

Report to: Portfolio Holder for Community Development

Subject: Report on COMA £10K Pre-feasibility Grant Funding

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To report that a risk management appraisal has been prepared for the funding agreement with Groundworks UK to deliver Consultancy support and training to the Community Ownership and Management of Assets (COMA) Gedling Partnership.

BACKGROUND

Community Centres have been awarded £10,000.00 from DCLG/Locality funding to deliver Consultancy support and training to the COMA Gedling Partnership in 2015/16.

PROPOSAL

The programme aims to facilitate the Council's commitment to the Asset Transfer process through its Policy and commitment to financial budget reductions. A consultation exercise conducted with members of the COMA community partnership identified key areas of consultants' expertise on which the grant will be spent. These are, in order of priority delivered through workshops:

1. Income Generation, business planning
2. Lease options and arrangements
3. Organisational models and constitutional development
4. Trustee and management committee responsibilities
5. Stock conditions, Environmental sustainability assessments

Remaining consultancy support time will be delivered in one to one support.

RISK MANAGEMENT APPRAISAL¹

- A risk management appraisal has been conducted in relation to the “External Funding” section of the Council’s constitution (page 186). This is attached in Appendix A.
- As we are receiving external funding this agreement will not adversely impact on the services provided by the Council.
- All agreements and arrangements will be properly documented in a signed contract and project plan.
- Finance has been informed of this funding to enable a note to be entered into the authority’s statement of accounts concerning material items.

RECOMMENDATION

- To note the risk management appraisal and contents of this report.

¹ As per page 185 of the Constitution “Responsibilities for Corporate Directors”