

## **F&A – 29 October 2020**

### **Agenda Item FA1538/20**

#### **School's Community Challenge**

##### **Introduction**

Engaging our younger members of the community is vital for ensuring we keep Croxley special for years to come. Our local schools play an integral role in our community however often lack funding to implement their ideas. With additional funds available due to cancelled events in 2020 we have the opportunity to assign funds to new projects that bring the community together and enhance wellbeing.

##### **Discussion**

We have 6 schools in Croxley Green (Croxley Danes, Rickmansworth, Yorke Mead, Harvey Road, Malvern Way and Little Green). It is proposed that each school gathers proposals from students on how they would spend up to £1k in Croxley Green to keep it special and enhance the wellbeing of our residents. The school would select the winner using a Dragon's Den style approach. The Clerk and a Councillor from CGPC (Cllr Benner, Hughes and Yeung have all volunteered) will work with the school to ensure the idea is feasible, does not duplicate existing initiatives/those from other schools and support with implementation.

By empowering each of our 6 schools to implement their community idea we will:

- Enhance our community through 6 new resident driven and council supported initiatives
- Provide a fun and exciting opportunity for a population who could be struggling during Covid and may previously feel 'unheard' (too young to vote or be a councillor)
- Strengthen our already excellent relationship with local schools.
- Engage with future parish councillors and young residents, as well as potentially validating the formation of a future youth council if successful

##### **Recommendations:**

1. To provide up to £6k funding to local schools (£1k per school) to run a 'Dragon's Den' style challenge and implement their initiative to enhance Croxley Green.
2. To provide prizes such as book tokens for the students up to £600 total (£100 per school depending on whether an idea was presented by a group or individual).

**Cllr Emily Benner**  
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