

Report to: Environment Committee

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Subject: High Street Community Clean Up Grant

1.0 BACKGROUND

Cheshire East Council was recently awarded funding from central government under their High Street Community Clean-Up fund (see here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/975-million-to-clean-our-high-streets>)

As part of this Cheshire East Council has given the town council £809 which is to be spent in line with the following objectives:

- Increase pride in their local high streets and where they live
- Increase in community cohesion as people work together with their neighbours
- Enhanced social well-being as a result of increased volunteering
- Better partnerships between communities and their local authority on the cleanliness agenda for their high streets/town centres
- More volunteers from local communities helping maintain the public realm, ahead of other initiatives to support our High Streets including the Great British High Street Awards

The Town Council must spend the grant and provide photos and reporting by August.

2.0 SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED

A request for suggestions as to how to use the grant funds was put out by email to members and the following suggestions were received (notes underneath as to points of information for members to consider):

- Purchase of recycling bins
Members should be aware that the Environment Committee has previously completed a project to replace all plastic bins in the Town Centre Conservation Area with Cast Iron bins. ANSA has previously stated they do not install recycling bins in the town centre due recyclable waste being contaminated by general waste..
- Purchase of equipment to aid graffiti/chewing gum removal
A number of businesses have requested the removal of chewing gum from the pavement outside their premises which Cheshire East Council will not carry out and the Town Ranger does not have the appropriate equipment to carry out this task. Some initial research suggests that the machines are in the region of £3500 to purchase but can be hired from £100 per day.



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- Improvements to planters/signage at the station and murals at the Train station in conjunction with Knutsford Academy Students
This suggestion could be achieved by working with the Mid Cheshire Rail Partnership and Knutsford in Bloom. We would also need to get permission from Northern Rail.

3.0 DECISION REQUIRED

The committee should consider how it wishes the grant to be spent and authorise officers to progress the same.



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