**WW TRUST BOARD MEETING: 17th December 2020**

**WWSET REPORT**

David Roberton and I attended the WWSET Trustees Meeting on 10th December, as WWT-nominated Trustees.

The main updates are as follows:

**Green Street, High Wycombe:** awaiting final decision from Bucks Council after a lengthy process.

**Faith Race Hate Crime Grant:** sadly unsuccessful with recipients concentrated in the North and Midlands.

**Looked After Children Submission:** A first round £75K grant application to The British and Foreign School Society who fund projects specifically for looked after children. The proposed project would run over 3 years and involves education and personal development activities for local children in the care system, as well as recent care leavers

**Kickstart:** WWSET have the opportunity to offer 6 month full time posts to young people aged 16-24 via the government Kickstart scheme. At present WWSET are looking at the possibility of offering 5 posts: x2 chefs for a potential food provision project running throughout 2021, an office administrator, a recent care leaver to support the delivery of any future project targeting this group, and an education officer to assist the team. WWSET have also extended the offer to the club via Pete Couhig and he may also look to employ a few people on placements to support his staff.

**Chiltern Rangers:** WWSET are In the process of planning a health and social inclusion based project in partnership with Chiltern Rangers that uses horticulture, conservation and gardening as the means to engage local people. The project would be based in and around Adams Park and would be delivered over a 3 year period.

**Fundraising/Fundraiser:** WWSET have been working with an experienced fundraiser on a volunteer basis for the past few months who has contributed a number of potentially good ideas. WWSET are considering the employment of a Fundraising Officer to lead this activity. This is in an early stage but I have suggested exploring the common ground with the WWT fundraising.

**Buckinghamshire Wellbeing Capacity Fund:** WWSET, along with Oasis Partnership, Bucks Mind, Bucks Citizens Advice and Bucks Age UK have formed an alliance and worked together to submit an application for the Bucks Wellbeing Capacity Fund which has been successful. The application focuses on working together to learn about barriers to BAME engagement across the organisations’ collective provision, adapting offerings accordingly, and then disseminating the learnings across other community and voluntary sector organisations within the county. The project will fully launch in early 2021.

Peter Lerner, 17th December 2020