

CABINET NON-KEY DECISION

Subject: Recommended Changes from Executive Gateway Board
Cabinet Portfolio: Resources
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1.0 Summary

This report provides an update of the projects considered as part of the Gateway process by the Executive Gateway Board (EGB) on 22nd and 31st August 2012.

Recommendations

That Cabinet asks Full Council to approve the inclusion and associated funding (as detailed in paragraph six) of the following projects within the Council's Capital Programme:

- 1.1 BH Live Maintenance Plan 2012/13 - £552k to be funded from the Pavilion and Leisure Maintenance Fund and the Repairs and Maintenance Fund held for compliance with the South West Regional Development Agency and BH Live Partnership agreement.
- 1.2 River Restoration Project - £55k to be funded from the Heathlands Mitigation Fund.
- 1.3 Lower Gardens Kiosks - £240k to be funded from Capital Resources.

That Cabinet notes the additional revenue spending for:

- 1.4 Enterprising Bournemouth - £545k to be funded from the European Regional Development Fund and from revenue reserves.

2.0 Reason for the Recommendations

- 2.1 The Executive Gateway Board has considered proposals for amendments to the capital programme and, in line with Council policy; request that Cabinet confirm these changes. It considers that the proposals are robust and affordable and that the associated benefits are deliverable.

3.0 Background

On 11th July 2012 the Executive Gateway Board reviewed the following proposals:

3.1 BH Live Maintenance Plan - 2012/13 - £552k

The formation of the BH Live Trust has brought together a group of properties (including leisure centres, the BIC and Pavilion) with the Council retaining Landlord responsibility and the Trust as Tenant. Under the terms of the lease certain maintenance activities are required to be reviewed and implemented on an annual rolling programme basis. This project is the programme of planned work which will take place during 2012-13.

3.2 River Restoration Project - £55k

Natural erosion of sections of the Stour river bank is threatening the main Stour Valley Way Path within the Stour Valley Nature Reserve at Muscliffe. Continued erosion will eventually lead to the path being severed and the loss of a valuable amenity for the residents of Bournemouth. This project focuses on carrying out works at Muscliffe to protect the river bank from the immediate threat of erosion.

3.3 Lower Gardens Kiosks - £240k

This project will remove 3 kiosks in the Lower Gardens and replace them with 2 new high quality food outlets. The project will also provide associated landscape treatment in the lower Gardens, and a new external raised landscape terrace to provide a location for an external/outdoor 'pop up' food outlet in the highly busy location by pier approach. The proposals have also included an artistic approach to lighting design, adopting the traditions of current illuminations associated with the Gardens.

3.4 Enterprising Bournemouth - £545k

The project will assist individuals in starting and growing small businesses, through effective and intensive start up support, enterprise coaching, and financial advice and guidance. It will include an holistic package of support with training, advice, mentoring, support with business planning and access to loan finance to stimulate business and job creation. The project will engage with people who have more complex needs for business start up support, with the aim of creating and nurturing an enterprise culture especially (but not exclusively) in the areas of Bournemouth where there are higher levels of deprivation.

4.0 Consultation

- 4.1 The EGB comprises the Chief Executive, Executive Directors, the Chief Finance Officer, The Leader and Deputy Leader provide a political steer to the Board.
- 4.2 Representatives from across the Council are consulted on project business cases through a Project Review Group.

5.0 Options

- 5.1 An option appraisal is part of the Council's project management procedures. It is considered when approval is sought to commit funding for a project.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 BH Live Maintenance Plan - 2012/13

Source of funding	Total (£k)
Pavilion and Leisure Centres Maintenance Fund	306
Repairs and maintenance funds held for compliance with the SWRDA and BHLive Partnerships Agreements	246
Total cost	552

6.2 River Restoration Project

An application currently is with the Heathlands Mitigation Fund panel for the costs of these works, but due to the pressing timescale the Board agreed to underwrite the works until a decision is made by the Heathlands Mitigation Fund.

Source of Funding	Total (£k)
Heathlands Mitigation Fund (tbc)	55
Total cost	55

6.3 Lower Gardens Kiosks

This project is to be funded through capital resources. Breakdown to be finalised by the Section 151 Officer.

Total Expected Financial Cost	Total (£k)
Construction of 2 new buildings	100
Consultancy fees	30.5
External works/landscape improvements	100
Total cost	230

6.4 Enterprising Bournemouth

This ERDF requires a minimum of 50% match funding and the total cost of the project is £525,000. As far as possible the match funding element is "in-kind".

Source of funding	Total (£k)
European Regional Development Fund	250
Bournemouth 2026	40
Council Match Funding - use of facilities	50
Council funding	185
Total cost	525

7.0 Legal Implications

7.1 The legal implications of all projects are considered as part of the 'Business Justification' assessment at Gateway 2.

8.0 Environmental Impact

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9.0 Equality and Diversity

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10.0 Summary of Risks/Benefits

10.1 An initial risk assessment is carried out for all projects and a risk log is maintained throughout the project lifecycle.

Background Papers:

- Supporting documents are available via Biz the Council's intranet. Please contact the Programme and Project Management Office for access.