

Report to:	Leader of Lewes District Council
Date:	5 November 2019
Title:	Allocation of Sustainability Fund 2019/20
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive
Cabinet member:	n/a
Ward(s):	All
Purpose of report:	To authorise commitments against the Sustainability Fund 2019/20
Decision type:	Non key
Officer recommendation(s):	<p>(1) To agree the table of allocations set out at para 2.2 to fund activities in line with sustainability objectives , and</p> <p>(2) To delegate the Deputy Chief Executive to authorise expenditure against the fund in line with those allocations.</p>
Reasons for recommendations:	To enable spend against the sustainability fund previously agreed by Cabinet.
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1 Introduction

- 1.1 At the meeting of Cabinet in September 2019 it was agreed to allocate a 100k fund to support the immediate development of a comprehensive Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy to tackle carbon reduction and climate adaptation. It was agreed that the majority of this would fund carbon reduction initiatives in the current year, with the remainder being used for a dedicated post to support the work.
- 1.2 This report seeks the Leader's approval for allocations within this fund. Delegated authority is also sought to enable the Deputy Chief Executive to authorise spending in line with these allocations.

2 Allocation of Funds

- 2.1 The part year cost for 2019/20 of the Strategy and Partnership Lead for Sustainability post will be £15k. Thus £85k remains to be allocated to the

development of the strategy and carbon reduction initiatives.

2.2 The table below sets out a proposed breakdown of spend, for the Leader's consideration;

Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) – expert advice and support	£ 10k
Carbon base lining and monitoring advice/tools (CSE and/or Scatter)	£ 5k
Centre for Local Economic Strategies and the Green New Deal Group – expert advice and support	£ 10k
Tree planting, green roof installation and water fill-up points	£ 20k
lchoosr project	£ 5k
Climate Change Forum engagement, and other events include youth engagement	£ 5k
Shares in OVESCO Sunny Solar Schools	£ 5k
Cycling initiatives	£ 20k
EV feasibility	£ 5k
TOTAL	£ 85k

3 Corporate plan and council policies

3.1 The proposals set out in this report are in line with the council's Sustainability Policy.

4 Financial appraisal

4.1 The financial commitments in this report were agreed by Cabinet at its meeting in September 2019.

5 Legal implications

5.1 This report contains no legal implications

6 Risk management implications

6.1 The risks were set out in a previous report to Cabinet in September 2019.

7 Equality analysis

7.1 This report requires no additional equality analysis

8 Sustainability and/or carbon reduction implications

8.1 The sustainability implications were set out in a previous report to Cabinet in September 2019.

9 Appendices

- None

10 Background papers

Cabinet report 16th Sept 2019 – Climate Emergency. <https://democracy.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/documents/s12174/Climate%20emergency.pdf>