



Report to the Partnership for South Hampshire Joint Committee

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Subject: SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP (BIRD
AWARE) SITE SPECIFIC PROJECTS

SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to seek endorsement from the Joint Committee for the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's revised recommendations for how site specific funding should be allocated

RECOMMENDATION

The Joint Committee is asked to NOTE and ENDORSE the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's revised proposal for site specific projects to be supported.

BACKGROUND

1. The Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's (SRMP), is projected to have £400k per annum to allocate towards funding site specific projects to deliver mitigation measures.
2. In later 2018 all SRMP Partners were invited to submit project proposals for this funding and a 'site specific projects' sub group analysed these proposals, alongside getting clarification from the PUSH Chief Executives and the SRMP Project Board related to some of the substantive issues that arose from this analysis.
3. A series of recommendations for the allocation of the funding were then endorsed by the PfSH Joint Committee in July 2019, with the first round of funding starting in April 2020.

UPDATE

4. Since that time, one of the supported projects has withdrawn from the scheme and the Project Board have considered proposals for the reallocation of this funding.
5. For information, the withdrawn project is the proposed Hayling Island bird refuge site, which was originally allocated £220k funding in year 1, but is no longer being actioned by Havant Borough Council.
6. As a result of this withdrawal, the Partnership has contacted all project proposers from the approved and reserve lists to seek mobilisation information and engage with them about their ability to bring their project forward.
7. This work has resulted in the Partnership being able to create a revised schedule of projects see below (with more detail provided in **Appendix 1**), including reserve and unsupported projects) that could be supported and the Joint Committee is now asked to note and endorse this new schedule. These have been site mapped at **Appendix 2**.

Yr 1 Projects	£336,850
Yr 2 Projects	£283,040
Yr 3 Projects	£324,900

Site Location	Proposer	Type	Summary	Total score	Project cost £s	Revised Timescale
LHFM and LHOB (line 7)	RSBP	Bird refuge and habitat creation	Shingle recharge of key winter roosting sites and associated interpretation	23	100,000	Yr 1 Projects

LHSM (line 8)	HIWWT	Bird refuge and habitat provision	Southmoor Refuge and Habitat Provision	21	22,000	Yr 1 Projects
LHWT, LHBT, LHOB. (line 9)	Havant BC	Bird refuge and habitat provision	Hayling Island Brent Goose and Wader Refuge	21	222,000	Withdrawn
CHMA – Marina (line 10)	Chi Harbour Conservancy	Site specific visitor management	Additional fencing, hedge- laying and signage at Apuldram Manor farm	20	3,000	Yr 1 Projects
SWBM (line 11)	HCC	Site specific visitor management	Bunny Meadows Footpath and Circular Footpath	19	150,000	Yr 1 Projects
CHFI Fishbourne (line 12)	Chi DC	Bird refuge and site specific visitor management	Creation and extension of board walk and fencing at East Head	20	20,600	Yr 1 Projects
SWWS (line 13)	Southampton CC	New and enhanced strategic greenspace	Peartree Green Footpath upgrade	18	38,350	Yr 1 Projects
SWBM (line 14)	HCC	Bird refuge and habitat provision	Bunny Meadows Bird Refuge	17	2,900	Yr 1 Projects
CHEH (line 15)	Chi DC	Site specific visitor management	Boardwalks at Fishbourne meadow	19	10,000	Yr 2 Projects
CHPR Prinstead (line 16)	Chi DC	Bird refuge and site specific visitor management	Fencing and hedge planting at March farm spit	18	17,000	Yr 2 Projects
CHEH (line 17)	Chi DC	Public engagement and education initiatives	Sand art and sculpture workshops at East Head – Visitor Engagement-	18	6,000	Yr 2 Projects

SWWS (line 18)	Southampton CC	New and enhanced strategic greenspace	Shoreburs Greenway – NE section	18	47,100	Yr 2 Projects
IWBM (line 19)	RSPB	Site specific visitor management	Erecting a dog proof stock fence either side of a permissive path	17	10,940	Yr 2 Projects
SWIN Itchen North (line 20)	Eastleigh BC	Enhanced strategic greenspace	Access improvements at Itchen Valley Country Park	15	147,000	Yr 2 Projects
IWMW (line 21)	IoW Council	Bird refuge and habitat provision Public engagement and education initiatives	Bird Refuge	19	324,900	Yr 3 Projects

PROPOSED CHANGES

8. For year 1, the Partnership is seeking to still support all remaining originally approved projects (with the obvious exception of the withdrawn project), then further support Bunny Meadows circular footpath (line 11), Peartree Green footpath (line 13) and Bunny Meadows bird refuge (line 14).
9. The year 2 proposal is to allow the £150k originally allocated to Bunny Meadows, to now be reallocated to Itchen Valley (line 20) and for the Partnership to also support the proposal for Brading Manor.
10. In summary, this proposed change effectively brings forward 2 year 2 projects (footpaths at Bunny Meadows and Peartree Green) and allows for an additional project (Bunny Meadows bird refuge) to be funded with the reallocation. Then in year 2, 2 additional projects - Itchen Valley and Brading Manor - can also be funded.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is RECOMMENDED that the Joint Committee NOTE and ENDORSE the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's revised proposal for site specific projects to be supported.

APENDICIES: Appendix 1 – Schedule of Projects scoring 2019
Appendix 2 – Project Map

ENQUIRIES:

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