

REPORT TO CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM MEMBERS

Title: Applications for funding from Local Priorities budget 2012 -13
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Summary

1. This report relates to one proposal for funding from the Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF Local Priorities devolved budget for 2012/13 and is subject to the County Council agreeing that this budget should continue in 2012/13.
2. Applications received should be evaluated against the priorities agreed by the Local Area Forum (LAF) in it's Local Area Plan. This report seeks agreement to allocate funding from the LAF's Local Priorities budget to enable the projects to be implemented.
3. The projects and amount requested are as follows:

Project	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Renovation and Replacement of Playground equipment – The Lee Parish Council	£700	£700
TOTAL	£700	£700

Recommendation

4. **Members of the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum are invited to agree that funding from the Local Priorities budget be allocated to the project listed in section 3 above for the full amount.**



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Background

Renovation and Replacement of Playground equipment – The Lee Parish Council

- 5 This proposal was received too late to be considered for the 2011-12 local priorities budget but has a deadline by which the funding has to be agreed. The applicant has been informed that the LAF may not consider the application at all because of the desire to evaluate a critical number of applications at one time. The proposal is from The Lee Parish Council and is for the renovation and replacement of playground equipment at The Lee as well as expanding the provision as part of commemorating the Diamond Jubilee. There are no other play facilities for younger children in the area.
- 6 The estimated total cost for playground renovation and new equipment is £20,000 plus £500 for legal fees (**Total £20,500**). The Parish Council is applying for SITA Trust funding of £17,800, is contributing £750 itself, has a private donation of £500 and £750 from the Parish Hall Committee. (**Total = £19,800**). The LAF funding applied for of £700 would give the project the required amount.
- 7 The reason the Parish Council cannot wait until the next LAF meeting in May is that they need to have their basic funding agreement in place by the end of January in order to apply for the SITA funding which is awarded on a multiplier principle i.e.9.5 times the base.
- 8 In terms of meeting the Local Priorities Budget funding criteria, the proposal:
 - a. contributes to one of the local area priorities, namely: “More activities and facilities for young people”;
 - b. The project has already secured matched funding of £2,000 and is applying to SITA for the lion’s share.
 - c. The project has the support of parents in the local community.
9. As this project meets one of the local priorities, will provide a better play facility in a rural location where little else for this age group is available, and the amount will lever much bigger funding, I recommend it receives funding from the LAF at the full amount.

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