

**TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CULTURE, DELIVERY & PUBLIC PROTECTION
20TH JANUARY 2020**

**CONTRIBUTION FOR THE PRIESTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE
Chief Executive**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval for a grant of £2,368 for the Priestwood Community Centre.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That approval is given for expenditure of £2,368 from S106 contributions on the Priestwood Community Centre.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 To make improvements to one of the meeting rooms at Priestwood Community Centre

3.2 This project will directly support four of the Councils strategic objectives,

- Value for money
Community involvement and the use of volunteers in the delivery of council services has increased
- People live active and healthy lifestyles
Numbers of adults and young people participating in leisure and sport has increased
- A clean, green, growing and sustainable place
Appropriate infrastructure development is completed to support housing growth including; Warfield Link Road, Coral Reef Junction, Jennett's Park, town centre
- Strong, safe, supportive and self-reliant communities
High levels of community cohesion are maintained

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 None, not to do anything with the room would mean it would remain mainly unused.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

5.1 The community association would like to refurbish one of their meeting rooms so that they can meet the needs of the new residents moving into the area.

5.2 The community association has two meeting rooms and the smaller one is underused, so they would like to refurbish it in order to provide a relaxed and comfy lounge room for the newer groups that are emerging. This will involve laying new carpet and purchasing a sofa and three wingback chairs that are suitable for the elderly, along with some coffee tables.

5.4 This will enable the room to be used by a number of new groups, including book clubs, knitting clubs, mediation groups and a variety of groups supporting people with mental health issues.

- 5.5 The S106 contributions to fund this improvement project come from social and community facilities contributions in the Priestwood & Garth ward, namely 4 Portman Close contribution of £600, 153 Binfield Rd contribution of £650, 8 Longmoors contribution of £600 and 22 Bennings Close contribution of £518 out of the total £600 available.

6 CONSULTATION AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Legal Advice

- 6.1 The allocation of funding proposed in this report complies with the requirements of the s106 agreements.

The approval of the recommendation in the report falls within the decision making remit of officers in consultation with the Executive member pursuant to the Bracknell Forest Council Constitution November 2019 Part 2, section 6 paragraph 6.2 (a)(vi).

Financial Advice

- 6.2 The financial implications are set out in the report.

Other Consultation Responses

- 6.3 The Priestwood Community Association and user groups at the centre support the project. The ward members for the Priestwood with Garth ward have been consulted by the Executive Member for Culture, Delivery and Public Protection.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.4 The works will have a positive impact for elderly people and people with mental health needs

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.5 Not applicable

Contact for further information

Lesley Doyle, Organisational Development, Transformation & Human Resources

- 01344 352218

Lesley.doyle@bracknell-forest.gov.uk