

## Joint Eastern Arun County Local Committee

### Community Initiative Funding

19 June 2018

### Report by Director of Law and Assurance

Ref: EA01 (18/19)

Key Decision:  
No

Part I

Electoral Divisions:  
All in Joint Eastern  
Arun 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 supporting one or more of The Five Ways to Wellbeing - a set of evidence-based actions which promote people's wellbeing. They are: Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give.

The terms and conditions, eligibility criteria and overall aim of the CIF have been agreed by all CLC Chairmen and they, along with details of the Five Ways of Wellbeing, 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](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](http://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 will 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, Joint Eastern Arun CLC has a total of £27,677.63 for allocation. Details of awards made in the last year are included in Appendix B.

There is 1 new pitch for consideration by the Committee with a total project cost of £38,732.00. This pitch is in the preparation stage, and is outlined in Appendix A. It can also be viewed at: [www.westsussexcrowd.org.uk](http://www.westsussexcrowd.org.uk)

CIF is intended for applications upto £5,000.

## **Factors taken into account**

### **4. Consultation**

Before a project can be added to the West Sussex Crowd 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 legitimate. The Democratic Services Officer, in consultation with the local County Councillor, will preview all projects that have then gone on to pitch to the Community Initiative Fund to ensure they meet the 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 pitches 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.

### **6. Other Options Considered**

The pitching process asks for information about whether a project could proceed if the organisation only received 90 per cent of the funding applied for. The CLC is invited to take this into consideration in deciding the level of any award.

The Committee do have the option to defer or decline pitches but must give valid reasons for doing so.

### **7. Equality Duty**

Democratic Services Officers consider the outcome intentions for each pitch. It is considered that for the following pitches, 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 pitch 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 criteria for the Community Initiative Funding asks applicants to evidence support for one or more of the Five Ways to Wellbeing - a set of evidence-based actions which promote people's wellbeing.

## **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.

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**Background Papers:** Pitches are available to view on [www.westsussexcrowd.org.uk](http://www.westsussexcrowd.org.uk)

**Current Pitches**

The following projects have pitched to the community initiative fund since the last meeting:

Actively Fundraising

**There are currently no pitches actively fundraising**

In Preparation

- **224/JEAAC Burpham Village Hall and Recreation Ground, £38,732.00**  
– **Towards new playground equipment and surfacing.**  
<https://www.spacehive.com/burphamplayground>

## Appendix B

### Community Initiative Funding: Summary for 2017 – 2018

The following applications have received funding in the 2017/2018 financial year.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Awarded</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>
<b>12/JEAAC</b> -Sister Sarah Productions Ltd	Towards connecting old and young through storytelling and dance	Deborah Urquhart	£2,500	Evaluation received.
<b>19/JEAAC</b> Ferring Retirement Club	To extend Patterson's Walk.	Roger Elkins	£2,500	No evaluation form received yet. Due to the increase in width needed for access the cost of this project has increased.
<b>31/JEAAC</b> Men's Shed Findon	Towards establishment of a Men's Shed, start-up costs.	Deborah Urquhart	£2,500	No evaluation form received yet. However the local member has visited.
<b>41/JEAAC</b> Worthing Women's Aid	Towards equipping the Amber House drop in centre	Ian Buckland	£1,567	No evaluation form received yet.
<b>45/JEAAC</b> - Littlehampton Museum	Towards Taking Littlehampton Museum's collections out to the community.	Ian Buckland	£1,500	No evaluation form received yet.
<b>86/JEAAC</b> - Arun Access Group	Mobile external marketing equipment	Ian Buckland	£645.00	No evaluation form received yet.
<b>88/JEAAC</b> - Rustington Platinum Social Club	Towards Purchasing a vehicle	Daniel Purchase	£2500.00	No evaluation form received yet.
<b>91/JEAAC</b> - The Wickbourne Centre	Towards Community Event Kit	Ian Buckland	£2500.00	No evaluation form received yet.
<b>100/JEAAC</b> - Equine Partners CIC	Towards developing fundraising capacity	James Walsh	£2,470	No evaluation form received yet.

<b>112/JEAAC – 1<sup>st</sup></b> Preston Scout Group	Towards an ISO container	Roger Elkins	£1,712	No evaluation form received yet.
<b>113/JEAAC –</b> Arun and Chichester Citizens Advice	Towards promoting Amber House	Ian Buckland	£1,800	No evaluation form received yet.
<b>117/JEAAC –</b> Home-Start Arun	Towards training	CLC General	£362.50	No evaluation form received yet.
<b>186/JEAAC –</b> Angmering village Preschool	Towards Forest School Training	Deborah Urquhart	£1,312.98	No evaluation form received yet.
<b>190/JEAAC –</b> Angmering in Bloom Association	Towards Angmering Conservation Area Historical Map	Deborah Urquhart	£888.00	No evaluation form received yet.