

CAPITAL PROJECT OUTLINE DOCUMENT

2016/17 -2018/19

THIS FORM IS TO ENABLE MEMBERS TO PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE IN THEIR LOCALITY THAT WILL MEET THE STRATEGIC PURPOSES OF THE COUNCIL BY IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT / SERVICES /OUTCOMES FOR THE COMMUNITY.

1) PROJECT DETAILS

Please provide details of the project

This project is for the essential rebuild of the Hagley Scout hut to meet existing waiting lists and to build a capacity in which significant growth from new development in Hagley and surrounding areas can be accommodated.

Without the rebuild and alterations the existing hut will continue to face extensive repair and maintenance costs particularly in view of the critical nature of the roof and the urgent need for it to be replaced. A vast number of children are already unlikely to find a vacant position when needed and will not have access to the Scouts or Guides; a situation which cannot be acceptable and will only lead to disengaged youths and lost opportunities for positive engagement.

The formed project team has identified a cost effective solution to the need to expand and grow and meet the necessary expenditure on the roof. The bid from balances represents a significant contribution on a match funding basis.

The bid is for £100,000 from balances.

Please see the attached document to support the project details.

2) EVIDENCE AND DEMAND

"Please evidence how your project has been identified as the way to resolve a problem in the community.

This is to include:

Evidence/data that there is a problem (Complaints/Community Concerns)

Photographs of environment that is to be improved (if applicable)

Advice from the place team in support of the project (if applicable)

The problem which needs solving is the fact that the existing hut and facilities cannot meet current Scout and Guide needs of Hagley and surrounding areas. The roof is in a dire state and requires urgent replacement and to remove asbestos found in the roof structure.

The Hagley Scouts are the biggest in the district and approved housing growth will reinforce that position over the next four or five years.

The physical capacity of the hut is limited and has a limited life before significant expenditure is required to replace an asbestos roof problem. Although there is a long waiting list and adequate Leaders to run the groups every night is full. The waiting list is so severe that it is resulting in parents taking children off or not applying because of the likelihood that a place won't be found.

The hut is used every day of the week, some evenings have two 'end to end' sessions, without any other alternative suitable venues in which the available leaders can take extra 'packs' to meet current demand and reduce the waiting list. Without being able to expand there is limited opportunity to find enough income from subscriptions to upgrade such things as the mini bus or keep the equipment modern and fit for purpose.

The situation has reached a critical point in the history of the Scouts in Hagley and without significant expenditure and investment there is a real risk that the demand from a growing population will not be met. It will also mean that significant investment is required just to stand still, even with the existing waiting list.

Hagley Scouts and Guides have been very successful keeping it vibrant and popular despite some very difficult constraints. It now requires the next step in its development to meet the needs of incoming young, expanding families who want to develop their children in an active and inclusive society.

Without a larger hut and enhanced facilities, significant numbers of children will not be able to be part of these very important movements. This is a very unfavourable position to be in and a failing of hundreds of children who have a need and wish to join. .

Youth services are facing increasing pressure with many council supported services being cut or reduced thus placing a greater need for communities to provide its own youth provisions. The demand is outstripping supply with the consequences being a retro grade step in providing youth activities that develop personal and social skills that are essential in the modern world.

The solution to the problem is therefore a bigger hut in which more children can benefit from in the Scout and Guide movement. Greater numbers of children will benefit from adult lead supervision, character building and community stewardship.

3) COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Please explain how this project will meet the Council's Strategic Purposes, how the community will benefit from the scheme and how it will resolve the problem that has been identified.

Although the following meet the Council's strategic purposes scouts and guides provide numerous other purposes including community and citizen stewardship.

Provide good things for me to do – Scouting provides the chance to experience adventure, regularly experience new challenges and enrich lives.

Keeping my place safe – Scouting helps to keep the young people of Hagley occupied and develop them into good citizens.

The role of Scouts and Guides is well known and without question; attracting a vast number of well organised and committed volunteers and helping develop strong community stewardship, leadership skills, individual support and development and strong ethical and social values.

4) PROJECT OUTCOMES

Please detail the measures of success for the project

The benefits of expanding the hut's capacity are therefore quite clear. The project costs and the contribution being sought in this bid make it a viable and worthy project for Bromsgrove District Council to support. The benefit in supporting this bid will be seen for years to come by hundreds of children who will use the new, modern and expanded facilities, the enormous team of volunteers that dedicate much of their free time and the many charities and community events that Scouts and Guides support and finally supporting a legacy that will continue to support the district over many decades to come.

5) PROJECT COSTS

What is the total capital cost of the project?

£250,000 (bid for £100,000)

Description of Capital Expenditure	2016/2017 (£)	2017/2018 (£)	2018/2019 (£)
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The capital expenditure for the project will be to meet demolition costs, rebuild and refit costs.

Are there any anticipated on going revenue implications of the project?

Running costs are not seen to be a overriding issue with subscriptions and public donations and fund raising events being an established part of the scout and guides operations.

PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 2ND 2015 TO:

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Signed: Cllrs Colella and Jenkins

Date: 25th November 2015