

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Environmental Policy Action Plan – Urgent Funding Request
Committee : Full Council
Date : 20 January 2020
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1. Report Summary:

1.1. This report consider a request to agree urgent funding to delivery an action arising from the Environmental Policy Action Plan (EPAP).

2. Background:

2.1. At Services Committee on 2 Dec 2019 it was resolved to approve the Outline Budget for EPAP, which is shown below, and to delegate authority to the Environmental Working Group to make recommendations to the Services Committee to spend funds in accordance with the outline budget. (Minute 591.2 & 591.3 refer)

2.2. This means that the final decisions concerning the spending of the 2019/2020 EPAP budget can only be made by Services Committee which next meets in Feb 2020.

2.3. The budget is shown below

Tree planting	£10,000
Facilities, building and equipment improvements	£35,000
Website improvements	£3,000
Public engagement	£2,000
BS8555 Action Plan Development	£6,000
Total	£56,000

3. Tree Planting:

3.1. The outline budget agreed by Services Committee showed £10,000 is to be spend on tree planting in 2019/2020. When the Services Committee determined that it would agree the final spending on the EPAP in Feb 2020, it was not made aware of the potential impact this timescale would have on the proposed tree planting program.

3.2. In order to achieve this investment and outcome during the spring tree planting season in very early 2020, Full Council are requested to agree at this meeting that this expenditure on tree planting can go ahead.

3.3. It is proposed that, in order to expedite this tree planting, these trees are planted on SCC land on sites identified by SCC's officers. These trees will be maintained and in particular, watered by SCC.

4. Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Council:

- 4.1. Note the urgent nature of the decision required and that supplementary information has been provided to Full Council
- 4.2. Agree that £10,000 can be spend on tree planting by SCC on SCC land during 2019/2020.

5. Wards Affected: All

6. Background Papers: Nil

7. Implications:

- 7.1. **Financial:** As shown in this report
- 7.2. **Legal:** Nil in relation to this report
- 7.3. **Personnel:** Nil in relation to this report
- 7.4. **Environmental Impact:** As shown in this report
- 7.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** Nil in relation to this report.