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Dear Member,

Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee - Monday, 14 January 2019

Please find enclosed the following document(s) for consideration at the meeting of the Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee on Monday, 14 January 2019 which was unavailable when the agenda was published.

Agenda No	Item
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7.	Savings Proposals - Reduction to the Community Initiative Fund – Appendix A (Pages 3 - 4)
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This paper is late as it was only agreed that the Committee should preview this proposal on 3 January

Yours sincerely

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To all members of the Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee

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Data on Community Initiative Funding (CIF)

This appendix provides a breakdown of CIF for the period 2015/16 – 2018/19 (to date). It focuses on the outputs and allocation of the fund but does not comment on its performance or impact, which will be considered as part of a separate review of the West Sussex Crowd in spring 2019. N.B. The data for 2018/19 set out in the table is as at 7 January 2019; the figures for CIF allocations and funding generated are constantly changing as funds are pledged and projects reach their targets.

Year	Allocations Breakdown	Total Available	Undersp ent CLCs	Successful projects	Overall Spend
2018/ 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIF £280,000 (£4k per member) Members' Big Society Fund transfer -£50,000 2017/18 rollover underspend – £23,067 	£353,067	TBC	30 (to date) – with funding from CIF (plus 2 projects funded totally by external funding) N.B. One round of CLC meetings remaining (Feb-Mar 2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £73,00 CIF actual spend to date (actual spend to completed projects) 13,000 CIF allocated to projects still crowd funding. Total spend from other funding sources: £118,000. Total spent on projects on West Sussex Crowd: £191,000
2017/ 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIF £280,000 (£4k per member) 16/17 rollover underspend and refunds £34,841 	£314,841	3 of 11 CLCs	159	£291,774
2016/ 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIF £426,000 15/16 rollover underspend – and refunds £49,532 In-year savings decision – 71,000 (reduction from £6k per member to £4k) 	£404,532	6 of 14 CLCs	248	£371,091
2015/ 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIF £426,000 14/15 underspend of £11,482 was not rolled over. 	£426,000	3 of 14 CLCs	217	£383,036

Key points

- CIF has seen a consistent underspend in the last four years, with a pattern of specific CLCs finding it challenging to allocate the Fund.
- The reconfiguration of CLCs from May 2017 (from 14 to 11 CLCs and from four to three meetings per year) has impacted on the number of successful applications. This could be a result of fewer funding rounds, impacting on organisations' ability to apply for funding at more frequent points throughout the year.
- There has also been an overall reduction in the number of applications received since the introduction of crowdfunding in April 2018, although this will be fully assessed at year end. It was anticipated that this new initiative might have such an impact at the start.
- In addition to the 29 projects on the West Sussex Crowd successfully funded by both CIF and external funders, there have been 3 projects fully funded by external sources (so not making any call on CIF).
- A full, detailed analysis of CIF allocations and spending patterns for the year 2018/19 will be provided as part of the review of the West Sussex Crowd later in the year. However it should be noted that this initiative is one that is based on projects reaching their full funding target rather than a contribution to a project total. So far there has been a success rate of just over 80% for projects that have pitched to the CIF through the West Sussex Crowd. As well as the £73,000 contributed by CIF, individuals, community organisations, local businesses and partners have also contributed £118,000 to local projects as part of the initiative.
- Currently 12 projects are live crowd funding on the system at a project value of £99,049, with £48,825 funding support already pledged to these by community backers. When these projects reach their totals they will be added to the overall crowd funding total.
- 45 projects are currently in the "ideas stage" ready for the next round of CLCs.