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NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Nantwich Town Council invites Capital ideas...

Nantwich Town Council is looking for ideas to get the most for the town from its capital funds for the town.

Leader of the Town Council, Councillor Steve Hope, explained "About 10 years ago, the Council sold some land and since then it has held a substantial capital receipt. The money has not been wasted – the interest we earned kept the council tax low for some years. However, Councillors have now decided that some of that money should be spent for the benefit of the town.

Because of government regulations the cash can only be spent on capital projects such as purchase of land or improvement of buildings. There is around £800,000 available and we plan to tackle this in three ways. First, we have our own ideas. Second, we want suggestions from Nantwich people. Third, we are inviting organisations to apply for grants."

Councillor John Lewis, Chairman of the Councils Finance Committee, said "We are going to consider all proposals, along with ideas already put forward by Council Members, to make sure we get the very best value for the community. We are looking for suggestions and grant applications which will bring in additional funds to the town. For example, often a grant from the Lottery Fund is dependent on getting additional support from elsewhere. So we want to use our money to attract grants from other organisations as well, if possible."

Some of the ideas already being considered by the Council include work to Mill Island, improvements to car parks, refurbishment of the town centre paving, and work near the lake and river, including a scheme for generating hydro-electricity.

Town Clerk, Riddell Graham said, "Grant Application forms and guidance notes will be available shortly. Applications must be submitted by the end of December 2010. Ideas for use of the money which will benefit the residents of Nantwich are welcome and will be considered by the Council." The Clerk can be contacted on 01270 619224, through the Town Council web-site, or by writing to Nantwich Town Council, Brookfield Hall, Shrewbridge Road, Nantwich, CW5 7AD.

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