

Community and Leisure Capital Grant Request (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

For members to consider requests for capital grants from Barton St David Village Hall and Playing Field Charity Committee and Sparkford Cricket Club.

Public Interest

Awarding grants is a key way that SSSC supports and helps to deliver community projects sponsored by parishes and voluntary community organisations in the towns and villages across Area East.

Background

Community and Leisure Capital Grant applications are considered twice a year in June and December. The next opportunity to consider applications will be at the Area East Committee meeting in December 2015.

Requests from community organisations for non-capital works are restricted to small grants with the upper limit of £1,000. A minimum amount of £100 has also been agreed. Capital projects requiring grants of between £500 and £1,000 can be dealt with at any time and are subject to Ward Member agreement.

Appendices A and B show the standard grants conditions used by SSSC and the policies under which all applications are assessed

Recommendations

- 1) That Members agree a contribution of £1,570 (5% of the total project costs) from the Community & Leisure Capital Budget to Barton St David Village Hall and Playing Field Committee towards pay area improvements, subject to the standard conditions set out in Appendix A.
- 2) That Members agree a contribution of up to £2,500 (47% of the total project costs) from the Community & Leisure Capital Budget to Sparkford Cricket Club towards the refurbishment of the Pavilion kitchen & toilet facilities, subject to the standard conditions set out in Appendix A.

Barton St David Village Hall and Playing Field Committee – Play Area improvement

Barton St David Playing Field Committee has applied for a grant towards installing 5 new pieces of equipment to extend the existing play area.

Parish Precept information

Parish	Barton St David
Parish population	561 (based on 2011 Census)
No. of Households	230
Precept 15/16	£6,515
Band D Charge 14/15	£28.18

The Project

The 2009 Parish Plan identified the need for more youth facilities, in particular those for older children aged 7 plus. The existing play area has a limited number of pieces of equipment; the majority of which were installed in 1990, with the most recent update being in 2003. A shortfall in play and community hall provision was identified by SSDC which has enabled a contribution from recent development in the village.

This scheme will provide 5 new dynamic pieces of equipment to benefit the full range of children from 0 to 18 and to update the safety matting to the existing swing. Advice on the equipment and on maximising benefit and reducing risk has been given by the Community Health and Leisure team.

The project has been assessed against the agreed criteria and the following scores apply.

	Score	Maximum score
A Eligibility	Y	
B Target Groups	5	7
C Project	4	5
D Capacity of Organisation	13	15
E Financial need	5	7
F Innovation	2	3
Grand Total	29	37

Projects scoring above 22 points are eligible for SSDC support under the current policies.

Funding Sources	% Funding of Total Scheme Cost	Amount of Funding	Status
Parish Council	9%	£2,843	Secured
Own Funds	5%	£1,518	Secured
Developer Contribution (Section 106)	32%	£10,278	Secured
SSDC (Area East)	5%	£1570	Applied for
Local fundraising	1%	£100	Secured
Viridor	48%	£15,350	Secured
Total Scheme Cost	100%	£31,659	

A good range of funders have been identified including some funds secured as a result of recent development in the village. A number of conditions were applied to the release of the developer contributions and so it is not deemed necessary to apply additional conditions to this award. All other funding is secure and the project is ready to be delivered. Area East has been asked to be the 3rd party funder to enable the release of the Viridor funding.

Sparkford Cricket Club – Pavilion (kitchen, store, toilet) refurbishment

Sparkford Cricket Club Committee have applied for a grant towards the renovation and refurbishment of the club's pavilion kitchen, storage area and ladies toilets.

Parish Precept information

Parish	Sparkford
Parish population	617 (based on 2011 Census)
No. of Households	274
Precept 15/16	£4,978
Band D Charge 14/15	£20.56

Sparkford Cricket Club has been visited by Environmental Health as part of their routine food hygiene inspection programme. The inspection report found the food preparation area inadequate, highlighting concerns around general maintenance, kitchen standards and food handling.

These facilities have been historically well run by a team of trained volunteers but due to sickness and volunteer retirement these facilities have slipped in recent years. The report and inspection, although a shock to the clubs volunteer based committee, it has been seen as a positive, helping them to develop a pavilion improvement plan looking at all of the key facilities. Using this as a catalyst for change, the club have increased their fund raising activities and are committed to improving standards once again within the club.

With the cricket season upon them and the need to provide low risk refreshments for their volunteers, players (adult & youth) and visiting teams, the club are in need of support and within a short time scale due to forthcoming fixtures and the need to invite environmental health back in for an update food hygiene inspection. The grant support would provide the club with new modern, safe facilities to serve refreshments for club users for years to come.

The project has been assessed against the agreed criteria and the following scores apply.

	Score	Maximum score
A Eligibility	Y	
B Target Groups	3	7
C Project	5	5
D Capacity of Organisation	13	15
E Financial need	3	7
F Innovation	3	3
Grand Total	27	37

Projects scoring above 22 points are eligible for SSDC support under the current policies.

Funding Sources	% Funding of Total Scheme Cost	Amount of Funding	Status
Parish/Town Councils	10%	£500	Applied for
SSDC	47%	£2,500	Applied for
Own Funds	14%	£730	Secured
Clarks Foundation	29%	£1,500	Applied for
Total Scheme Cost	100%	£5,230.00	

A good range of funders have been identified including some funds secured as a result of recent Club fund raising activities within the parish.

Financial Implications

If Members agreed the recommendations set out in the previous item there is currently £25,000 unallocated within the Community & Leisure Capital budget. If Members agree

the above recommendations, a sum of £20,930 would be available for allocation in December.

Corporate Priority Implications

Both projects help to 'maintain and enhance the South Somerset network of leisure and cultural facilities, optimising opportunities for external funding to promote healthy living.'
(Focus Four: Health & Communities)

Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

Providing local access to a range of activities and services reducing the need to travel which therefore reduces carbon emissions.

Equality and Diversity Implications

Both projects help enhance accessibility for all. In each of the three projects the Neighbourhood development officer has advised the community groups to obtain an access audit for the venue, providing them with expert advice on how to make their community facility more accessible and user friendly.
