

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Lower Bemerton Recreation Ground and Endowment Fund Trust
Committee : Managing Trustees
Date : 28 June 2021
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1. Report Summary:

1.1. This report seeks approval from the Managing Trustees for the Lower Bemerton Trust Statement of Account for 2020/21, and authorisation to provide an annual revenue grant to Salisbury City Council up to the value of £19,000 for the 2021/22 financial year.

2. Background Information:

2.1. At the 7 September 2020 meeting of the Managing Trustees Committee, the Committee agreed to provide an annual revenue grant of up to £12,000.

2.2. The actual grant sought for the financial year 2020/21 is £8,260.51. This sum equals the total running costs of the Lower Bemerton Recreation Ground in that year, including utilities, grounds maintenance, cleaning, insurance, and goods and materials.

2.3. The Trust Statement of Account 2020/21 is attached at **Appendix A**. This statement details the revenue and capital expenditure incurred during the financial year, together with a summary of the Trust Building Society Account balances and External Investments.

3. 2021/22 Recreation Ground Activity:

3.1. Throughout 2021/22, the Environmental Services Team will continue to provide ongoing routine maintenance, cleaning, repainting and general repairs to the Lower Bemerton Recreation Ground. In addition, the Council is seeking authority from the Trustees to approve funding to undertake:

3.1.1. River bank repairs including the costs of acquiring a permit from the Environment Agency - £2,000

3.1.2. New swing unit including two swings and a swing basket, for the play park - £4,500

3.1.3. Removal of the existing swing unit and extension to mulch area to accommodate the new unit - £2,500

3.2. The Council is therefore requesting the Managing Trustees to approve an annual grant of up to £10,000 for general maintenance, cleaning and repair, and a one off grant of £9,000 for the river bank repairs and replacement swing unit

4. Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Managing Trustees:

4.1. Approve the Lower Bemerton Trust Statement of Account for 2020/21.

4.2. Approve an annual revenue grant for 2021/22 to Salisbury City Council of up to £19,000 from the Lower Bemerton Recreation Ground and Endowment Fund Trust.

5. **Ward Affected:** Fisherton and Bemerton Village

6. **Background Papers:**

6.1. Appendix A - Lower Bemerton Trust Statement of Account for 2020/21

7. **Implications:**

7.1. **Financial:** As shown in this report

7.2. **Legal:** none in relation to this report

7.3. **Personnel:** none in relation to this report

7.4. **Environmental Impact:** works to river bank will be managed in accordance with relevant guidance

7.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** none in relation to this report.