

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHEME 2002/03

PRIORITISING PROJECTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHEME : ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Project appraisals will be undertaken for all applications submitted. The assessment will be as follows: -

Step One The project must meet one or more of the Council's aims or objectives. Meeting this minimum threshold allows each project to progress to the full assessment and prioritisation stage.

COUNCIL AIMS & OBJECTIVES (Weighting 15%)

1 **What are the main aims and objectives, which the project will contribute towards?**

3	Essential contribution to agreed Council aim/objective
2	Key contribution to agreed Council aim/objective or agreed strategy
1	Contribution to Council aim/objective or outline strategy
0	Minor or no contribution

Step Two Further assessments against the following questions will be made to score and prioritise each project

EXTERNAL FUNDING (20% Weighting)

2 **Is the project likely to secure external funding?**
> *What conditions apply to the external funding?*

3	All external funding secured or likely to be secured
2	Some funding secured, other bids submitted and likely to be successful
1	Bids submitted for funding, outcome unclear
0	No other bids made, other funding unlikely

SUSTAINABILITY (Weighting 25%)

3 **How have the capital costs been assessed?**
> *What action could be taken if the final capital costs exceeded the budget?*
> *Would other partners increase their contributions if capital costs rose?*

3	Estimates over the last 12 months with professional input
2	Estimates produced over 12 months ago but uprated for inflation
1	Some attempt to estimate costs based on similar schemes
0	No detailed estimated

4 **What assumptions have been made in assessing running costs?**

3	Detailed assessment based on experience of similar projects
2	Indication of costs of similar projects elsewhere
1	Some attempt to look at experience elsewhere
0	Lack of detail and little basis on previous projects

5 **What evidence of need is there for the project?**

3	Extensive research and consultation
2	Some research and consultation
1	Little research and consultation
0	No research or consultation

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6 **Is there a clear forward strategy in place?**

3	Forward strategy documented and in place
2	Some consideration given to a forward strategy
1	Little consideration given to a forward strategy
0	No forward strategy

7 **Is the organisation able to support running of the project?**

- > Are there appropriate structures and mechanisms for management and finance?
- > Are the management responsibilities clearly defined?
- > Are there any procedures in place for monitoring?

3	Organisation fully equipped to manage project
2	Organisation capable of managing project
1	Management capabilities of organisation weak
0	Organisation unable to manage project

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Weighting 20%)8 **Are volunteers and the community involved in the project?**

3	Large scale volunteer and community involvement in the project
2	Some volunteer and community involvement in the project
1	Little volunteer and community involvement in the project
0	No volunteer and community involvement in the project

9 **What impact will the project have on the community?**

3	Large scale impact on the local community
2	Significant impact on the local community
1	Limited impact on the local community
0	Minor impact on the local community

VALUE FOR MONEY (Weighting 10%)10 **Does the project offer value for money?**

- > Does the project add value to any other Council activity, strategy, spending programme?
- > Would the project be able to go ahead without Council support?

3	Project offers excellent value for money
2	Project offers value for money
1	Project offers some value or money
0	Project offers little or no value for money

RISK (Weighting 5%)11 **Are risks clearly identified?**

- > Are their contingency plans for dealing with them?
- > Is the project deliverable in the time scale envisaged?
- > How dependent is the project on factors outside the control of the lead partner?
- > Are substantial risks justified by potentially high outcomes?

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3	Risks identified and contingency plans in place
2	Some risk analysis and management
1	Little risk analysis and management
0	No risk analysis

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES (*Weighting 5%*)

12 *Is there any evidence of commitment to equal opportunity principles?*

3	Project underpinned by equality of opportunity
2	Some reference to equality of opportunity
1	Little reference to equality of opportunity
0	No reference to equality of opportunity

The initial appraisal will be carried out by the Partnership Development Officer and a panel of three Councillors who will make recommendations to the Council's Community Services Committee. The Community Services Committee will then make the final decision on which projects to support.

Community Partnerships Scheme

Nine projects have returned applications to the Community Partnership Scheme. They are summarised below:

Replacement Community Hall - Hatton

The All Saints Parochial Church Council in Hatton are seeking £5,000 towards a project to replace an old hall. The total cost of the project is £347,900. The majority of funding is in place primarily through the Community Fund, emda, WREN and the groups own resources. The group are looking to both the Community Partnerships Scheme and the County Council's Treasure Chest for top up funding to complete the project particularly in relation to car park requirements and external environmental improvements.

In overall terms the project will demolish the existing Community Hall and replace it with a modern, purpose designed facility comprising a dividable main hall, a committee room, 2 kitchens, 2 sets of toilets, an office, a secure outside play area and 16 car parking spaces. The facilities have been purpose designed for the 2 principal user groups, namely the pre-school nursery group and the senior citizens lunch club. Flexibility has also been built into the design in order to accommodate a wide range of other users. Careful analysis predicts the new facility will increase users from 3,200 to 9,900 per annum.

Work on this project has already started but is not due for completion until the end of April.

Once completed the business plan suggests the project will be comfortably self-supporting.

Overseal Community Resource Centre

Overseal Parish Council are seeking £25,000 towards a project to improve community facilities at Overseal Village Hall. The total cost of the project is £193,374. The Parish Council has raised £90,000 from the sale of land and has £30,000 confirmed from WREN. They are intending to apply to the Coalfield Regeneration Trust also.

This particular application relates to phase one of an overall project and comprises construction of new sports changing rooms, improved car parking, various improvements to the existing village hall (including an IT training room, office, storage, kitchen etc) and employment of a projects development co-ordinator. Phase 2 of the project would encompass a multi-use games area and more changing rooms. The proposals follow survey work and aim to address local deprivation and poor facilities particularly with regard to sport, IT training and other leisure uses.

Enlargement of community based cricket pavilion in Lullington Park

Lullington Park Cricket Club are seeking £15,000 towards a project to enlarge their existing cricket pavilion at Lullington Park. The total cost of the project is £250,000. The project has phase one approval from Sport England National Lottery for £140,000 and £55,000 from its own funds. It also has an application for £20,000 to the County Council Treasure Chest pending and further applications to Derbyshire Environmental Trust and the Coalfield Regeneration Trust are being progressed.

The club's current pavilion is unable to cope with the increased demands placed upon it by a growing club. In recent years the club has built a second ground and increased its membership both male and female and young and old. It is looking to further expand not only in terms of playing but also in terms of practice, coaching and development. Indeed the intention is to become a centre of excellence for the development and growth of cricket. The proposed new facilities, which would replace a temporary portacabin, include 2 further main changing rooms, an officials changing room and a disabled toilet.

The club has strong links with schools and several local cricket based organisations. It has a long history being set up in 1881 but is looking to the future and has a development plan covering 2002-07.

Linton Youth Facility

Linton Youth Facility Project Group is a working party of the Linton Parish Council who are seeking £4,620 to provide 2 basketball/goal ends with markings on a disused tennis court at Linton recreation ground. The total cost of the project is £18,500. The majority of funding is in place through contributions from Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Police, the Youth Service, South Derbyshire Crime and Disorder Partnership and Linton Parish Council itself. In addition a further £1,000 is being sought from the National Forest Company.

The aim of the project is to provide the young people of Linton with a leisure facility which they can take ownership of and use and the choice of facility follows consultation with young people by the Youth Service as well as public meetings.

Church Road Car Park - Newhall

St Johns Parochial Church Council at Newhall are requesting £3,000 to purchase some land owned by the District Council adjacent to the church and turn it into a car park. The total cost of purchase and redevelopment is £12,000. At present the church council has funds of £2,000 towards the project and is looking to make an application to the Heritage Lottery fund for the remaining £7,000. There is also potential help in kind from Bridges Development dependant on them gaining planning permission for the old Horse and Jockey pub site.

The aim of the project is to open up the use of the Church premises by enhancing the car parking facilities. At the moment space is extremely limited which is putting off both existing and potential users and capacity for community development.

Restoration of Newhall Central Methodist Church

Newhall Central Methodist Church are seeking £18,000 to help restore and renovate their grade II listed building. This includes improving disabled access, levelling floors, improving WC facilities, installing new kitchen facilities, general refurbishment, installing a new heating system and a variety of exterior structural work.

The anticipated total cost of the projects is £330,000. They have £13,000 of their own funds and have raised £124,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, £17,500 from the Methodist Circuit and £3,800 from the Derbyshire Churches and Chapels Trust. They also anticipate attracting £68,500 from other Methodist funds. The different elements of the project have been prioritised and it is possible to stage the project according to available funds.

The overall aim of the project is to secure a building that is fit and equipped to serve the local community both for worship and community activity. The primary community activities envisaged are a luncheon club for the elderly, a live at home scheme and project work with schools particularly around heritage.

Citizens Connect Programme – South Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau

South Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau are looking for £4,975 to help set up their Citizens Connect Programme. This is a new IT initiative being phased in by Citizens Advice to enable CABx to provide an improved, modern service for clients and evidence of effectiveness for funders. It has different modules including a new record system (including case notes and statistics), information giving and advice guides.

The project is in a relatively early stage and although other funding sources have been identified no other funding is confirmed.. The total cost of the project is £19,900

Linton Brick Room

The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Linton and Castle Gresley are requesting £17,183 towards the refurbishment of the “Brick Room” which is a church owned community facility. The refurbishment includes renewing the roof and floor, rewiring, upgrading heating, refitting the kitchen and improving access.

The total cost of the project is £68,731. The church has raised £10,000 of its own funds plus £20,046 from WREN, £2,000 from Lloyds TSB, and £2,000 from the Francis Wyndham Foundation. They also have an application pending to the Community Fund.

The overall aim of the project is to provide the residents of Linton with an improved, modernised, accessible community facility and increase community activity particularly for the young, the elderly and those with disabilities.

Church Gresley Methodist Church - Adaptation of premises for the Disabled

The Church are requesting £2,000 for alterations to the church that will provide easy access for the disabled and elderly into all parts of the church premises. The total cost of the project is £35,000. Works include regrading of all exterior pathways and entrances, a toilet adapted especially for the disabled and an internal platform lift. The main community users of the building are a lunch club, the local school, a martial arts group, drama group, choirs and uniformed associations.

The church have raised £10,000 themselves and a further £19,000 from a variety of sources including Awards for All, Lloyds TSB Foundation, Methodist Church property fund and the Garfield Weston Foundation.

Work on the project has just started and is due for completion at the end of February, The original application was submitted prior to the last committee meeting but after the deadline to include in the committee cycle. An explicit deadline had not been issued at this juncture.