



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

**Item 18 Resources Committee
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Report to Resources Committee

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Subject	Community Ownership Fund Grant Application - Bowling Pavilion

Purpose Of Report

1. To remind Members that there is a shortfall of £250k to be secured to enable the Bowling Pavilion project to proceed in its present format as part of the Centre Vale Park projects under the Town Deal Fund.
2. To advise that owing to the grant submission deadline of 31st January 2024, the Project Manager has applied for capital funding for £250k and £47k revenue support to the Community Ownership Fund in respect of the Bowling Pavilion.
3. To ratify submission of this application- Appendix 1 Application, and Appendix 2 Business Plan
4. To seek Delegated Powers to the Town Clerk with the Chair of Resources Committee to approve submissions for any other grant opportunities that may be open to consider funding requests in connection with any of the Centre Vale Park Projects.

Background

5. The ambitions of the proposed user groups for the Bowling Pavilion indicate an estimated cost of c£704k against which an allocation of £454k has been made against Town Deal funds.
6. The Department of Levelling Up and Communities and Housing (DLUCH) who is the funder behind the Town Deal Fund, last September opened up the Community Ownership Fund to Town Councils to apply for funding.
7. Higher Level local Authorities e.g. CMBC, are not able to apply, with the thrust to enable the transfer of assets into more local control.
8. The Fund is opened on a quarterly basis with the last window opened until 31st January 2024.

9. Had we not taken the opportunity to apply in the last quarter, we would have been waiting until the next window closes at the end of April to then wait for a decision, usually 6 weeks after the window closes.

Financial Considerations

10. Whilst none directly arise from this report, if unsuccessful the Project Board will need to reevaluate this project.

Recommendation

11. That Members ratify submission of the Community Ownership Fund Application
12. That Delegated Powers be given to the Town Clerk with the Chair of Resources Committee to approve submissions for any other grant opportunities that may be open to consider funding requests in connection with any of the Centre Vale Park Projects.

Reasons For Recommendation

13. Resources Committee has oversight of the Town Deal project.

Policy Implications:

14. Todmorden Town Council has already committed to be Sponsor for the Centre Vale Park projects and to assume property ownership of the Bandstand.

Details Of Consultation

15. Representatives from user groups have been directly involved in contributing towards the Business Plan

Climate Change:

16. None arising from this report.

Impact Equality Assessment

17. None arising from this report.

Supporting Papers:

- Appendix 1 – COF Application
- Appendix 2 - COF Business plan

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