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Exmouth Queen's Drive – Future Resourcing

Report summary:

The matter was debated at the Delivery Group meeting of 25th January 2021. The proposal was for two posts to be appointed on fixed term contracts to focus on Place & Prosperity interventions in Exmouth generally, this to include Queen's Drive. The two new posts would be funded through the Council's Business Rates Pilot Reserve to the sum of up to £200,000. The proposal is linked to both the opportunities in Exmouth, being East Devon's largest town and with the greatest spread of Council assets, to supporting economic recovery through direct interventions with the town having been particularly badly impacted by the covid pandemic. Queen's Drive will take priority and is envisaged this will consume 50% of the resource which will include a Development / Project Surveyor and an Engagement Officer.

There was a recommendation to 3rd March 2021 Cabinet as follows:

That up to £200,000 be made available from the Business Rates Pilot Reserve for a Development Surveyor and an Engagement / Project Officer for a term of 2 years, dedicated to moving forward a suite of place & prosperity based projects in Exmouth and to include Queen's Drive.

Once approvals are in place, Job Descriptions and Person Specifications will be finalised and recruitment will commence. To inform this work, guidance from Delivery Group Members would be welcomed on:

1. The roles are about Place & Prosperity interventions, capitalising on the breadth of Council assets and linked to supporting economic recovery through direct interventions. What are the initial identified key opportunities/ untapped potential for Place & Prosperity based interventions in Exmouth?
2. How much reliance is to be placed on previous consultation and visioning work? Thoughts on further consultation and visioning work needed.
3. The funding for resource is for a maximum of 2 years. What will success look like after 6 months, 1 year and 2 years of those posts being filled? In some instances this will be about direct delivery, but in other instances will be about identifying projects and developing into credible business cases to secure 3d party engagement and / or funding including from Government.

Recommendation:

N/A

Reason for recommendation:

N/A

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action
- Corporate Services and COVID-19 Response and Recovery
- Democracy and Transparency
- Economy and Assets
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Finance
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities

Financial implications:

N/A

Legal implications:

N/A

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk;

Links to background information

Link to [Council Plan](#):

Priorities (check which apply)

- Outstanding Place and Environment
- Outstanding Homes and Communities
- Outstanding Economic Growth, Productivity, and Prosperity
- Outstanding Council and Council Services