

<b>Meeting</b>	Full Council
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
<b>Report Title</b>	Community Choices Project Update
<b>Agenda Reference</b>	10A
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### Committee Recommendations

1. To note the outcome of the Community Choices public vote
2. To engage a Youth Worker as soon as possible funded until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 using the allocated budget of £12,000.00

### Background – Project Objectives

This project is not a grant scheme. The project budget will not be awarded to a specific community group or charity. Instead, the allocated budget will be spent on the service development or provision by the Council in the area decided by its community. The Community Choices project has been allocated a total budget of £12,000.00 and will be delivered in the 2021/2022 Council financial year.

The idea of the budget is:

- To engage the community in a democratic process and to help support active residents through Participatory Budgeting.
- To build community engagement and participation is an important underlying principle of this Council.
- To give our residents meaningful choices about how a proportion of the annual budget will be spent. In doing so, residents will have ownership and gain the positive effect of chosen event or project.

### Project Update Summary

- A budget of £12,000.00 was agreed at January's precept and budget setting Full Council meeting, for the 'Community Choices' programme for 2021/2022.
- The Community Choices project was first communicated through the precept infographic. This infographic has been shared on our website, on social media, local press (Swindon Link) and in the Spring edition of the Haydon Wick Living Magazine.
- The project themes to put to public vote were agreed unanimously at Full Council on Tuesday 21 April (FC 254.3) as: Youth Project, Dementia Café Co-Ordinator & Wellbeing services (to reflect additional items such as walking football & netball sessions etc), Remembrance/Memorial Statue, Intergenerational Arts & Cultural Event, Community Festival highlighting local businesses and healthy lifestyles.



- The Community Choices Working Party met on Friday 21 May to confirm the project wording which is being submitted for community vote. They are detailed below:

*As a member of our community, we would like you to select one of the Community Projects listed below to be delivered in 2021/2022.*

**1. Youth Project**

*To engage a youth worker to develop and increase youth services and activities within the Parish, such as:*

- *Youth holiday workshops and activities*
- *Sports activities*
- *Essential skills development*

**2. Dementia Café Co-Ordinator & Wellbeing services**

*To make Haydon Wick a Dementia Friendly Community through the development of extended Dementia Café services and community spaces.*

**3. Remembrance/Memorial Statue**

*To commission a local artist to create a World War memorial sculpture to be positioned at the Haydon Wick Parish Council Office.*

**4. Intergenerational Arts & Cultural Event**

*To hold a Winter Wonderland Community Christmas Fair to celebrate Haydon Wick.*

**5. Community Festival highlighting local businesses and healthy lifestyles.**

*To hold a community wellbeing event promoting local businesses and healthy lifestyle options.*

*Have the chance to be involved - Know how your vote will count - Collectively make the final decision.”*

- The project communication commenced in May 2021. The following platforms were used to engage residents with the project: poster boards across the Parish, the Haydon Wick Living Magazine, social media, Parish Website, a Community Outreach morning at the Orbital.
- The survey responses were collected on the current survey platform of choice for the Council, which is Microsoft Forms. This is a free platform, and the link can be shared via social media and other engagement methods. Responders can submit more than one vote to the survey, however, as one of the objectives of this project was to increase community engagement, this should not impact the overall objectives in a negative capacity.



## HWPC Website Project Page:

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Community Choices

As a member of our community, we would like you to select one of the Community Projects listed below to be delivered in 2021/2022.

Please ensure you have voted by Monday 2nd August 2021:

**1. Youth Project**

To employ a youth worker to develop and increase youth services and activities within the Parish.

[Register Your Vote](#)

**2. Dementia Café**

To make Haydon Wick a Dementia Friendly Community through the development of extended Dementia Café services and community spaces.

[Register Your Vote](#)

**3. Remembrance / Memorial Services**

To commission a local artist to create a World War memorial sculpture to be positioned at the Haydon Wick Parish Office.

[Register Your Vote](#)

**4. Arts & Cultural Event**

To hold a Winter Wonderland Community Christmas Fair to celebrate Haydon Wick.

[Register Your Vote](#)

**5. Community Festival**

To hold a community wellbeing event promoting local businesses and healthy lifestyle options.

[Register Your Vote](#)

## Public Voting Results

Questions | Responses **294**

### COMMUNITY CHOICES

**294**

Responses

**00:30**

Average time to complete

**Active**

Status

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1. As a member of our community, we would like you to select one of the Community Projects listed below to be delivered in 2021/2022:

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- YOUTH PROJECT: To engage a... 101
- DEMENTIA CAFE CO-ORDINA... 56
- REMEMBRANCE/MEMORIAL S... 37
- INTERGENERATIONAL ARTS &... 43
- COMMUNITY FESTIVAL HIGHL... 55



Winning Project of public vote: Youth Project (101). Total votes: 294



### **Selected project theme for delivery**

Youth Project - To engage a youth worker to develop and increase youth services and activities within the Parish, such as youth holiday workshops and sports activities and essential skills development.

### **Next steps**

To engage a Youth Worker as soon as possible funded until 31st March 2022 using the allocated budget of £12,000 to develop many of the projects already in the pipeline.

A detailed budget breakdown of hourly rate/ part-time fixed term contract (until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022) for a Youth Development Co-ordinator has been created and will be shared at the next Community Development Committee. It is anticipated at this stage of the project development, that the staffing costs will equate to approx. 50% of the overall project budget, leaving the remaining for event/project costs.