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15 February 2019

A meeting of the Worthing County Local Committee will be held at 7.00 pm on Monday, 25 February 2019 at Worthing Library, Richmond Road, Worthing, BN11 1HD

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Your local County Councillors



Paul High
Worthing West

Michael Cloake
Worthing Pier

Noel Atkins
Durrington and Salvington

Roger Oakley
Worthing East

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Northbrook

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Tarring

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Broadwater

Steve Waight
Goring

Invite you to come along to the Worthing County Local Committee

County Local Committees consider a range of issues concerning the local area, and where relevant make decisions. It is a meeting in public and has a regular 'talk with us' item where the public can ask questions of their local elected representatives.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Members of Worthing County Local Committee (CLC) are Mr Noel Atkins, Mr Michael Cloake, Mr Paul High, Mr Sean McDonald, Mr Roger Oakley, Mr Bob Smytherman, Mrs Elizabeth Sparkes, Mr Bryan Turner and Mr Steve Waight

2. Declarations of Interest

Members and Officers must declare any pecuniary or personal interest in any business on the agenda. They should also make declarations at any stage such an interest becomes apparent during the meeting. Consideration should be given to leaving the meeting if the nature of the interest warrants it. If in doubt contact Democratic Services before the meeting.

3. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 5 November 2018 (cream paper).

4. **Urgent Matters**

Items not on the agenda that the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.

5. **Update on Urgent Actions** (Pages 11 - 18)

The Committee are asked to note the Decision taken as an Urgent Action since the last meeting of the Worthing County Local Committee.

6. **Progress Statement** (Pages 19 - 20)

The attached document contains brief updates on statements of progress made on issues raised at previous meetings and other issues pertinent to Worthing.

7. **Community Hubs - Consultation Responses** (Pages 21 - 24)

Members are invited to consider the responses to the Consultation on Community Hubs.

8. **Dementia Friends presentation**

The Committee will receive a presentation on Dementia Awareness from the Worthing Dementia Friends Communities Coordinator.

9. **Community Initiative Funding (W08(18/19))** (Pages 25 - 58)

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The report summarises Community Initiative Funding Applications submitted via the West Sussex Crowd. The Committee is invited to consider the applications and pledge funding as appropriate.

10. **Talk With Us Open Forum**

Members of the Committee are asked to raise relevant issues of local significance for discussion and possible future agenda items. Members of the public are also asked to raise questions and are encouraged to submit more complex issues prior to the meeting to allow substantive answers to be provided.

11. **Authority School Governors (W09(18/19))** (Pages 59 - 66)

Report by Director of Education and Skills.

The Committee is asked to approve the nominations of Authority School Governors as set out in the report.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on 8 July at a venue to be confirmed. Members wishing to place an item on the agenda please notify Jack Caine via email:

jack.caine@westsussex.gov.uk or on 033 022 28941

To: All members of the Worthing County Local Committee

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Worthing County Local Committee

5 November 2018 – At a meeting of the Committee at 7.00 pm held at Worthing Library, Richmond Rd, Worthing BN11 1HD.

Present:

Mr High (Chairman) (Worthing West;), Mrs Sparkes (Cissbury;), Lt Cdr Atkins (Durrington & Salvington;), Mr Cloake (Worthing Pier;), Mr McDonald (Northbrook;), Mr R J Oakley (Worthing East;), Mr Smytherman (Tarring;), Mr Turner (Broadwater;) and Mr Waight (Goring;)

13. Welcome and Introductions

13.1 The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting and asked the Committee Members and Officers to introduce themselves.

14. Declarations of Interest

14.1 There were no Declarations of Interest from Members present

15. Minutes

15.1 RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16. Urgent Matters

16.1 The Chairman advised that a petition had been submitted to the Committee from a Parent Governor of the Thomas A. Beckett School. The petition had been received with over 650 signatories.

16.2 The Petition had called for better road safety around the school and was endorsed by both residents and staff at the school, including the Head teacher.

16.3 The Petition included the following detail:

"Petition to improve road safety on Wiston Avenue and St Lawrence Avenue, Worthing. We are worried about the safety of children as they make their way to and from Thomas a Becket Junior School in Worthing, West Sussex. We would like West Sussex County Council to take urgent action to protect our children as they cross Wiston Avenue and St Lawrence Avenue; which are both very busy and hazardous roads during rush hour. Signage is poor and needs to be replaced. We need:

- 1) Immediate cover for the School Crossing Patrol at Wiston Avenue until a new afternoon SCP person is recruited.*
- 2) The recruitment of a permanent afternoon School Crossing Patrol person at Wiston Avenue.*
- 3) Better signage at both crossing points to warn drivers that children are crossing.*
- 4) Flashing amber warning lights at both sites, which can be operated during school crossing times.*
- 5) Road markings to warn drivers that children are crossing."*

16.4 The Committee discussed measures that could be taken to mitigate the concerns the petition had raised, including how to best to fill the role of the SCP and how improvement works should be treated as a priority in the interest of safety.

16.5 In response to the comments raised by residents and the committee the Area Highways Manager advised he could contact the petition organiser with a detailed action plan and next steps to solve the issues. A further update would be provided at the following meeting.

17. Progress Statement

17.1 The Committee noted the progress statement (copy attached to the signed minutes).

17.2 Michael Cloake provided an update on the Worthing Growth plan, timelines and the work undertaken with Worthing Borough Council. The Chairman thanked Michale Cloake for the update.

18. Library Transformation Project

18.1 The Chairman welcomed Mr Russell Allen, Lead Manager for Library Services and Justin Burns, Worthing Library Manager, to the meeting to provide a presentation on Creating a Community Hub in Worthing.

18.2 The presentation provided detail on Council services being served in one location, opting for colocation to meet the needs of residents, integrating services under one roof.

18.3 The Committee were provided with detail on Public Engagement and Consultations and the responses received for the proposal.

18.4 It was advised that overall positive and supportive comments had been received on the concept of integration and safeguarding of essential preventative services. 77% of the public agreed with the proposals when contacted directly. 60% agreed when contacted online and over 82 comments and suggested improvements had been received.

19. Your Energy Sussex

19.1 The Committee received a presentation from David Edwards from the County Council's Energy Team on Your Energy Sussex (copy appended to the signed minutes).

19.2 David Edwards explained that the County Council had launched Your Energy Sussex in February to offer an alternative energy supplier to residents for gas and renewable electricity. It was estimated that an average household could save £300 per year if it switched to a fixed tariff.

19.3 Your Energy Sussex was not for profit, with surplus funds going towards fuel poverty funds. Locally generated energy was used and it was hoped to increase this over time.

19.4 In response to questions from the Committee it was advised that Officers were confident in steady growth, using low or no cost marketing to keep costs down. It was also advised that the scheme would invest in battery storage and renewable energy sources.

20. Update on Community Highways Schemes

20.1 The Committee considered the written update from the Area Highways Manager on Community Highways Schemes. Members noted that there were no CHS for the Worthing area and encouraged those in the Public Gallery to submit schemes for consideration.

21. Prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders 2018/19

21.1 The Committee considered the written report from the Director of Highways and Transport and Head of Highways and recommendation to agree to progress the 3 highest scoring TROs from the list attached at appendix A.

21.2 The Committee considered each TRO on its individual merit separately and debated the implications of each.

21.3 RESOLVED that, based on public support and the Local Members understanding and knowledge of the Local Traffic Issues, the following three Traffic Regulation Orders be progressed as a priority:

- Melbourne Road – DYLS to stop parking on junctions and protect footways – M 438149
- Salvington Hill – DYL north on the hill – M 438646
- West Parade – No Motorcaravans – M 437890

And

To write to the Cabinet Members for Highways and Infrastructure to advise that Worthing CLC strongly supports the proposed Northbrook TRO and, whilst noting that Worthing has no Community Highways Schemes, requests that the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure use one of his discretionary TROs to implement the Northbrook Scheme.

22. Worthing Sustainable Transport Package Study Update

22.1 The Committee received a written update from the Area Highways Manager on the Worthing Area Sustainable transport Package Feasibility Study.

22.2 The Committee noted the update and thanked the Officers for their work.

23. Community Initiative Funding

23.1 The Committee considered the report from the Director of Law and Assurance (copy attached to the signed Minutes).

23.2 The Chairman invited project managers that had attended the meeting to present their pitches to the committee. The committee considered each application on its individual merit together with the views and comments raised.

23.3 It was Resolved that the following pledges be made:

- a) 248/W – Friends of Heene Cemetery – pledge of up to £3,000 toward equipment including tree plaques and squirrel proof bird feeding stations.
- b) 252/W – Freedom Powerchairs – pledge of up to £3,000 toward a large trailer for use as a mobile workshop for mobility equipment.
- c) 250/W – Worthing Sea Cadets – pledge of up to £1,500 toward five new laptops subject to the project manager completing a fully satisfactory Community Initiative Fund Spacehive application.

The following application was refused:

- d) 246/W – Cycall Ltd CIC on the grounds that the project manager had not provided evidence of public liability insurance.

24. Talk With Us Open Forum

24.1 The Chairman invited questions and comments from members of the public. The following points were raised:

24.2 Worthing Borough Council were praised for their work on homelessness, however it was asked how the closure of Turning Tides could be justified, leaving up to 50 people without a bed. The Chairman advised that a decision had not been taken to close Turning Tides, a decision had been taken to review the arrangement in 6 months. It was further advised that any decisions to close or cut services by the County Council would be heavily scrutinised before they were taken.

24.3 It was further commented that the closure and cutting of public services could have unintended consequences and cost more in the long term.

24.4 Questions and concerns were raised over the Traffic Regulation Order prioritisation list and it was asked how the scoring system operated and how some had been given a low scoring.

24.5 A member of the public raised concerns that there were no Community Highways Schemes for the Worthing area. The public were advised that CHS must be submitted by members of the public and viable schemes would be supported by local members.

24.6 The Committee discussed at length with the public an issue at Worthing Sea front regarding long time parking of vehicles overnight, with the possibility of people living on the highway. The possibility of introducing a Traffic Regulation Order on the site to mitigate the problem was discussed and members considered the implications of using a TRO to address a social issue.

24.7 It was advised that the individuals who were understood to be parking at Worthing Sea front for extended periods had been approached by the West Sussex outreach Team to offer assistance.

24.8 Further concern was raised over the efficiency and validity of the Traffic Regulation Order Prioritisation Matrix and the allocation of the points. The highways Manager advised that if there were considerable issues with the scoring system these would be addressed.

25. Authority School Governors

25.1 The Committee considered a report from the Director of Educations and Skills (copy attached to the signed minutes). The report included a list of the current vacancies for Local Authority Governors in the CLC area.

25.2 Resolved that the following Authority School Governor nominations be approved:

- a. Cllr Sean McDonald Hawthorns Primary School for a four year term and
- b. Miss Rosemary Ellis to Heene CE Primary School for a four year term subject to the application documents being received by Cllr Michael Cloake.

26. Date of Next Meeting

26.1 The Chairman confirmed the next meeting of the CLC was scheduled for 25 February 2019 in Worthing Library.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

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Worthing County Local Committee**26th November 2018****Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies
URGENT ACTION.****Report by Director of Education and Skills****Ref:** W07 (18/19)**Key Decision:**
No**Part I****Electoral
Divisions: All in
CLC Area****Executive Summary**

The County Local Committee (CLC) duty regarding school governance is to stimulate interest and commitment to the governance of maintained schools and academies in the area and to identify and nominate suitable persons to serve as school governors on behalf of the County Council.

This report asks the Committee to make nominations of Local Authority Governors as outlined below.

Recommendation

That the nomination for appointment of the Local Authority Governor set out in Appendix A, be approved.

Proposal**1. Background and Context**

- 1.1 The function of the nomination of school governors to maintained schools and academies is delegated to County Local Committees (CLCs) because it enables local county councillors to maintain a valuable link with the schools and helps promote to the wider public the important role of school governors.
- 1.2 Local authority governors are nominated by the local authority but appointed by the governing body. The CLC can nominate any eligible person as a local authority governor, but it is for the governing body to decide whether their nominee has the skills to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school and meets any other eligibility criteria they have set. The duty of the CLC is therefore to identify and nominate suitable persons to serve as school governors for maintained schools and academies on behalf of the County Council. The CLC, as representatives of the local authority, should

make every effort to understand the governing body's requirements and identify and nominate suitable candidates. Without a CLC nomination a school is not able to appoint a Local Authority governor.

- 1.3 CLCs' delegated powers include the ability to appoint Authority, Community and Parent Governors to temporary governing bodies. Further changes are expected in due course in relation to temporary governing bodies.
- 1.4 CLCs also have the function to make nominations for the County Council to governing bodies of academies in accordance with either the funding agreement with the relevant government department or instrument of governance, as appropriate.

2. Nominations for Local Authority Governors

- 2.1 All county councillors are entitled to nominate for any school, although normal practice has dictated that the local county councillor's nomination can take precedence. County councillors should aim to familiarise themselves with the schools in their local area and are advised to consult the chairman of governors and/or head teacher concerning any local authority governing body vacancies.
- 2.2 The role of a governor can be complex as specific actions or ways of operating will vary depending on the type of school, its individual ethos and current circumstances. Governors provide the strategic leadership for schools alongside the head teacher. They should look to provide support and challenge for the school. Experience gained through a range of activities e.g. work, voluntary service or family life, where relevant, should be given equal consideration.
- 2.3 The 2012 Regulations (as amended) require that any newly-appointed governor has, in the opinion of the person making the appointment, 'the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school'. This could include specific skills such as an ability to understand data or finances as well as general capabilities such as the capacity and willingness to learn.
- 2.4 The following criteria are in place for the nominations of local authority governors:
 - i) governors are nominated on the basis of suitability and not in accordance with political party affiliations,
 - ii) applicants will not normally be nominated as local authority governors at a school if they are the husband, wife or partner of a permanent member of staff at that school,
 - iii) where the local authority appoints additional members to the governing body of a school identified by Ofsted as having serious weaknesses or requiring special measures, such governors will be appointed by the relevant Cabinet Member on the nomination of the

relevant Director since it is usually advantageous to bring in experienced governors from other areas

- iv) if a county councillor is appointed as a local authority governor, and either does not stand for re-election or does not retain the seat during the quadrennial County Council elections, his/her term of office will automatically end on 31 August next following the elections. A county councillor, who resigns his /her seat on the Council, will within 4 months of his/her resignation cease to be a local authority governor. In either case, he/she is, of course, eligible for re-appointment if nominated by a county councillor.

- 2.5 If there are more applications than vacancies this will be made clear in Appendix A. Any discussion of the relevant merits of the candidates will be discussed in Part II of an agenda, in the absence of the press and public. This should then not discourage any potential candidates from applying, knowing that any discussion of their application will occur in private session.

3. **Reappointments**

- 3.1 Details of local authority governors seeking nomination for reappointment are forwarded to the governing body chairman and to the local county councillor. These nominations automatically progress to the next CLC meeting for decision unless an objection is received from a member by the given closing date. The governing body would be asked for comments on the nomination, and an objection may be lodged on the grounds of poor attendance.

4. **Current Vacancies**

- 4.1 The current vacancies in the CLC area are detailed in Appendix B.
- 4.2 Information about the role of school governors is available on the County Council website via this link:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/information-for-governors/>

5. **Proposal**

That the Committee makes the nomination of Governors as set out in the recommendation above and Appendix A.

6. **Resources**

There are no resource implications arising from this decision as it is a nomination to a governing body.

Factors taken into account

7. Consultation

Local county councillors, head teachers and chairmen of governors have been consulted on all applications received. It is assumed that all are in support unless objections are received by Governor Services and/or the local county councillor.

8. Risk Management Implications

There may be a risk that on-going vacancies on a school governing body above a level of 25% will weaken its effectiveness.

9. Other Options Considered

County councillors can decide not to make a nomination to a governing body. They may defer an application if they require further information or consultation to enable them to come to a decision. In such a case the Governing Body cannot make an appointment.

10. Equality Duty.

The Equality Duty does not need to be addressed as it is a decision making an appointment or nomination to a governing body.

11. Social Value

None

12. Crime and Disorder Act Implications

None

13. Human Rights Implications

None

Deborah Myers

Director of Education and Skills

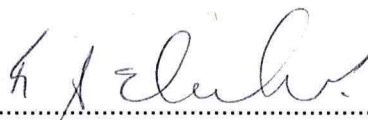
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Appendix A: Local Authority Governors - Appointments, Reappointments or Nominations

Appendix B: Current Vacancy List

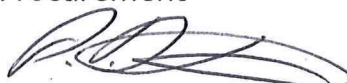
Background Papers: None.

Agreed



Katharine Eberhart

Director of Finance, Performance &
Procurement



Paul High

Chairman
Worthing County Local Committee

Action Authorised



Tony Kershaw

Director of Law and Assurance

Date

14/2/18

Local Authority Governors - Nominations Under the 2012 Regulations

Maintained Schools

Nominations for Appointment:

Elm Grove Primary School

Mr Matthew Young for a four year term

Authority Governor Vacancies for Worthing County Local Committee Area

School	Division	Division Member	Vacant From	Current Status	Chairman	Head
Chesswood Middle	Worthing East	Roger Oakley	12/09/2016	Outstanding	Simon Broadhurst	Andrew Jolley
Field Place Infants	Northbrook	Sean McDonald	01/03/2017	Outstanding	Richard Matthews	Theresa Alford
Springfield Infant	Broadwater	Bryan Turner	01/09/2015	Outstanding	Pawel Kosla	Mrs R Wycherley

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Worthing County Local Committee**25 February 2019****Progress Report**

Date received or Minute No/Ref:	Where issue was raised:	Subject:	Contact:
Nov 2018	TRO Prioritisation	Response from Cabinet Member	Jack Caine
Feb 2019 Update	Consultations between the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure and Highways Officers still ongoing. Meeting scheduled for 18 th February to discuss options. Further update to be provided at the Worthing CLC on the 25 February.		
Nov 2018	Talk with Us	Petition: Thomas A Beckett School crossing	Mike Thomas
Feb 2019 Update	Verbal update to be provided following receipt of the petition from a parent governor from the Thomas A Beckett School		

Community Hubs – Public Consultation Responses:

We are taking a fresh look at how we offer services to the Worthing community, including the library, children and family centre and registration services.

It was agreed that throughout this proposal we would ensure we worked with the community to address what they would want to see happen in their community. In August and September we asked the public how they felt about our proposals

From the feedback through the public engagement:

- 70% of online respondents agreed with bringing the Children and Family Centre into Worthing Library.
- 72% of online respondents agreed with bringing the 'Find It Out' Centre into Worthing Library.
- 69% of online respondents agreed with bringing in the Registration Services into Worthing Library.

Following this engagement a formal consultation was opened on the 29th October 2018 to the 10th December 2018 and the public were asked whether they agreed with the proposal.

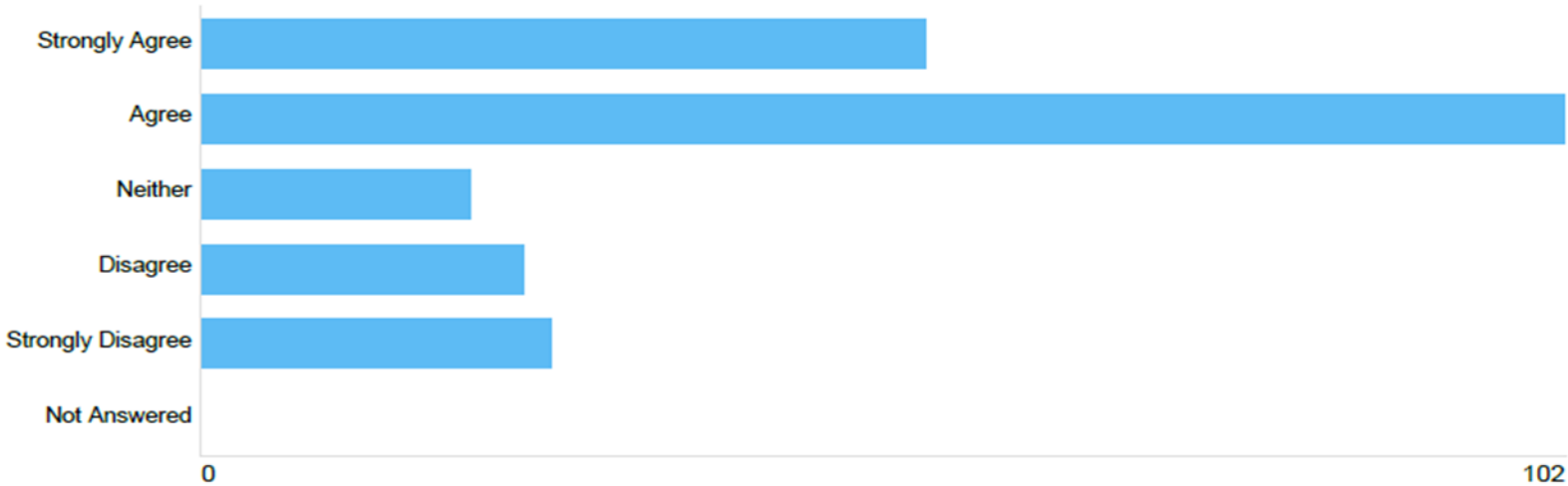
Questions:

We asked people to agree or disagree with the statement below. This was a different approach from the engagement where we asked numerous questions to get a sense of what the community would like to see.

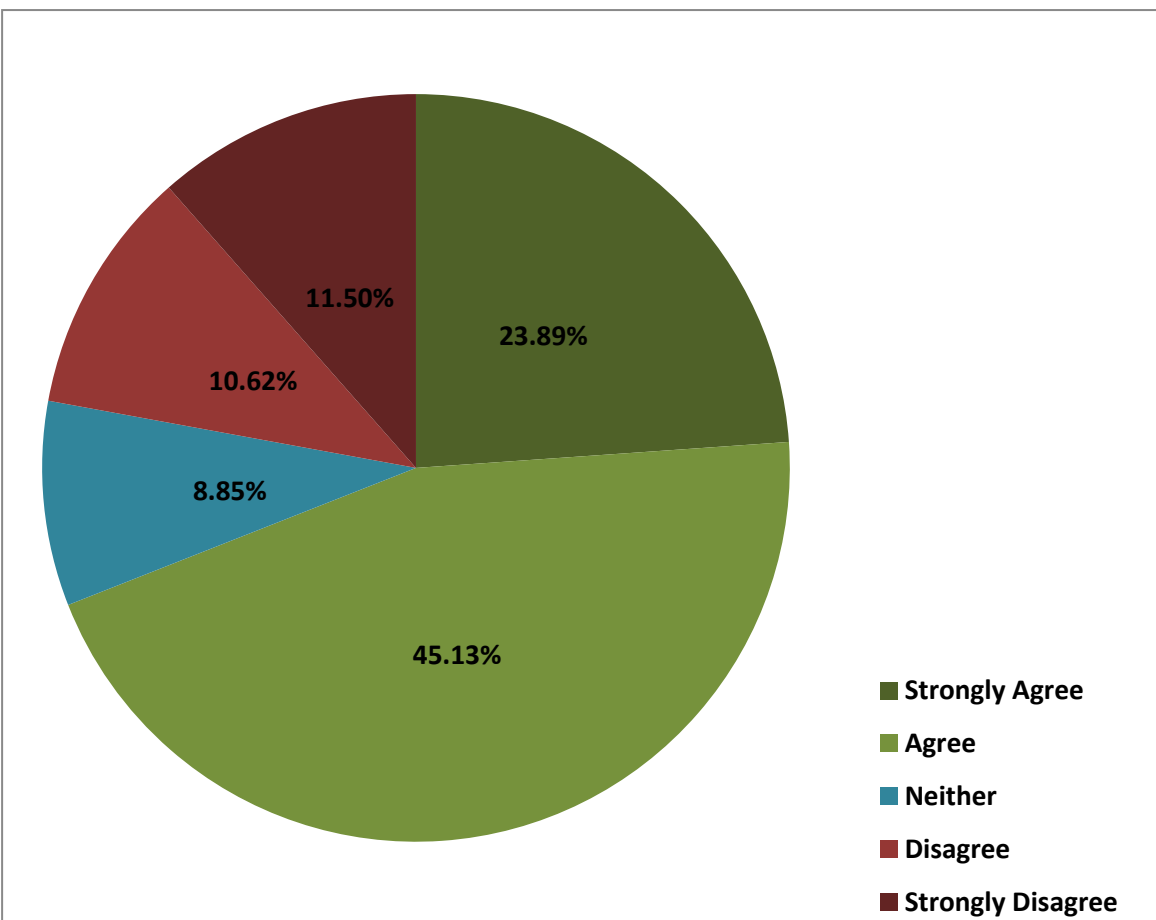
We would like to proceed with the proposal for moving services into Worthing Library. These include:

1. Children Services provided in Footprints Children and Family centre, Crescent Road, to Worthing library.
2. Youth services provided in Worthing Find it Out Centre to Worthing library
3. Registration services provided in Portland house to Worthing Library.

Strongly agree - strongly disagree



Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	54	23.89%
Agree	102	45.13%
Neither	20	8.85%
Disagree	24	10.62%
Strongly Disagree	26	11.50%
Not Answered	0	0%



- The online engagement which ran prior to the consultation only received 115 responses.
- We received a total number of 226 responses for this online consultation.

Issues and Concerns raised by the public:

- How will you manage the noise in the building?
- Please don't reduce the book stock too much
- Can there be a garden?
- Will there be zoning so everybody has their own space?
- Can you ensure that there is privacy for people registering a death
- Will there be parking available for any users? For example clinical staff
- Will there be space to be who you are if you are noisy or quiet?
- The name is not right. The public express concerns 'community hub' as this sounds busy.
Please note: these were all concerns that were also raised in the public engagement

Additional Comments

We received a number of comments on how we could adapt the space once these plans are in place. Although we put the drawings in as an indicative proposal some of the comments relate to the detail in these drawings. This was a known risk however a decision was taken that drawings were required for the public to be able to visualise the potential. Some of the opportunities have been highlighted below.

- Opportunities for the elderly
- Opportunities for volunteer groups
- Can the community be involved with the design
- Access to move council services
- Reading rooms
- Access to fareshare
- Don't use the words 'Kids'

These comments received portray a community that want to work with us to achieve the right outcome for them. There are also a number of comments received from staff.

Worthing County Local Committee**Community Initiative Funding****25 February 2019****Report by Director of Law and Assurance****Ref: DSO TO ADD
(18/19)****Key Decision:
No****Part I****Electoral Divisions:
All in Worthing CLC
Area****Recommendation**

- i) That the Committee considers the pitches made to the Community Initiative Funding as set out in Appendix A and pledge funding accordingly.

Proposal**1. Background and Context**

The Community Initiative Fund (CIF) is a County Local Committee (CLC) administered fund that provides assistance to local community projects. Bids should show evidence of projects which can demonstrate community backing, make a positive impact on people's wellbeing and support [The West Sussex Plan](#).

The terms and conditions, eligibility criteria and overall aim of the CIF have been agreed by all CLC Chairmen and these can be found on the County Local Committee pages of the West Sussex County Council website using the following link

http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/your_council/meetings_and_decision-making/county_local_committees/community_initiative_funding.aspx

For projects to be considered for funding they must upload their project idea to the West Sussex Crowd (www.westsussexcrowd.org.uk) funding platform and pitch to the Community Initiative fund.

2. Proposal

That the Committee considers the pitches to the Community Initiative Funding as set out in Appendix A.

Pledges can be considered in the preparation and fundraising stage. When considering pitches in the preparation stage decisions are subject to the applicant receiving full verification from locality and starting fundraising by the end of the financial year.

3. Resources

For the 2018/19 financial year, Worthing CLC had a total of £42,428.52 for allocation, of this £31,601.52 is still available for allocation. Details of awards made in the current program and previous financial year are included in Appendix B.

There are eight pitches for consideration by the Committee.

One pitch is in fundraising stage with a total project cost of £6,944.00.
One pitch is in fundraising stage with a total project cost of £5,030.00.
One pitch is in fundraising stage with a total project cost of £14,342.00.
One pitch is in fundraising stage with a total project cost of £3,197.00
One pitch is in fundraising stage with a total project cost of £12,359.00.
One pitch is in fundraising stage with a total project cost of £6,061.00.
One pitch is in fundraising stage with a total project cost of £5,918.00.
One pitch is in fundraising stage with a total project cost of £23,070.00.

These are outlined in Appendix A and can also be viewed at:
www.westsussexcrowd.org.uk

CIF is intended for applications up to £5,000.

Factors taken into account

4. Consultation

Before a project can be added to the West Sussex Crowded it must be eligible for the [Spacehive](#) platform and then before beginning crowd funding must be verified by [Locality](#). This involves inspecting the project to make sure it's viable and trustworthy. The Democratic Services Officer in consultation with the local County Councillor then preview all applications that have then gone on to pitch to the community Initiative fund to ensure they meet criteria.

District and Borough Council colleagues are consulted on whether applicants have applied to any funds they administer. In addition some CLCs have CIF Sub Groups that preview applications and make recommendations to the CLC.

5. Risk Management Implications

There is a risk in allocating any funding that the applicant will not spend some or all of it or that it might be spent inappropriately. Therefore the terms and conditions associated with CIF provide for the County Council to request the return of funds.

Projects that do not reach 95% of their funding target on The West Sussex Crowd within their project timescales, will not receive any funds. Any pledges made to unsuccessful projects will therefore be returned to the CLC CIF allocation and be detailed in Appendix B.

6. Other Options Considered

The Committee do have the option to defer or decline applications but must give valid reasons for doing so. If they defer a project they need to take into account the timescales for the project and whether a deferral would allow the CLC to pitch at the following meeting.

7. Equality Duty

Democratic Services Officers consider the outcome intentions for each application. It is considered that for the following applications, the intended outcomes would:

- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it; and
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

The CLC in considering any application should be alert to the need to consider any equality implications arising from the bid or the way the money is to be used if any are indicated in the information provided.

8. Social Value

The Community Initiative Fund's eligibility criteria requires applicants to explain how their project will support one or more of the County Council's priorities as set out in [The West Sussex Plan](#).

9. Crime and Disorder Act Implications

The applications for decision contain projects that will positively benefit the community and contribute toward the County Council's obligations to reduce crime and disorder and promote public safety in section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

10. Human Rights Act Implications

The County Council's positive obligations under the Human Rights Act have been considered in the preparation of these recommendations but none of significance emerges.

Tony Kershaw

Director of Law and Assurance

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Background Papers: None – all applications are available to view on www.westsussexcrowd.org.uk

Current pitches

The following projects have pitched to the Community Initiative Fund since the last meeting:

Actively Fundraising -

- **291/W – Home-Start, Arun, Worthing & Adur, Adur & Worthing Parenting Workshops, £6,944.00 – Towards venue hire and marketing costs.**
<https://www.spacehive.com/adur-and-worthing-parenting-workshops>
- *Project has also pitched to Adur CLC*
- **298/W – East Worthing Community Centre, New soft play surface at E W Comm Centre, £5,030.00 - To extend the existing soft play area surrounding the building.**
<https://www.spacehive.com/new-soft-play-surface>
- **301/W – We Are FoodPioneers, Food for conversation in Worthing, £14,342.00 - To fund cookery sessions, space hire and marketing costs.**
<https://www.spacehive.com/food-for-conversation>
- **325/W - Worthing Phil Orchestra 70th anniversary, Worthing Philharmonic Orchestra, £3,197.00 - Towards purchasing a stage extension.**
<https://www.spacehive.com/worthing-phil-orchestra-70th-anniversary>
- **326/W – Friends of Downsbrook, Friends of Downsbrook Forest School, £12,359.00 - Towards building a 'forest school' for pupils and dedicated cabin for the community.**
<https://www.spacehive.com/fods-downsbrook-forest-school>
- **328/W – Tide of Light, Planet Plastic – Schools Workshops, £6,061.00 - Towards the cost of running 8 recycling workshops for school years 2 to 5.** <https://www.spacehive.com/planetplastic>

- **333/W – Worthing Dementia Action Alliance, Dementia Friendly Adur and Worthing, £23,070.00 - Towards promotional leaflets and materials. <https://www.spacehive.com/dementia-friendly-adur-and-worthing>**

**Project has also pitched to Adur CLC*

- **334/W – Friends of Homefield Park, Homefield, Worthing People's Park, £5,918.00 - Towards delivering community workshops and producing park info boards. <https://www.spacehive.com/homefield-worthing-peoples-park>**

In Preparation –

There are currently no pitches in preparation stage

Community Initiative Funding: Summary for 2018/19 and 2017/18

The following applications have received funding during the **2018/19** financial year to date:

Applicant	Summary	Requested	Awarded	Member	Evaluation
198/W - Worthing Mental Health Awareness Week	Towards costs for a mental health awareness workshop	NA	£327	Bob Smytherman	Feedback received
200/W – Tide of Light – The Big Make	Towards workshop costs	NA	£2,500	Paul High	No feedback received
238/W – Halloween Half Term Fun Day	Towards holding event to fundraise for disabled children and adults	NA	£500	Michael Cloake	No feedback received
248/W – Conservation progress at Heene Cemetery	Towards purchasing tree plaques and squirrel-proof bird feeding stations	NA	£3,000	Michael Cloake	No feedback received
250/W - Update IT with new laptops	Towards purchasing five new laptops enabling Cadets to access training material and coursework	NA	£1,500	Bryan Turner	No feedback received
252/W – Community support workshop	Towards purchasing a larger trailer for use as a mobility repair workshop	NA	£3,000	Roger Oakley	No feedback received

To note: The following applications received funding but subsequently failed to successfully reach their fundraising target. The funds will be carried over and available for reallocation by the Worthing CLC.

- 199/W – Worthing Veterans Drop-In Centre, £500 – Towards equipment costs for the centre.
- 202/W – Community Mobile Workshop, £3,000 – Towards purchasing a horsebox trailer to convert into a mobile workshop for mobility aid repairs.

The following applications received funding during the 2017/18 financial year:

Applicant	Summary	Requested	Awarded	Member	Evaluation
8/W Sussex Martlets Trampoline Club	New equipment	£2,000.00	£2000.00	Roger Oakley	
10/W Worthing Area Community Responder group	Towards the purchase of a defibrillator and uniform	£2,044.00	£2044.00	Paul High	
11/W Chatsmore Catholic High School	To use student's artwork to create 2 stained glass windows	£4,500.00	£4500.00	Michael Cloake	
35/W Worthing Town Football Club	Towards the purchase of a goal package	£2,520.00	£2520.00	Sean McDonald	
85/W Engage	Towards a Springboard Project	£2,896.85	£2896.85	Sean McDonald	
98/W The Sand Project	Towards equipment for SEND business	£3,448.44	£3448.44	Paul High	
102/W Yada	A Project	£4,604.90	£4,604.90	Paul High	
105/W The Empty Plate	Towards training programme	£2,385.00	£2,000.00	Paul High	
127/W Worthing Children's Parade	Towards supporting the parade	£5,000.00	£685.82	Michael Cloake	
146/W Worthing Counselling Centre	Towards improving the counselling centre	£5,000.00	£4,500.00	Elizabeth Sparkes	
154/W Superstar	Towards Resources for	£1,624.00	£600.00	Bob Smytherman	Feedback received

Arts	Worthing Carnival				
157/W Goring Little Fishes Pre School	Towards a sensory zone	£5,000.00	£4,999.99	Paul High	
171/W Findon Valley Residents' Association	Towards community enhancement garden	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	Elizabeth Sparkes	

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Worthing County Local Committee Community Initiative Fund application



CLC Reference: 291/W

Local Councillor: Paul High

Status: Fundraising Stage

Project Cost: £6,942.00 (as found under crowdfunding goal total)

Project Title: Adur & Worthing Parenting Workshops

About:

A 1-day pop-up event for local parents to develop their skills - 'Being a parent is hard work. You can read all the books you like but until you are a parent, you find out not everything is textbook.'

Adur & Worthing Parenting Workshops will be a 1-day event for parents with a child under 7. It will provide parents with some of the skills and tools to support their parenting and help give their child(ren) the best possible start in life.

'You can have all the money in the world and the highest IQ, but can never predict how your baby will be' - Parent in Bognor Regis.

Each interactive session will be 45 mins and include a question & answer section. Parents can choose two topics from five key sessions. These sessions will be:

- * Play
- * Wellbeing
- * Sleep
- * School Readiness
- * A Parent and Child Activity

These fun and interactive sessions will help local mums and dads to:

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- * Develop tools and skills to improve their child(ren)'s wellbeing as well as their own
- * Interact with their child(ren) during play, including ideas around creative, low or no-cost activities.
- * Understand how to help progress their child(ren)'s development
- * Engage with other parents

Project Delivery Manager: Home-Start Arun, Worthing & Adur

About me:

Home-Start Arun, Worthing & Adur is a charity that supports local families going through tough times, such as relationship breakdowns, feeling isolated, poor mental health, low self-esteem, a parent or child's disability, multiple births, bereavement or children with challenging behaviour. Our aim is to help parents give their child(ren) the best possible start in life.

We offer a unique home-visiting service by our trained volunteers. Each volunteer is carefully matched by a Home-Start Organiser to a family, based on their parenting/life experience and skills. Volunteers meet with their family 2-3 hours a week for an average of 6-9 months.

Over the last two years we supported: 273 families & 572 children. Our annual impact report demonstrates the outcomes. We collect feedback from parents, referrers and volunteers.

Our 17/18 impact report demonstrated that (of the parents who reported):

- * 95% were more involved with their child's development
- * 95% felt less isolated
- * 89% said their own emotional health and wellbeing had improved.
- * 96% said their children's emotional health and wellbeing had improved.
- * 88% had improved self-esteem
- * 97% said they felt more able to manage their child's behaviour

As an established grass roots charity of 18 years, we understand the challenges families can face in our communities. Referrals come from health visitors, midwives, Children and Family Centres, as well as self-referrals, which have increased in the last year. We currently cannot support 1 in 5 families referred to us due to a lack of resources.

For the families we support, we are often their only direct help as thresholds for statutory services constantly increase, they do not receive help from the state. If we were not able to provide this service, families would be left to struggle by themselves, not able to improve the situation for their children and resulting in children falling behind with personal, educational and social development. Through our work we empower parents to develop strategies to better manage their own lives, and prevent a state of crisis occurring.

Website: <http://www.home-startarun.org.uk/>

Why we're pitching for a pledge:

This project will build community & give parents access to parenting skills and tools to better their child's development at a critical age.

What we'll deliver:

- Provide a day of interactive and practical sessions around parenting and wellbeing
- A fun and practical way for parents to develop their parenting skills

Why it's a great idea:

Home-Start believes that mums and dads are the first and most important influence on their child's development and future outcomes. Interactions that take place in the home environment have more influence on a child's future achievement than innate ability, material circumstances or the quality of early years or school provision. This is why we meet with parents and their child(ren) in the home. The role that mums and dads play in supporting their child's development is key to making a difference in their children's outcomes. This project will give local parents access to local professionals to learn practical skills to help their child's development as well as improve their own wellbeing. They will also be able to meet with other parents and carers. Home-Start believes that this project will help parents to give their child(ren) the best possible start in life. The day will also help parents identify if they would like extra support from Home-Start.

Steps to get it done:

- Securing Sessional Trainers
- Securing a venue
- Release session information
- Marketing the event

Home-Start is registered charity (1132416) that works in Arun, Worthing & Adur to support families who are going through tough times. We receive funding for our core work from the Big Lottery, Children In Need and other local and national grants. We have been established in the local community for 18 years and have a working knowledge and partnership with Children & Family Centres and other local organisations such as My Sisters House, Coastal Mind and Social Services.

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Worthing County Local Committee Community Initiative Fund application



CLC Reference: 298/W

Local Councillor: Roger Oakley

Status: Fundraising Stage

Project Cost: £5,030.00 (as found under crowdfunding goal total)

Project Title: New soft play surface at E W Comm Centre

About:

We would like a continuation of the soft play area around the building, particularly for the pre-school who play outside daily, as required by OFSTED.

We will find out if we've got planning permission for the project in the coming weeks. If we don't get it, then the campaign will be cancelled and no pledges will be collected.

Improvements to the outside of the building benefit all the users of the centre. This surface would make it safer for the children to play on, the current uneven concrete surface is unforgiving if children fall over while playing. The new safety surface, like a playground in a park, has the advantage of allowing rain water to soak through, leaving no residue or puddles, hence reducing the chance of anyone slipping over. A lot of work has recently been carried out by the pre-school to make the garden area a pleasant place to sit or play and this addition would complete it.

Project Delivery Manager: East Worthing Community Centre

About me:

Website: <http://east-worthing-community-centre.mfbiz.com/>

Why we're pitching for a pledge:

EWCC plays an important role in the community. We need this to improve our facilities & to provide the best experience when using the centre.

What we'll deliver:

- Safety Surface- Wet Pour Area of 51m2 supplied and fitted

Why it's a great idea:

The centre is a hub that is open to the community for all types of events and for those occasions when using the outside area, this safety surface has got to be a huge improvement to the facilities that we offer.

Steps to get it done:

- Having an open day to show the completed project

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Worthing County Local Committee Community Initiative Fund application



CLC Reference: 301/W

Local Councillor: Bob Smytherman

Status: Fundraising Stage

Project Cost: £14,342.00 (as found under crowdfunding goal total)

Project Title: Food for conversation in Worthing

About:

We are fundraising to help us start up a series of facilitated group conversations as part of indoor and outdoor social cookery in Worthing sharing food, making new friends and reducing isolation.

Food for Conversation is a programme of regular social cookery events that seeks to bring people together over a good plate of food to have meaningful conversations while making new friends. In the past we have run cookery events with people in sheltered housing, a young group of adults with additional needs, and with groups of people from across Worthing. We are now looking to add an element of facilitated group conversation, bringing people together to share their experiences and thoughts on particular topics of conversation such as childhood, locality, friendships as well as wider issues that concern us in our daily lives such as food poverty, health and communal support structures.

Project Delivery Manager: We Are FoodPioneers

About me:

Website: <http://www.foodpioneers.org.uk>

Why we're pitching for a pledge:

This project is vital for locals in a deprived neighbourhood in Durrington to reduce social isolation and contribute to dietary well-being.

What we'll deliver:

- Run two pilot Food for Conversation sessions in Worthing and Durrington in April and May 2019
- Run ten facilitated Food for Conversation sessions from June to March 2020
- Produce a set of materials to support facilitated group discussions
- Offer breakout sessions at different venues across Worthing as an outcome of this project

Why it's a great idea:

Similar projects such as Table Talk and Soup have shown that there is a need for people to join together to make meaningful connections over a good plate of food. By facilitating conversations throughout our social cookery sessions we are able to give participants the opportunity to share their thoughts on particular subject matters, recover personal as well as place specific histories and also share worries and issues they might face. We hope to integrate local support services into the conversations in the longer run to ensure that problems voiced can be addressed both in the local neighbourhood as well as in the wider communal circle.

Steps to get it done:

- First Food for Conversation pilot April 2019
- Project Finish March 2020

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Worthing County Local Committee

Community Initiative Fund application



CLC Reference: 325/W

Local Councillor: Bryan Turner

Status: Fundraising Stage

Project Cost: £3,197.00 (as found under crowdfunding goal total)

Project Title: Worthing Phil Orchestra 70th anniversary

About:

This is our 70th Anniversary concert to involve a brand new piece of music commissioned by us and we are to be joined by two adult choirs and a primary school choir.

The Worthing Philharmonic Orchestra convened in 1948 and had it's first concert in March of 1949. This concert, to take place on 23rd March 2019 marks our 70th anniversary almost to the day. Given our history of working other local community music making groups we have commissioned a brand new piece of music, which is now completed, and is scored for 2 adult choirs and a primary school choir. The choirs joining us are The Worthing Choral Society, Boundstone Chorus and Sompting Village Primary School Choir. The world premiere of this new piece (The Line is Immaterial: A Worthing Oratorio) will involve over 200 performers and is based on historic characters connected with Worthing. The second half of the concert will be a performance of the monumental Beethoven 9th symphony and again include the choirs.

Project Delivery Manager: Worthing Philharmonic Orchestra

About me:

Website: <http://www.worthingphil.co.uk/>

Why we're pitching for a pledge:

This is a major project to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the WPO involving two adult choirs and a primary school choir.

What we'll deliver:

- Allows adult choirs to perform with a full sized symphony orchestra, under a world class professional conductor.
- Allows 60+ primary school children to perform with a full sized symphony orchestra performing under the same conductor
- Allows the local community to experience the works, and performers by coming to hear the concert.

Why it's a great idea:

It is rare for the Beethoven 9th symphony to be performed in a municipal town the size of Worthing and very unusual for a brand new work to have been commissioned to celebrate the musical life of our local community singers, and players, and be based on the town itself. With over 200 performers, aged from approximately 6 to 86 it can be seen that this is very much an all-embracing community project. It is hoped that at least 400 supported will come and hear us in our audience. Clearly to put on such a demanding programme we also engage the service of a world call professional conductor, a leader, the composer, the chorus-master and 4 young 'up and coming' soloists for the last movement of the Beethoven 9th symphony.

Steps to get it done:

- The successful performance of the concert on 23rd March 2019
- Hopefully, gain positive approval of the performance by the use of a feedback system after the concert

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Worthing County Local Committee Community Initiative Fund application



CLC Reference: 326/W

Local Councillor: Bryan Turner

Status: Fundraising Stage

Project Cost: £12,359.00 (as found under crowdfunding goal total)

Project Title: Friends of Downsbrook Forest School

About:

The idea is to develop a Forest School and community cabin at Downsbrook Primary School to ensure that children and members of our community have regular, long-term access to the natural environment.

The Friends of Downsbrook want to develop a Forest School and community cabin in an established wild area. The area has some mature trees along with younger copses that were planted with Woodland Trust saplings. We are tripling the size of the area and have successfully applied to Tree Appeal for a further 100 trees. A parent who runs Meadow View community garden nursery wants to develop links and provide us with shrubs and plants. The Probation Service's Community Rehabilitation team and volunteer parents have already cleared the area of excessive brambles and ivy. We are now ready build a dedicated cabin for the community. It will be used as a hub for disseminating environmental ideas, developing collaborative community environmental projects and act as a free local meeting place in a natural setting. The cabin will also be a base for the school's Forest School activities; ensuring a dry space for protective clothing, equipment and tools and be a 'bolt-hole' in severe weather.

Project Delivery Manager: Friends of Downsbrook

About me:

Website: <http://www.downsbrook.org>

Why we're pitching for a pledge:

The facilities at Downsbrook Primary School need to be opened up so that local people can experience the joy of Forest Schools.

What we'll deliver:

- A Forest School cabin for community use
- A Forest School area for community use

Why it's a great idea:

It is great idea because it will have an environmental impact through developing collaborative projects. We are already linked with projects planting native trees in the South Downs National Park, the re-routing and restoration of Broadwater Brook, the conservation of the White hair letterstreak butterfly and working with a local community garden nursery. Having a new community base will result in more environmental collaboration. We know children from Downsbrook and other local schools and nurseries will have unforgettable experiences that may encourage a lifelong interest in the environment. In an evaluation of school off-site Forest School work, pupils said; "I don't like it, I love it! Forest School lets you do stuff that your parents won't let you do with them and it lets you be yourself." "I like Forest School because it is adventurous and fun and muddy and you can do new stuff. It is learning but it feels like playtime. It feels funny and really good, even if you get wet".

Steps to get it done:

- Level cabin base and lay electric cable (February)
- Build cabin (March)
- Plant 100 trees (March)
- Paint cabin (April)
- Fit out cabin (May)
- Invite local groups to opening event (June)

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Worthing County Local Committee Community Initiative Fund application



CLC Reference: 328/W

Local Councillor: Michael Cloake

Status: Fundraising Stage

Project Cost: £6,061.00 (as found under crowdfunding goal total)

Project Title: Planet Plastic – Schools Workshops

About:

Delivering more Schools Recycling workshops across Worthing using STEM activities and Arts to educate Year 2 - 5 about the plastic crisis and potential solutions.

We are asking for funding to continue with the in Recycling education series our Schools Team have been delivering, this year. So far in 2019 we have taught over 240 children the importance of recycling and the impact plastic use is having on our planet. We look at the animals impacted by pollution and global warming, and what we can do to help the crisis. Year 2 - 5 children are learning about how to recycle in the home and make better choices as consumers. If we are funded the next sessions will also be developed to include an exciting science based experiment using sound and light to encourage children to think about using STEM in different ways to tackle recycling. We have developed the sessions in line with the school curriculum and each child makes a sea bird out of waste plastic to take home as a reminder of the issue.

Project Delivery Manager: Tide of Light

About me:

The Tide of Light community group is a membership organisation made up of approximately 25 members from across the community. We deliver a whole range of arts and education activities, including a Children's Lantern parade, Community Art events and in schools workshops.

We held the first event in 2013 which was the first children's lantern parade in the town of Worthing, West Sussex. The turnout on the night highlighted a demand for an autumn family friendly evening event. The turnout in year 1 was over 3,000 and 5 years later in 2017 official Sussex Police estimates came in at 40,000 people in attendance. The event itself has now won 3 awards, for Best Community Event at our local business awards in 2014, 2016 and 2017, and this year the Tide of Light team won the Chris Copsey More Radio Award for outstanding commitment to the Community.

Website: <http://www.tideoflight.co.uk>

Why we're pitching for a pledge:

We would love to continue the great work started by Rampion Funding. We have an expert team, schools and children raring to go! Please help!

What we'll deliver:

- School education sessions - up to 480 children

Why it's a great idea:

Our schools workshops over the years have now benefitted over 1040 students. This year we have been able to work with recycling and science experts to develop a really engaging session. This says it all: "I am so cross right now, with the people putting plastic in our ocean. It has to stop right now." (Karen, age 7) The uptake has been positively and warmly received and we have now delivered across 4 local primary schools. We currently have 8 schools waiting to go dependent on funding, and are committed to delivering these sessions in line with the schools and curriculum needs. We know that the kids gain a lot from learning through engaging activities and we are super excited to develop this with our science expert, Zach Walker from MAKEamplify to help kids understand the power of science in tackling earth's greatest problem. Zach will work in an engaging way to help kids understand the molecular structure of plastic and the role of sound waves in breaking down plastics.

Steps to get it done:

- School Workshops - Summer Term x 4
- School Workshops - Autumn Term x 4
- Evaluation - Winter 2019

Our sessions are also supported by volunteers who are able to help facilitate the sessions and gain experience in an educational setting. Our official volunteer partner is Worthing College and we know that volunteering improves your health and wellbeing, the quality of your life, and increase your skills, experience and employment prospects. We are committed to offering quality volunteering experiences.

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Worthing County Local Committee

Community Initiative Fund application



CLC Reference: 333/W

Local Councillor: Bob Smytherman

Status: Fundraising Stage

Project Cost: £23,070.00 (as found under crowdfunding goal total)

Project Title: Dementia Friendly Adur and Worthing

About:

We want to deliver pop up dementia hubs across the borough of Worthing and district of Adur in prominent locations such as day centres, GP surgeries, libraries, churches etc.

The aim of the pop up hubs is a one stop shop information point for local residents, their carers and anyone else affected by or with an interest in dementia. The hubs will be placed in locations such as Worthing Library, St Lawrence Surgery, Southdown Leisure, Impulse Leisure, Worthing Hospital, Worthing Town Centre and Drumconner Care Home.

The hubs are supported by a coordinator and someone from local organisations such as Carers Support West Sussex, Alzheimer's Society, Guild Care, Dementia Assessment Services, Carers and people living with dementia who are all part of the Worthing Dementia Action Alliance.

The hubs are an opportunity for people to find out information if they don't know where else to go or may not have the resources to find out about local day services or support groups.

Project Delivery Manager: Worthing Dementia Action Alliance

About me:

The Worthing Dementia Alliance has been in existence for 5 years since its first conception in 2013, when the social action group was formed by several different national and Worthing based charities and has been led on a voluntary basis by likeminded people who want to make a difference for people living with dementia and their carers who live in and around the Worthing area.

The Alliance has bi-monthly open community meetings in different public spaces across the area. Anyone interested in making changes for people affected by dementia (PABD) can attend. The matters and actions that are raised by this group meeting are then transferred to the alliance steering group which consists of a group of PABD, carers and health and social care professionals from third sector, statutory services and the local private sector. These actions will then be addressed and reported back to the alliance meetings at the following meeting.

Some of the things achieved over the past 5 years have been:

- A website as well as social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram)
- Stagecoach buses becoming dementia friendly
- Southdown leisure hosting dementia friendly events
- Over 40 businesses and organisations have joined the Alliance and are actively working towards becoming dementia friendly

Website: <http://www.dementiafriendlyworthing.org>

Why we're pitching for a pledge:

Run by volunteers, with assistance of NHS & charities our vision is to create a dementia friendly community for people living with Dementia.

What we'll deliver:

- A one stop information point for independent information about all forms of dementia and the services available.
- An opportunity for people to talk in a non-clinical setting about their experiences.
- We can support people to identify services they may need and help them access these services by referring them directly

Why it's a great idea:

A non-clinical, friendly informative supportive service for absolutely anyone to access in a relaxed informal setting.

Steps to get it done:

- Provide at least 2 pop up hubs each month across Adur and Worthing and create new Dementia Friends at regular sessions.

We'll be working with over 40 dementia friendly partners from the public, private and voluntary sectors to deliver these pop up hubs. We will identify key areas across Adur and Worthing that give easy access for people to visit whether they intend to come and speak to us or happen upon us. Worthing has trialled some pop up dementia hubs in Worthing Library, St Lawrence Surgery and Southdown Leisure and these have highlighted the need for them to happen more frequently across a wider area. The coordinator will use some of the allocated time to visit local dementia services, community events and Alliances to ensure the pop up hubs are kept current and deliver new information at each one that is relevant to people affected by dementia.

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Worthing County Local Committee Community Initiative Fund application



CLC Reference: 334/W

Local Councillor: Roger Oakley

Status: Fundraising Stage

Project Cost: £5,918.00 (as found under crowdfunding goal total)

Project Title: Homefield, Worthing People's Park

About:

A bright & engaging trail around Homefield Park, Worthing. Community codesigned boards inspiring physical & mental wellbeing, exercise, show the history of the park and encourage community connection.

We want to work with our community through workshops and online engagement to gather stories, pictures and information about the park to co-design a trail of accessible, fun, informative and inspiring boards on the following themes:

- > Self - to use the park to improve mental and physical health (e.g. a beginners 'mindfulness in parks' activity as well as information about the Active Trail and the range of health and fitness features in the park, inc tennis courts, outside gym, circuit trail and community gardening
- > Community - describing the rich history of the park as a community space, pictures and stories from the park from opening in the late 1800s through to more recent history as well as information about current community activities (regular bird walks, tree walks, litter picks and gardening opportunities)

> Environment - ecology, flora and fauna within the park as well as our impact on the global environment.

Project Delivery Manager: Friends of Homefield Park

About me:

We are a group of local residents and volunteers who meet monthly to plan events such as the Autumn tree walk, Easter egg hunt and litter-pick, Ghost hunt and litter pick, gardening days, play days and community picnics, history events and more. Over the 10 years we've existed we've worked with funders and the council to get new playground equipment and have supported in planning for the skate park, tennis courts, basketball court and more. We support the Haven community garden where we grow vegetables, fruit and hold workshops and events. We have been consulting with our community to understand what local people want to see in their park and to encourage new people to join, share their hopes and work with us to improve and enjoy the park as a community!

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at East Worthing Community Centre - newcomers always welcome!

Website: <https://friendsofhomefieldparkworthing.co.uk/>

Why we're pitching for a pledge:

We've existed on a shoestring - this funding would help us engage the community - improving the self, community and environment.

What we'll deliver:

- A collection of 6 information and inspiration boards around the park
- Volunteer activity: conduct visitor survey, talk to visitors about volunteering and to assess the impact of boards
- Face to face and online co-design of boards: memory, photo and info gathering and input into design

Why it's a great idea:

Worthing's first municipal park (originally 'the People's Park') has always been a space to connect to the community, exercise and experience nature - things which we know impact on our health and wellbeing. 50% of the people we spoke to use it weekly or more. As a group of volunteers we have achieved a lot on a small budget - we would like to use these funds to reach out to the full park community. The communities who use the park include children and families (playground, school commute), teenagers and young adults (skate park, shelter, basketball court) tennis players, football players, runners, gardeners- dog walkers as well as the hospital, nurseries, schools and residential homes around the park. There is a large Filipino community who use the park who hold events in the park. This park-wide conversation and boards will increase

connection to the park, use of the space for exercise, mindfulness and increase volunteer and community attendance at events.

Steps to get it done:

- 2 x community workshops conducted
- 1 x online engagement conducted
- Photos, media and information collated for boards
- RHS Wisley consultant support provided to ensure info is accessible and enjoyable
- Graphic designer designer layout of boards
- Printing of graphics and specialist make-up of signs
- Community day to fit signs with Subway EPOS, volunteers and Parks team from A&WC
- Visitor survey conducted and data collated

This is step one in a series of planned projects which begins to establish the community voice in the park, ensuring people feel the park is theirs, recognising the value that the space provides and nudging people to take a step further in prioritising their own health and wellbeing (at no cost) throughout the park. Also encouraging people to increase their sense of neighbourhood, attachment to the park and it's history and becoming involved with the friends-of group to support in running events, litter picks, bird and tree walks and picnics. We are also working with A&W Council to apply for Green Flag Status which will allow us to reach more people and further improve the park - as well as secure Homefield Parks place as a crucial town centre space for exercise, reflection and community connection. This funding and the resultant project would help us to achieve this. Future projects we're working towards include: a signposted 'Sea to Downs' route, an 'all ages' playground and more!

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Worthing County Local Committee**25th February 2019****Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies****Report by Director of Education & Skills****Ref:
(W09(18/19))****Key Decision:
No****Part I****Electoral
Divisions: All in
CLC Area****Executive Summary**

The County Local Committee (CLC) duty regarding school governance is to stimulate interest and commitment to the governance of maintained schools and academies in the area and to identify and nominate suitable persons to serve as school governors on behalf of the County Council.

This report asks the Committee to make nominations of Local Authority Governors as outlined below.

Recommendation

That the nominations for appointment and reappointment of Local Authority Governors set out in Appendix A, be approved.

Proposal**1. Background and Context**

- 1.1 The function of the nomination of school governors to maintained schools and academies is delegated to County Local Committees (CLCs) because it enables local county councillors to maintain a valuable link with the schools and helps promote to the wider public the important role of school governors.
- 1.2 Local authority governors are nominated by the local authority but appointed by the governing body. The CLC can nominate any eligible person as a local authority governor, but it is for the governing body to decide whether their nominee has the skills to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school and meets any other eligibility criteria they have set. The duty of the CLC is therefore to identify and nominate suitable persons to serve as school governors for maintained schools and academies on behalf of the County Council. The CLC, as representatives of the local authority, should make every effort to understand the governing body's requirements and identify and nominate suitable candidates. Without a CLC nomination a school is not able to appoint a Local Authority Governor.

- 1.3 CLCs' delegated powers include the ability to appoint Authority, Community and Parent Governors to temporary governing bodies. Further changes are expected in due course in relation to temporary governing bodies.
- 1.4 CLCs also have the function to make nominations for the County Council to governing bodies of academies in accordance with either the funding agreement with the relevant government department or instrument of governance, as appropriate.

2. Nominations for Local Authority Governors

- 2.1 All county councillors are entitled to nominate for any school, although normal practice has dictated that the local county councillor's nomination can take precedence. County councillors should aim to familiarise themselves with the schools in their local area and are advised to consult the chairman of governors and/or head teacher concerning any local authority governing body vacancies.
- 2.2 The role of a governor can be complex as specific actions or ways of operating will vary depending on the type of school, its individual ethos and current circumstances. Governors provide the strategic leadership for schools alongside the head teacher. They should look to provide support and challenge for the school. Experience gained through a range of activities e.g. work, voluntary service or family life, where relevant, should be given equal consideration.
- 2.3 The 2012 Regulations (as amended) require that any newly-appointed governor has, in the opinion of the person making the appointment, 'the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school'. This could include specific skills such as an ability to understand data or finances as well as general capabilities such as the capacity and willingness to learn.
- 2.4 The following criteria are in place for the nominations of local authority governors:
 - i) governors are nominated on the basis of suitability and not in accordance with political party affiliations,
 - ii) applicants will not normally be nominated as local authority governors at a school if they are the husband, wife or partner of a permanent member of staff at that school,
 - iii) where the local authority appoints additional members to the governing body of a school identified by Ofsted as having serious weaknesses or requiring special measures, such governors will be appointed by the relevant Cabinet Member on the nomination of the relevant Executive Director since it is usually advantageous to bring in experienced governors from other areas

- iv) if a county councillor is appointed as a local authority governor, and either does not stand for re-election or does not retain the seat during the quadrennial County Council elections, his/her term of office will automatically end on 31 August next following the elections. A county councillor, who resigns his /her seat on the Council, will within 4 months of his/her resignation cease to be a local authority governor. In either case, he/she is, of course, eligible for re-appointment if nominated by a county councillor.
- 2.5 If there are more applications than vacancies this will be made clear in Appendix A. Any discussion of the relevant merits of the candidates will be discussed in Part II of an agenda, in the absence of the press and public. This should then not discourage any potential candidates from applying, knowing that any discussion of their application will occur in private session.

3. Reappointments

- 3.1 Details of local authority governors seeking nomination for reappointment are forwarded to the governing body chairman and to the local county councillor. These nominations automatically progress to the next CLC meeting for decision unless an objection is received from a member by the given closing date. The governing body would be asked for comments on the nomination, and an objection may be lodged on the grounds of poor attendance.

4. Current Vacancies

- 4.1 The current vacancies in the CLC area are detailed in Appendix B.
- 4.2 Information about the role of school governors is available on the County Council website via this link:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/information-for-governors/>

5. Proposal

- 5.1 That the Committee makes the nomination (s) of Governors as set out in the recommendation above and Appendix A.

6. Resources

- 6.1 There are no resource implications arising from this decision as it is a nomination to a governing body.

Factors taken into account

7. Consultation

- 7.1 Local county councillors, head teachers and chairmen of governors have been consulted on all applications received. It is assumed that all are in support unless objections are received by Governor Services and/or the local county councillor.

8. Risk Management Implications

- 8.1 There may be a risk that on-going vacancies on a school governing body above a level of 25% will weaken its effectiveness.

9. Other Options Considered

- 9.1 County Councillors can decide not to make a nomination to a governing body. They may defer an application if they require further information or consultation to enable them to come to a decision.

10. Equality Duty.

- 10.1 The Equality Duty does not need to be addressed as it is a decision making an appointment or nomination to a governing body.

11. Social Value

- 11.1 None

12. Crime and Disorder Act Implications

- 12.1 None

13. Human Rights Implications

- 13.1 None

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Appendix A: Local Authority Governors - Appointments, Reappointments or Nominations

Appendix B: Current Vacancy List

Background Papers: None.

Local Authority Governors - Nominations Under the 2012 Regulations

Nominations for Reappointment:

Nominations for Appointment:

Chesswood Junior School

Mrs Stephanie Lewis for a four year term

Academies:

Nominations for Reappointment:

Durrington Infant and Durrington Junior School Federation

Mr John Daughtrey for a further four year term

Nominations for Appointment:

Temporary Governing Bodies

Nominations for Reappointment:

Nominations for Appointment:

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Authority Governor Vacancies for Worthing County Local Committee Area

School	Division	Division Member	Vacant From	Current Status	Chairman	Head
Chesswood Junior	Worthing East	Roger Oakley	12/09/2016	Forwarded to the CLC	Simon Broadhurst	Andrew Jolley
Field Place Infants	Northbrook	Sean McDonald	01/03/2017	Outstanding	Richard Matthews	Theresa Alford
Springfield Infant	Broadwater	Bryan Turner	01/09/2015	Outstanding	Pawel Kosla	Mrs R Wycherley
St Andrew's C.E. High School for Boys	Worthing	Bryan W. Turner		Outstanding		
Hawthorns Primary School	Northbrook	Sean McDonald	01/06/2018	Outstanding	Kevin Hawkes	Kathy Offer

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