academy, which drew 322 out of Borough votes from its total of 582 votes. This was followed by Salvation Youth Trust, which received 24 out of borough votes from its total of 116 votes. Individuals are able to cast votes for more than one project.
- 2.6 The total number of votes cast was 1106. This is a reduction from the last round by 146 votes.
- 2.7 As per previous voting rounds, the Council has made specific efforts to raise awareness and encourage participation. A marketing strategy has been devised to give this project publicity amongst the residents for voting as well as to encourage projects to join and take part. This includes the use of social media specifically Facebook and Twitter, signposting groups who approach the Council for grants and other financial assistance back to the PB scheme and regular canvassing of Parish Councils and community groups who are part of the One Borough Partnership. The Council is also able to publicise the scheme and encourage additional projects through the marketing channels available via Greenredeem.
- 2.8 Two new projects have so far been nominated for the next round of voting.

2.9 Two of the 12 projects in the current round of voting have identified or anticipate other funding or support and have bid for a matched funding award.

2.10 One project received less than 2% of the vote and will be removed for the next voting round.

Option	Comments
Award up to £2000 to one or more of the projects and match funding as considered appropriate.	This is the final round of voting for 2015/16. There was £3,243 remaining in the budget, which has been carried forward to the 2016/17 financial year. Members have the option to allocate match funding from the main pot.

3. KEY IMPLICATIONS

Defined Outcomes	Unmet	Met	Exceeded	Significantly Exceeded	Date they should be delivered by
No. of projects awarded funding per round through the PB scheme	0	1 - 2	3 - 4	>4	April 2017
% increase in no. of eligible projects participating in the PB scheme 2016/17	0	1-5	6-10	>10	April 2017

4. FINANCIAL DETAILS

Financial impact on the budget

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	Capital £35,493	Capital £'000	Capital £'000
Allocated	£0	£0	£0

* Includes £3,243 carried forward from 2015/2016 capital budget.

Members will recall that at the meeting held in April 2015, the Panel agreed to fund the £6,000 allocated to the winning projects in the final round of voting from the 2015/15 financial year from the 2015/2016 budget. Although only £3,243 has been carried forward from last year's budget Members may want to consider doing the same again this year.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6. VALUE FOR MONEY

- 6.1 Participatory Budgeting (PB) allows residents to influence how funding is allocated; ensuring the budget is spent to benefit their local communities in areas and on issues which are important to them. Voting is conducted online to minimise bureaucracy and cost.

7. SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT APPRAISAL

- 7.1 None.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risks	Uncontrolled Risk	Controls	Controlled Risk
1. Lack of voting to the online survey and a consequent failure to have enough resident contribution to the PB initiative.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that each project is aware that they are responsible for their own marketing to ensure they receive enough votes to be awarded funds. RBWM marketing of the scheme highlighting the positive elements to the community. 	Low
2. Insufficient choice is offered to residents to vote on/ donate their points to	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular review of schemes being added, with marketing assistance to ensure that under-represented areas or projects in the community have an equal opportunity at attracting votes. 	Low

9. LINKS TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- 9.1 If adopted, these recommendations will support the following strategic objectives:

Residents First

- Support Children and Young People
- Encourage Healthy People and Lifestyles
- Improve the Environment, Economy and Transport
- Work for safer and stronger communities

Value for Money

- Deliver Economic Services
- Invest in the future

Delivering Together

- Enhanced Customer Services
- Deliver Effective Services
- Strengthen Partnerships

Equipping Ourselves for the Future

- Changing Our Culture

10. EQUALITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMMUNITY COHESION

10.1 None

11. STAFFING/WORKFORCE AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS

11.1 None

12. PROPERTY AND ASSETS

12.1 None

13. ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS

13.1 None

14. CONSULTATION

14.1 None.

15. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Date	Details
21/04/2016	Following approval, arrangements will be made to send the funding to the successful projects immediately.

16. APPENDICES

16.1 Appendix A – Geographical representation of voting
Appendix B – Summary of projects and funding requested

17. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

17.1 None

18. CONSULTATION (MANDATORY)

Name of consultee	Post held and Department	Date sent	Date received	See comments in paragraph:
Internal				
Russell O'Keefe	Director of Corporate and Community	19/04/16		

Name of consultee	Post held and Department	Date sent	Date received	See comments in paragraph:
	Services			
Cllr Burbage	Leader of the Council	19/04/16		
Cllr Claire Stretton	Principal Member for Culture and Communities	18/04/16		
Richard Bunn	Head of Finance	19/04/16		
Michaela Rizou	Cabinet Policy Assistant	19/04/16		

REPORT HISTORY

Decision type:	Urgency item?
Non-key decision	No

Full name of report author	Job title	Full contact no:
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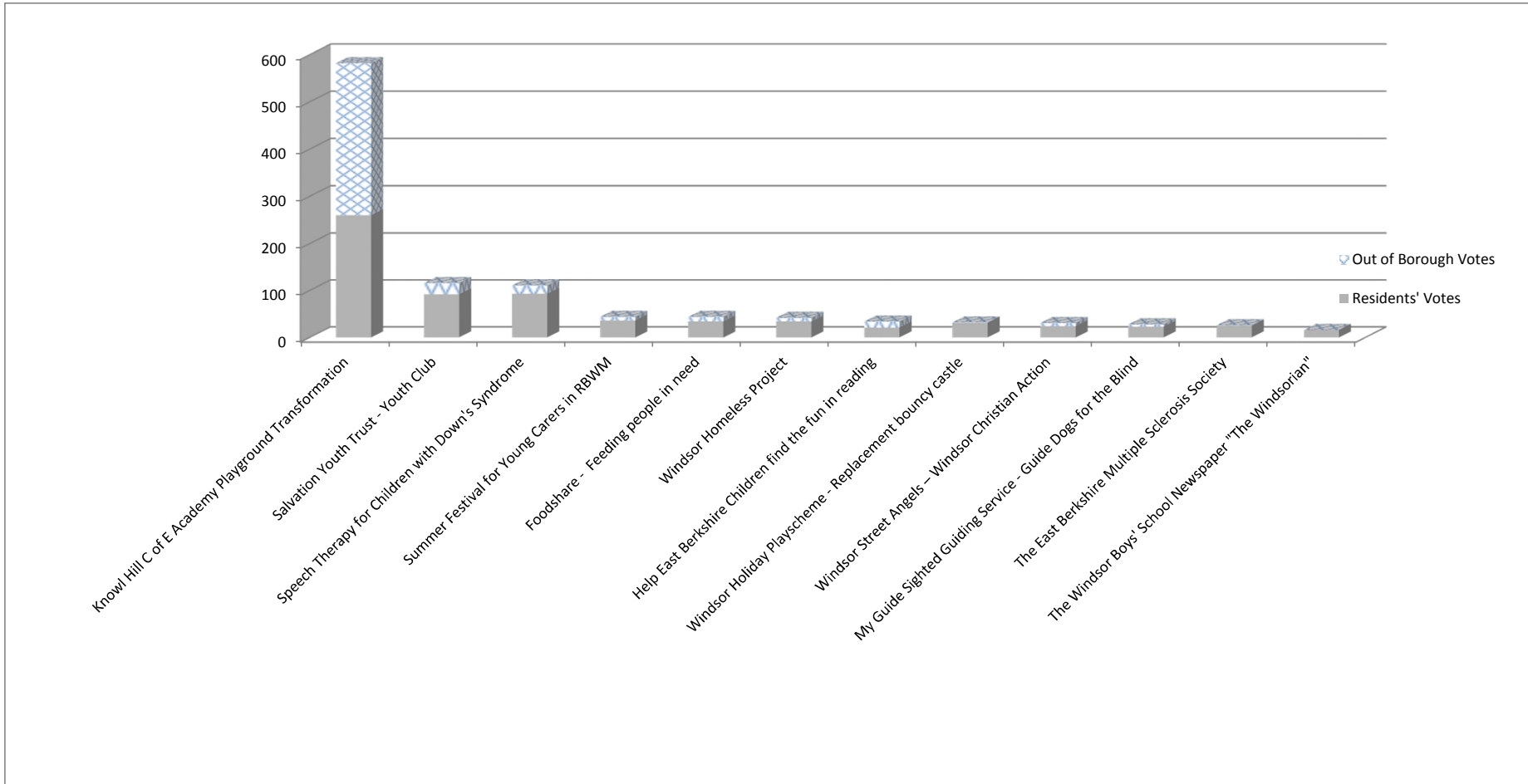
Appendix A

Graphical representation of voting

		Total	Resident's votes	Out of Borough Votes	% Residents	% Non Residents	% Total vote	Amount Requested	Match Funding	Number of rounds
1	Knowl Hill C of E Academy Playground Transformation	582	260	322	45%	55%	53%	£2,000	N/A	1
2	Salvation Youth Trust - Youth Club	116	92	24	79%	21%	10%	£2,000	£4,000	1
3	Speech Therapy for Children with Down's Syndrome	111	93	18	84%	16%	10%	£2,000	N/A	1
4	Summer Festival for Young Carers in RBWM	44	36	8	82%	18%	4%	£2,000	N/A	1
5	Foodshare - Feeding people in need	44	34	10	77%	23%	4%	£2,000	N/A	6
6	Windsor Homeless Project	42	34	8	81%	19%	4%	£2,000	N/A	9
7	Help East Berkshire Children find the fun in reading	34	21	13	62%	38%	3%	£1,500	N/A	1
8	Windsor Holiday Playscheme - Replacement bouncy castle	32	31	1	97%	3%	3%	£700	N/A	3
9	Windsor Street Angels – Windsor Christian Action	31	24	7	77%	23%	3%	£2,000	£5,200	5
10	My Guide Sighted Guiding Service - Guide Dogs for the Blind	28	23	5	82%	18%	3%	£2,000	N/A	10
11	The East Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Society	26	25	1	96%	4%	2%	£2,000	N/A	3
12	The Windsor Boys' School Newspaper "The Windsorian"	16	16	0	100%	0%	1%	£200	N/A	3
		1106	689	417						

Appendix A

Graphical representation of voting



SUMMARY OF PROJECTS AND FUNDING REQUESTED

A brief summary of the project bids taken from the applications:

1. **Help East Berkshire children find the fun in reading!**
 A donation of £1,500 would help us to train and provide ongoing support to 5 more volunteers for a year, which in turn will help 15 children (each volunteer is assigned 3 children) develop their literacy skills and vastly enhance their education experience.

£1,500 requested (+match funding)

Match Funding	None requested		
Date Project Added	February 2016	No of Voting Rounds	1

2. **Speech therapy for children with Down's Syndrome**
 To provide speech and language therapy for primary age children with Down's Syndrome in RBWM. The project is ongoing.

£2,000 requested

Match Funding	None requested		
Date Project Added	February 2016	No of Voting Rounds	1

3. **Salvation Youth Trust - Youth Club**
 To provide culturally sensitive support and activities for young people living in Maidenhead and the surrounding area, with a particular focus of providing targeted interventions which support the personal and professional development of the most vulnerable young people living locally.

£2,000 requested

Match Funding	£4,000.		
Date Project Added	February 2016	No of Voting Rounds	1

4. **Summer Festival for Young Carers in RBWM**
 To take a group of our Young Carers to the National Annual Young Carers festival weekend in Southampton, from 24th June to 26th June 2016. They will be able to learn from peers, gain support and have some valuable respite from their caring role.

£2,000 requested

Match Funding	None requested		
Date Project Added	February 2016	No of Voting Rounds	1

5.	Knowl Hill C of E Academy playground transformation.		
	Our school motto is "together we succeed" . The PTA are working determinedly within our school community to raise the necessary funds to replace our playground which is decayed, inaccessible for much of the year and uninspiring for the children to play on. We hope to create a wonderful new play scheme, which will stimulate our children to play, learn and develop for years to come. Works scheduled for August 2016..		
	£2,000 requested		
	Match Funding	None requested	
	Date Project Added	February 2016	No of Voting Rounds 1

Projects carried forward from previous voting round

6.	The East Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Society		
	Our Physio is weekly at St Marks Hospital on a Saturday morning ongoing. The coffee morning is every Thursday at Sportsable ongoing. The physio helps with movement whilst the coffee morning is a place for people with MS to come and chat about anything and see they are not alone.		
	£2,000 requested (No match funding requested).		
	Match Funding	None requested	
	Date Project Added	October 2015	No of Voting Rounds 3

7.	Windsor Holiday Playscheme - Replacement bouncy castle		
	Windsor Holiday Playscheme has been providing holiday activities for children age 4 11 for over thirty years. It runs for 2 weeks in the middle of August each year. Last playscheme our bouncy castle, which is much loved and has given many years service, finally 'died'. The air pump is not repairable and the castle shows extensive signs of wear & tear. We need to buy a replacement bouncy castle before the 2016 playscheme.		
	£700 requested		
	Match Funding	None requested	
	Date Project Added	October 2015	No of Voting Rounds 3

8.	The Windsor Boys' School Newspaper - The Windsorian		
	A student run school newspaper at the Windsor Boys' School to improve literary skills and engagement in reading and writing between pupils.		
	£200 requested		
	Match Funding	None Requested	
	Date Project Added	October 2015	No of Voting Rounds 3

9.	Windsor Street Angels - Windsor Christian Action		
Street Angels is a voluntary organisation that patrols the streets of Windsor on Friday nights helping anyone who may become vulnerable in the night time community, ranging from the homeless to those who have become lost. This project is on going.			
£2,000 requested			
Match Funding	We have kindly be given donations from the following: Personal donations: £700 RBWM grant £1,500 Police and Crime Commissioner £ 3000. We predict a further £2500 from the ACT Foundation. We would be very grateful if you could match these donations of £5200, in order to maintain our Friday night patrols and branch into Saturdays.		
Date Project Added	June 2015	No of Voting Rounds	5

10.	Foodshare - Feeding people in need		
Providing food and help to people around Maidenhead who cannot afford to feed themselves properly. This is a perennial project.			
£2,000 requested			
Match Funding	None requested		
Date Project Added	April 2015	No of Voting Rounds	6

11.	Windsor Homeless Project		
Employing a support worker for one year to work on an individual basis with homeless and vulnerable people in Windsor.			
£2,000 requested			
Match Funding	None requested		
Date Project Added	August 2014	No of Voting Rounds	9

12	My Guide Sighted Guiding Service - Guide Dogs for the Blind		
My Guide is our sighted guiding service that aims to help people who are blind and partially sighted to get out and about on their own terms.			
£2,000 requested			
Match Funding	None requested		
Date Project Added	June 2014	No of Voting Rounds	10