

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 5 FEBRUARY 2013

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**Title:**

**FARNHAM TOWN TEAM –SPENDING PLANS**

**[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Adam Taylor Smith]**

**[Wards Affected: Farnham]**

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**Summary and purpose:**

The last meeting of the Executive approved Godalming and Cranleigh's detailed spending plans for their Town Team projects, to comply with its role as accountable body for the funds. The third Town Team, Farnham, met on 23 January to discuss their detailed spending plans and drafted the attached document, which is now submitted for approval.

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**How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:**

The bid addresses three of the Council's corporate priorities – value for money, environment and understanding residents' needs.

**Equality and Diversity Implications:**

There are no equality and diversity implications.

**Environment and Climate Change Implications:**

There are no environmental implications.

**Resource/Value for Money Implications:**

Waverley is the accountable body for the funds so needs to ensure the bids comply with the DCLG guidance.

**Legal Implications:**

There are no legal implications.

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**Introduction**

1. On 23 October it was announced that Godalming, Farnham and Cranleigh had all been confirmed as Portas 'Town Team Partners' and would each receive £10,000 funding and support to revitalise their high streets. As Waverley is the accountable body for the funds, at the Executive's last meeting Cranleigh and Godalming's detailed plans were considered in more depth and approved.

2. In becoming a Town Team Partner, local Town Teams are making the commitment to deliver part of their Portas Plan application. In return, they will be supported by the Association of Town Centre Management (ATCM) which will work with the partners to identify their needs. To support the activity, each Town Team partner will receive **£10,000**.
3. Farnham's spending plans were not ready to be approved at the last meeting. The Town Team met on 23 January to finalise their plans which are attached for consideration at Annexe 1.

### **Waverley's role as accountable body**

3. Waverley supported the initial Portas bids as 'accountable body' for the funds and was then also required to be the accountable body for the smaller Town Team partner applications because the funding is s31 unringfenced revenue grant, which can only be paid to certain tiers of local authority. DCLG circulated guidance to accountable bodies which outlines decision making and monitoring arrangements.
6. Waverley will continue to be involved in supporting and monitoring the activities - an update report will be sent to a future meeting of the Executive with details of progress.

### **Proposed next steps**

7. It is proposed that once the attached simple draft Service Level Agreement is approved, officers will begin to administer the budgets for Farnham as they have begun to do for Cranleigh and Godalming. Waverley officers will continue to assist the project, where required, as they begin to put their plans into action.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Executive approves Farnham Town Team's spending plans.

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### **Background Papers**

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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