

Environmental and Sustainability Committee



5 September 2023

Title	Green Initiative Fund Bids
Purpose of the report	To make a decision in relation two applications for Green Initiatives Funding
Report Author	Sandy Muirhead Group Head – Commissioning and Transformation
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Exempt	No
Exemption Reason	N/A
Corporate Priority	Environment
Recommendations	Committee is asked to: 1.Consider the request for funding for a review of the Council's investment portfolio in terms of Environmental Social and Governance credentials as set out in the attached Bid Form; 2. Consider the request for funding by Cocoon Kids of an EAV cargo e-trike as set out in the attached Bid Form.
Reason for Recommendation	Decisions need to be made by the Committee following consideration of the two bids by the Climate Change Working Group.

1. Summary of the report

- 1.1 This report seeks to set out two applications received by the Council and considered by the Climate Change Working Group in accordance with the Council's requirements for bids to the Green Initiatives Fund (GIF).
- 1.2 There are two bids for consideration which are attached at Appendices 1 and 2 of this report.

2. Key issues

- 2.1 The bid forms set out the criteria that the proposed project should meet, as well as guidance on who may apply.

3. Options analysis and proposal

- 3.1 Option 1 - To agree the proposed GIF bids which will assist in moving for the longer term into carbon neutral investments and to reduce Scope 3 emissions (it those not under our control) in the Borough.
- 3.2 Option 2 - Not to agree to funding.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 The Council allocated £747,000 to create the Green Initiative Fund to address the Climate Emergency the Council declared in October 2020 and bids totalling £265,000 so far have been awarded.

5. Procurement considerations

- 5.1 The only procurement consideration may relate to the procurement by the Council of any service.

6. Legal considerations

- 6.1 There are no legal considerations to be taken into account.

7. Equality and Diversity

- 7.1 Any proposals need take account of equality and diversity and mitigation measures.

8. Sustainability/Climate Change Implications

- 8.1 The nature of the applications to the Green Initiatives Fund requires them to meet the criteria set out in the Bid Form.

9. Contact

- 9.1 Sandy Muirhead S.Muirhead@spelthorne.gov.uk

Background papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Bid form from Chief Accountant SBC

Appendix 2 Bid Form from Cocoon Kids

Appendix 3 Photograph of trike relating to Cocoon Kids bid