

Joint Area Committee - North - 25 November 2009

## 12. Area North Community Grants - Additional Allotments and associated work at South Petherton (Executive Decision) (Excepted Business)

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### Purpose of the Report

For Councillors to consider the request for a grant towards additional allotments and associated works at South Petherton

### Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that £2,267 is awarded from the Area North Community Grants Budget to South Petherton Parish Council towards fencing and improve informal car parking at the allotment fields, subject to the standard conditions for community grants.

### Application Details

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	South Petherton Parish Council
<b>Project</b>	Additional allotments and associated works
<b>Project description</b>	To Install rabbit proof fencing and improve car parking at the allotment site following the expansion of the site due to local demand.
<b>Total project cost</b>	£4,667
<b>Amount requested from SSDC</b>	£2,267      48%
<b>Special conditions</b>	
<b>Application assessed by:</b>	Leslie Collett Community Development Officer
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### Community Grants Assessment Score

The table below shows the grant scoring for this application. In order to be considered, applications need to meet the minimum score of 20 required for SSDC funding under the Capital Grants Scheme.

Category	Score	Maximum
A Eligibility	Y	
B Target Groups	3	6
C Project	5	5
D Capacity of Organisation	11	15
E Financial need	3	5
F Innovation	2	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>34</b>

### Background information

South Petherton allotments are a well established in the community and up till now have had a waiting list for those requiring an allotment. The Parish council have just made more land available in the same area for more allotment plots. The increase is for 12 new allotments but these will be let as half plots to allow as many people on the waiting list to be catered for. The 24 extra half allotments have satisfied the needs of the waiting list at present.

### Parish Plan

The Parish plan published in 2006 makes no specific mention of allotments but this project fits with the conclusions of the Parish Plan to improve the health and well being of the local residence.

### About the project

The project will include the following:

- To supply and install rabbit proof fencing around the new allotments being created by the Parish Council.
- To improve the existing informal car parking area and to clear another small area of land to create a second informal parking area to improve access and extend the water supply to cater for the increased number of allotment users.

### Parish Council

This a Parish Council project

**Cost and match funding**

Just over 50% of the funding for this project is already secure; a full breakdown of the funding secured is detailed in the table below along with other funding applied for.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated cost</b>
Car Park improvements	£2695
Fencing	£1482
Drainage	£205
Water supply	£225
Access	£60
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,667</b>

Funding sources are as follows:-

<b>Funding</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Status</b>
Parish Council	1,200	Confirmed
Allotment holders funds	1,200	Confirmed
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,400</b>	

**IN CONCLUSION**

This project is as a result of public demand for allotments and the Parish Council has responded in a positive way to meet the demand.

**Financial Implications**

The revenue grant funding of £2,267 towards this project can be met from the balance available in the Area North Grants budget for 2009/10. If both grant applications at committee today are awarded this would leave a remaining budget of £11,840.22.

**Corporate Priorities**

The project intended services and benefits address a number of corporate priorities within the SSDC Corporate Plan 2009. Key target areas include:

- 4.17 Increase % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area
- 4.23 Increase environment for a thriving third sector

## Other Implications

### Area Development Plan

Supporting local community projects help to meet the following Area North priorities of: -

3. Increase the number, accessibility and quality of community facilities, activities or services, in particular for children and young people, and older people.

**Background Papers:** Community Grant Application Number AN/09/20

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