

## SUPPLEMENTARY COMMITTEE BIDS

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report brings together the bids for resources received from the Community Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 16 January and the Environmental Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 21 January. The report also advises Members of the cost of providing standard close board fencing at Hullbridge.

### 2 FENCING OF POOLES LANE, HULLBRIDGE

- 2.1 At the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee officers reported the cost of providing acoustic fencing at the Pooles Lane Recreation Ground, Hullbridge. The cost of provision was estimated at between £8,000 and £12,000, dependent upon the quality of the fencing.
- 2.2 Members requested that costs be obtained for providing close board fencing, together with planting of shrubs. The cost of these works is estimated at £2,300.

### 3 REVISED COST OF BIDS

- 3.1 The bids for funding from the Committees are summarised below:-

	£
Pooles Lane fencing	2,300
Additional collection at Golden Cross	4,000
Chewing gum removal	<u>8,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>14,300</u>

- 3.2 The impact on the council tax of the above proposals equates to approximately 46p per annum on a Band D property, or 0.3% of the current charge. Of the above the fencing item is non-recurring. The chewing gum provision is dependent upon parishes working in partnership and therefore that cost may well reduce.

### 4 IMPACT ON BUDGET

- 4.1 Whilst these items would need to be included within the three year strategy, the impact on the overall budget would be minimal. In the first year there may be a reduction in the amount being contributed to the working balance. However, this could well be ameliorated in future years if our current performance on council tax collection can be maintained.

**5 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 Should Members be minded to include these items in the budget, given the comments made above, it is proposed that the suggested increase in council tax of 9% remain unchanged.

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**Background Papers:**

None.

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