

## **Analysis of West Sussex Crowd Statistics with comparison against previous year**

This paper looks at the figures for approved applications for Community Initiative Funding. 'Approved' in this context refers to 2017-18 applications that received a grant from a County Local Committee (CLC), and 2018-19 projects that received a grant from a CLC and were also successful on the West Sussex Crowd. The figures therefore represent applications where West Sussex County Council funds have been allocated.

For clarity, there will be approved grants for the end of 2018-19 where the projects are still crowdfunding and so it is not currently known if the project will be a success. These applications have been included as it was felt it would be unfair to disregard them.

In addition to the above clarification, some approved applications for 2017-18 (6 in total) have been removed from this comparison document as they were led by members who were not re-elected in the 2017 elections. It would not have been a fair comparison to include additional members in the figures.

The figures below look at the total number of approved applications, the number of applications each member personally has supported, and the average number of applications per each member (based on the total for each CLC).

### **CLC Total Approved**

| <b>2017-18</b>   |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>CLC</b>       | <b>Total Approved</b> |
| North Mid Sussex | 9                     |
| Adur             | 10                    |
| North Chi        | 11                    |
| South Chi        | 13                    |
| JEAAC            | 13                    |
| Chanctonbury     | 13                    |
| Worthing         | 13                    |
| North Horsham    | 15                    |
| JWAAC            | 17                    |
| Crawley          | 18                    |
| Central & South  | 21                    |
|                  | <b>153</b>            |

| <b>2018-19</b>   |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>CLC</b>       | <b>Total Approved</b> |
| North Mid Sussex | 3                     |
| JEAAC            | 6                     |
| North Chi        | 6                     |
| North Horsham    | 6                     |
| Adur             | 8                     |
| Chanctonbury     | 8                     |
| JWAAC            | 8                     |
| South Chi        | 9                     |
| Central & South  | 11                    |
| Crawley          | 11                    |
| Worthing         | 14                    |
|                  | <b>90</b>             |

This shows that the total approved maximum per CLC is similar for both platforms, but that the West Sussex Crowd model has lower figures per CLC.

## Number of approved applications per member

| <b>2017-18</b>     |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Number of approved | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| Number of Members  | 1        | 2        | 2        | 8        | 15       | 11       | 25       | 11       |
| Percentage         | 1.33     | 2.67     | 2.67     | 10.67    | 20.00    | 14.67    | 33.33    | 14.67    |

| <b>2018-19</b>    |          |          |          |          |          |  |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| Number approved   | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |  |
| Number of Members | 3        | 6        | 20       | 20       | 24       |  |
| Percentage        | 4.11     | 8.22     | 27.40    | 27.40    | 32.88    |  |

This shows a reduction in applications per members, and a reduction in the mode average of applications per member from 1 to 0.

This reduction in modal average is likely linked to the reduced figure for total approved applications and the fact that this is the first year for the West Sussex Crowd and members/public will need time to understand the new approach compared to the previous system.

## CLC Average per member

| <b>2017-18</b>   |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| CLC              | Average per Member |
| Worthing         | 1.30               |
| North Mid Sussex | 1.50               |
| South Chi        | 1.63               |
| North Horsham    | 1.67               |
| Adur             | 1.67               |
| Crawley          | 1.80               |
| JEAAC            | 1.86               |
| JWAAC            | 2.13               |
| North Chi        | 2.20               |
| Central & South  | 2.33               |
| Chanctonbury     | 2.60               |

| <b>2018-19</b>   |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| CLC              | Average per Member |
| North Mid Sussex | 0.50               |
| North Horsham    | 0.67               |
| JEAAC            | 0.86               |
| JWAAC            | 1.00               |
| Crawley          | 1.10               |
| South Chi        | 1.13               |
| North Chi        | 1.20               |
| Central & South  | 1.22               |
| Adur             | 1.33               |
| Worthing         | 1.40               |
| Chanctonbury     | 1.60               |

This shows that Committees such as Chanctonbury have maintained a high average of applications per member. Worthing has improved in rankings moving

to the West Sussex Crowd. North Mid Sussex has remained low for both platforms.

## **Conclusion**

Looking at the figures the main focus is that there has been a reduction in the total number of approved applications. As this is the first year for the West Sussex Crowd, this was to be expected. The number is still encouraging, and is only 63 less than the previous year. Work should continue to improve the number of approvals. Proposals to address this could be discussed as part of the Select Committee outcomes; such as member training, public events, etc.

Statistically high performing Committees have not seen a significant reduction in performance with numbers fairly consistent for both years. Joint Eastern and North Chichester have shown reductions in total approved applications for the West Sussex Crowd and therefore this should be looked into.