

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

27 June 2023



Title	<i>Green Initiative Fund Update</i>
Purpose of the report	To note allocations to date of Green Initiatives Fund
Report Author	Sandy Muirhead Group Head Commissioning and Transformation and Jilly Mowbray Climate Change Officer
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Exempt	No
Exemption Reason	N/A
Corporate Priority	Environment and Community
Recommendations	Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To note the report
Reason for Recommendation	The Green Initiatives Fund supports projects aiming to reduce the impact of climate change in the Borough.

1. Summary of the report

The Council allocated £747,000 to create the Green Initiative Fund to address the Climate Emergency the Council declared in October 2020. The purpose of the fund is to help Spelthorne move forward on addressing in climate change. This report provides a summary of monies/projects allocated from the fund to date.

2. Key issues

- 2.1 The Council declared a Climate Emergency in Oct 2020.
- 2.2 The Councils Climate Change Strategy 2022-2030 aims for the Council to be Net Zero 2030 for its Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions by 2030.
- 2.3 The Green Initiatives Fund is an important factor in the Council's Net Zero 2030 target as it is the only internal budget available for carbon reduction and is listed in the Climate Change Strategy as one of the main funding streams. It has allowed the Council to undertake projects to reduce carbon emissions including the purchase of electric mopeds for the parking enforcement team.
- 2.4 The Green Initiatives Fund is also available to organisations, within the Spelthorne community, with a robust business case for projects which demonstrate a reduction in carbon emissions.
- 2.5 Submitted applications are assessed by the Climate Change Working Group, if approved by the Climate Change Working Group applications go forward to the Environment and Sustainability Committee for formal approval and release of funds.

- 2.6 To date £319,525.60 has been committed from the original £747,000, the spent amount is lower as some projects are either waiting to get underway or are underway and not yet complete, hence the money has not yet been spent.
- 3. Options analysis and proposal**
- 3.1 The report is to note.
- 4. Financial implications**
- 4.1 Appendix 1 details the project that money has been committed to date, so far £319,525.60 has been committed.
- 5. Risk considerations**
- 5.1 Fraudulent bids - however, a bidding application process was approved by Environment and Sustainability Committee in January 2022 ensure scrutiny of proposals.
- 6. Procurement considerations**
- 6.1 There are no procurement considerations arising from the report.
- 7. Legal considerations**
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- 8. Other considerations**
- 9. Equality and Diversity**
- 9.1 This is always a consideration in any project, where required an Equality Impact Assessment would be carried out for any new project.
- 10. Sustainability/Climate Change Implications**
- 10.1 The fund is sole budget available internally for Sustainability and Climate Change projects. In order to receive funding a project has to demonstrate how it will reduce carbon emissions in Spelthorne.
- 11. Timetable for implementation**
- 11.1 N/A.
- 12. Contact**
- 12.1 Sandy Muirhead and Jilly Mowbray

Background papers: There are none

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Green Initiatives Fund Committed and Spent spreadsheet

Appendix 2 Green Initiatives Fund Application form