

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014 OFFICER DECISION WRITTEN RECORD

Reference:	OD/(to be added by Democratic Services)
Subject Matter:	UKSPF funded Environmental Sustainability Grants
Date of Decision:	20/02/25
Exempt/Confidential information (Yes/No):	No
If Exempt/Confidential – reason why:	n/a
Name of Officer taking decision under delegated authority:	Jonathan Geall, Head of Housing, Health and Property
Source of delegated authority (constitution/express delegation/etc):	At its meeting of 18 th January 2023, Council approved the use of UKSPF funds to establish a community chest for hyperlocal environmental sustainability projects. At the same meeting, Council delegated decision-making on all environmental grants and contracts to the Head of Housing and Health acting in consultation with the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability.
Exercise of delegated authority approved by: <i>(if different from Officer taking decision)</i>	n/a

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Decision:	<p>Allocation of UKSPF sustainability stream funds to the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLM – £43,891.20 for a pool cover at Grange Paddocks leisure centre to conserve water temperature and thus save energy and carbon emissions • Ringway, HCC – £49,971.06 for 100 trees (tree acquisition, site location, ground works, planting) to enable and achieve economies of scale for an overall tree-planting programme of 250+ trees (remainder funded by HCC). The trees funded with UKSPF monies are to be prioritised in the council’s three Air Quality Management Areas • Ware Town Council – £2,400 for implementation of an air source heat pump system at Fletcher’s Lea in Ware.
Reason(s) for Decision:	<p>Funding a pool cover at Grange Paddocks leisure centre will promote heat retention and energy saving, thereby providing a carbon saving.</p> <p>Planting of 100 trees in urban areas across the district, targeting</p>

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	<p>Air Quality Management Areas and flood risk areas, for contributions to carbon sequestration and air quality. This is part of larger tree-planting programme.</p> <p>The design spec at Fletcher's Lea is a decarbonisation plan, providing a path to further carbon saving in this community building as part of the community building project.</p>
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Details of alternative options, if any considered and rejected:	Not fund all or some of the works. NOT RECOMMENDED because the proposed works will lead to evidence-based carbon reductions in support on the UKSPF outcomes, and/or the council's Climate Change Strategy.
Name of Officer who has confirmed with all Members involved in taking this decision whether they have pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest:	Jonathan Geall, Head of Housing, Health and Property
Name(s) of any Member who has removed himself/herself from contributing to this decision because of a conflict of interest:	n/a
Signature of Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):	REDACTED
Signature of Member consulted by Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):	Support confirmed by Cllr Tim Hoskin, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability by email on 25 th February 2025

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SIGNATURES TO BE REDACTED