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Andrew Barrett-Miles  
Chairman, Environment, Communities  
and Fire Select Committee

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Via Email

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Dear Andrew,

**Savings Proposals – Community Initiative Fund**

Thank you for your Committee's recommendation below on the Community Initiative Fund at the meeting on 14 January 2019.

**Recommendation**

That the Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities postpone her decision until after the review of the West Sussex Crowd has concluded in the Spring; and that any CLC underspending this year is not put back into the County Council's reserves but is carried over to next year's CLCs' funds.

I advise that the proposed reduction to the budget for the Council's Community Initiative Fund from £280,000 per year to £140,000 per year will be included in the Governance Committee review of County Local Committees in the Spring of 2019. The implementation of these savings will be delayed until the review has been completed. Any in-year underspend in the Community Initiative Fund will not be rolled forward into the budget for 2019/20 but be used to mitigate savings required for 2019/20 in front line service areas whilst alternative funding sources are explored.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debbie Kennard".

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