

**WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE (ACTING AS TRUSTEES OF JOSEPH EWART BEQUEST)**

**28 JULY 2020**

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**Title:**

**PARKING IMPROVEMENTS AT COLLEGE GARDENS, FARNHAM**

**[Portfolio Holder: Councillor Anne-Marie Rosoman]  
[Wards Affected: Farnham Castle]**

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**Summary and purpose:**

This report seeks approval from the Joseph Ewart Bequest Trust for additional funding to cover installation of electrical car charging points at College Gardens, which were a condition of planning permission.

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**Financial Implications**

The expenditure will be funded from reserves.

**Legal Implications**

Trust funds must be spent within the boundary of the Trust and for the benefit of the Trust's tenants. The Council shall seek the Charity Commission's approval for expenditure of the funds where necessary. The Trustees should therefore seek independent legal advice that the proposed expenditure is within the boundary of the Trust.

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**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Waverley Borough Council is the sole trustee of the Joseph Ewart Bequest, a registered charity with the objective of providing small bungalow cottages suitable as homes for the elderly people with limited financial resources who have lived in the former Farnham Urban District area for at least five years. The charity owns 19 properties for elderly people in Farnham, including 16 bungalows at College Gardens and three bungalows at Arthur Road, Farnham
- 1.2 The unrestricted funds which are available to the trustees for the general purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document, with approval from the Charities Commission, are currently in excess of £1m.

**2. Request for additional funding to install on-site electrical street charging points at College Gardens, Farnham.**

- 2.1 The Executive acting as Trustee of the Ewart Trust bequest agreed a budget of £85,000 to carry out a parking and landscaping project at College Gardens on 1st March 2016.

- 2.2 Planning permission was granted on 30th March 2016 with 6 planning conditions including landscaping, signage, use of walls or fences, insertion of electric charge points and traffic management.
- 2.3 Work commenced in November 2018 with a budget of £85,000. The cost to date includes:
- £68,044 in build costs
  - £1,093 in planning conditions to date
  - £15,707 in service and utility changes/ enablement
  - £6,705 in consultancy and utility fixed fees
  - Totalling £91,549

Some expenses have been met by HRA, for example, repair works outside the bungalow curtilage and some landscaping.

- 2.4 Surrey County Council has now implemented its parking strategy in December 2019 and its on-street electric charge point strategy for this area within the last month. This now enables the Council to finally complete the remaining conditions in the planning permission.
- 2.5 Surrey County Council has confirmed that it does not wish to use one of the points in the proposed electric charge points in College Gardens. It will instead, use a point in West Street.
- 2.6 This leaves Housing with the proposed option as recommended by JOJU, (the Housing framework provider for ECP charge points) which was for it to be situated at the edge of no. 18.
- 2.7 It is anticipated that the cost of this work will be £20,000 which will include traffic management measures, road contract and connection. This also allows for the associated administration to use of the charge point for up to 3 years.
- 2.8 Whilst current demand from the residents is low, there are opportunities to use this point by Council officers, and contractors, along with the wider tenant base in the locality.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Executive acting as Trustees of the Joseph Ewart Bequest, gives approval to progressing and completing the works at College Gardens, Farnham at a total budget of £20,000.

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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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