

Policy & Resources Committee Meeting – 5th October 2022

Agenda Item 10.2

Community Infrastructure Levy

SSEN Resilient Communities Fund Grant – Match Funding

As councillors are aware, officers have revised and updated the On-Site Emergency Flood Plan in relation to Maiden Erlegh Lake and this document is now lodged with DEFRA in accordance with the legislation. As part of this plan, we need to ensure that the equipment Earley Town Council has at its disposal to deal with such emergencies, is appropriate and in good order.

Officers have reviewed the matter and identified areas in which it would be beneficial to update or replace existing stocks. An application for funding was therefore made to the Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks Resilient Communities Fund, a body which supports groups and organisations in flood prevention and management work. Examples of items to be purchased include:

- Replacement generator
- Portable LED lights
- Torches – head and hand
- Insulation blankets
- Dry suit

The application was successful, and Earley Town Council has been awarded £2,100.57 to be put towards the purchase of the required supplies.

The total cost of the equipment is approximately £4,400 and I am ***recommending*** that the balance be taken from the town council's CIL fund. The CIL officer has WBC has agreed that this would be an appropriate use of CIL funds.

Jo Friend

Town Clerk