

Agenda item 3

For decision – approval to apply for a grant to the Somerset Association of Local Councils’ Health and Wellbeing fund

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Frome Town Council’s Communities team supported Terrestrial to run a series of ‘Adventures’ in Civic spaces that was presented at council in December 2024, including the takeover of the Town Hall.

To grow and expand that programmes of adventures, the Communities team wish to collaborate with Terrestrial on a joint bid to the Somerset Association of Local Councils’ (SALC) Health and Wellbeing Fund <https://somerset-alc.org.uk/health-wellbeing/> for a large grant of £35,000. The SALC funding is to support Somerset’s city, town and parish councils to deliver community health and wellbeing projects, which improve people’s physical and mental health, as well as their sense of wellbeing. The application requires Council approval and a minute number.

The proposed project will be based in and around communities, entitled ‘Adventures in your Neighbourhood’, it will align with, and enrich existing asset-based community building work in neighbourhoods, and work in FTC owned green spaces, with a focus on intergenerational play, community wellbeing and climate resilience. The project will be completed by April 2026.

The project will support children and young people to hear their voice, as specified in the work programme, and will be underpinned by the recommendations and ambitions of the council’s play strategy. A presentation will be given by Terrestrial at the meeting to elaborate on the proposal.

Recommendations

1. Approve an application to the SALC Health and Wellbeing fund
2. Delegate authority to the Partnership Lead to submit a collaborative bid with Terrestrial to SALC for £35k in February 2025.