

<b>Meeting</b>	Full Council
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
<b>Report Title</b>	Community Choices – Project Short Listing
<b>Agenda Reference</b>	10.3
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### **Officer's Recommendations**

1. For members to select five projects which will go through to the public vote during June-August 2021.
2. For a small group of Councillors to join the Community Choices Working Party.

### **Background**

Engaging the community in democracy and to help support active residents is a fundamental role of Town and Parish Councils. One of the ways that we can enable this is through Participatory Budgeting. Building community engagement and participation is an important underlying principle of this Council.

The launch of the 2021 Community Choices project which commenced in March 2021 is the first participatory budgeting project for Haydon Wick Parish Council. It is not a grant scheme. The project budget will not be awarded to specific community group or charity. Instead, the allocated budget will be spent on the service development or provision by the Council in the area of interest decided upon by the community.

Community Choices will give our residents meaningful choices about how a proportion of the annual budget is spent each year. In doing so, residents will have ownership and gain the positive effect of chosen event or project.

Residents will be asked to vote from a list of five shortlisted project ideas which have been shortlisted at Full Council. Each project is in line with the Council's overall strategic objectives and for the benefit of the residents of Haydon Wick.

### **How the residents can vote**

Voting will include both offline (Haydon Wick Living Magazine, local press and notice boards, local radio) and online (social media, website) portals/methods of communication, thereby opening the voting to the whole of the Parish.

The Community Choices project will be communicated through schools within the Parish and through the Parish Council's Youth Worker and will therefore enable an excellent opportunity for young people to engage with a real democratic process with real outcomes within their community.

The projects will be advertised in April and May 2021, with residents voting in June-August (to allow for Haydon Wick Living Magazine publication dates). Project delivery will commence from September 2021.



### **Project selection**

The Council's current annual budget is heavily focussed on open spaces development and grounds maintenance therefore it is suggested that this initial £12,000 budget is used to fund non-POST activities in 2021/22. The project(s) must be deliverable in the 2021/2022 financial year.

In March emails were sent to members to submit their project ideas for consideration. The following nine ideas were received. Five should be short-listed on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and these will be submitted for public vote in June-August 2021.

Members are invited to ask the project proposer any questions about their suggestion(s).

<b>Project Ref</b>	<b>Project Concept</b>	<b>Project Proposer</b>
1	Youth Project	Community Development Officer
2	Dementia Café Co-ordinator	Community Development Officer
3	Parish Memorial Sculpture	Clerk
4	Intergenerational Arts & Cultural Festival	Clerk
6	Health and Wellbeing Project: delivery of workshops and support	Cllr Ellen Baker Lee
7	Remembrance /Tommy Figure Iron Works, Easter Bonnets Competition	Cllr Sarah McDermott
8	Community Festival over several sites within Haydon Wick. Highlighting: Local Businesses, Healthy Lifestyles, etc	Cllr Ellen Baker Lee
9	Community Event	Cllr Richard Hailstone