

ARUNDEL TOWN COUNCIL

Recommendation to the Council Meeting to take place on 11th February 2021

PART A : Recommendation

Arundel-Ford Cycle Path and Footpath

From: Mayor, on behalf of the Cycling & Walking working group (Cllr. Joe Riley, James Stewart, Andy Batty, Julie Fynn, Kay Wagland)

Date: 5th February 2021

Relevant Council Objectives:

Traffic and Transport: Make it easier for Arundel residents to get around

2020/21 Objective 15: "Explore with the relevant statutory authorities the possibility of creating a lit, cycle path/footpath between Ford Station and Arundel, not on the riverbank"

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Cycling & Walking working group are asking for a fund of £2,500 to promote the Arundel-Ford pathway. This could be funded by redeploying the £2, 500 granted to the C&W group to pay for a possible survey of the route for the pathway at the Council Meeting on 12th November 2020 (Minute T2434) since in the event this survey was not required.

BACKGROUND:

Representatives of all four tiers of government are now working together, supported by a wide number of community leaders, to secure a safe pathway for walkers and cyclists between Arundel and Ford. This campaign has begun with the letter co-signed by over 50 community leaders sent to the leaders of West Sussex County Council and Arun District Council, enclosing a detailed booklet on the project produced by the Cycling & Working Group.

Proposal:

To provide the C&W working group with a budget of £2,500 to pursue the campaign. This includes:

Report design & production (500 copies): £650

2 x leaflets (production and distribution): £400

Verge cutting: £920

Posters: £100

Other (e.g. advertising on Ford Road) £430

Total

£2,500

As the campaign develops there may be changes, e.g. the working group may be able to secure verge cutting from WSCC, or it may be decided that there are better opportunities to promote the case for the pathway, in which case the C&W working group would seek flexibility to redeploy money. It is proposed that the Town Clerk is given delegated authority to approve such redeployment on behalf of the Council, and that the C&W working group be asked to report back to Council each month. To this end it is proposed that the Town Clerk join this working group.

The £2,500 will remain with the Council, and the Council will pay invoices directly for the costs incurred.

Option:

Members of the C&W working group would fund the campaign.