

THE CHARITY KNOWN AS COBTREE MANOR ESTATE

COBTREE MANOR ESTATE CHARITY COMMITTEE

20 NOVEMBER 2009

REPORT OF THE COBTREE OFFICER

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1. COBTREE MANOR PARK – FURTHER EXPENDITURE

1.1 Issue for Decision

1.1.1 To consider further items of expenditure in the current financial year.

1.2 Recommendation of the Cobtree Officer

1.2.1 It is recommended that the following further items of expenditure be endorsed

- (i) £1,250 towards levelling and tidying works at the entrance to Cobtree Manor Park; and
- (ii) £50 for the purchase of traps to be used by the Park Ranger to monitor wildlife at Cobtree Manor Park.

1.3 Reasons for Recommendation

1.3.1 In connection with the installation of the new gates at the entrance to the Cobtree Manor Park, the Cobtree Charity Trust Limited has indicated that it anticipated the Council would be undertaking further works to improve the condition of the grass verge which has been damaged by heavy vehicles. The Trust's representative has indicated that the anticipated work would include levelling and the installation of wooden posts to prevent further damage. The cost of this work is estimated at £1250.

1.3.2 A report is included elsewhere on your agenda requesting funding in the next financial year to engage specialists to carry out wildlife surveys. To provide additional information for the surveys it is requested that £50 be agreed in the current financial year to purchase traps for use by the Park Ranger; the traps be used to monitor the presence of dormice and other

wildlife.

1.4 Alternative Action and why not Recommended

1.4.1 The alternative course of action is not to endorse the requested expenditure. This course of action is not recommended as each item will assist in improving the Park and encourage greater usage by the general public.

1.5 Impact on Charity Objects

1.5.1 Both items are designed to achieve the Charity's stated objectives by encouraging greater use of the Park.

1.6 Risk Management

1.6.1 The improved entrance area and new gates are designed to make the park more attractive and provide greater security.

1.7 Other Implications

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Social Inclusion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Considerations for Disabled Persons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental/Sustainable Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human Rights Act	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.7.2 The financial implication arising from the above requests will result in a further minor delay in the final repayment of the debt to the Council.

Background Documents

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Is this a Key Decision? Yes No

If yes, when did it appear in the Forward Plan? _____

Is this an Urgent Key Decision? Yes No

Reason for Urgency