

REPORT TO CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM MEMBERS

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

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Electoral divisions affected: Chess Valley, Chesham East, Chesham North West, Chiltern Ridges

Summary

1. This report relates to ten proposals for funding from the Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF Local Priorities devolved budget for 2012/13 which is £54,584.
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 in section 5 to be implemented. Section 6 shows those projects already funded this financial year, leaving a remaining budget of **£38,499** to be allocated.

Recommendation

3. 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 projects listed in section 5 below.

4. I have recommended a smaller amount for the CAB application so that we can stay within budget. With respect to transportation schemes, all transportation schemes are described at the end of this report and those in section 5 are recommended on the basis that they all meet the local priority of "Highways and Road Safety", have received high prioritisation by the individual Town or Parish Council and a high score against TfB criteria.



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5. The projects and amounts involved are as follows:

Community Projects	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Elmtree School Sensory Garden	2000	2000
Citizens Advice Bureau – outreach work	3400	3348
Chesham Walkers are Welcome - Food Trail	500	500
Total	5900	5848

£38,499 – £5848 = £ 32651

Transportation Schemes	Score	Amount recommended
Latimer PC – Botley Road Bus Shelter	3.1	5426
Chesham TC – Fullers Close Grasscrete (priority 2)	2.6	15425
Chesham TC – Feasibility design for Fullers Hill/Germain St flooding improvements (priority1)	2.5	10000
Latimer PC – Latimer Camp Road Grit bin	2.4	450
Chesham TC - one grit bin	2.1	450
Cholesbury PC – St Leonards Grit bin (priority 1)	1.9	450
Chartridge PC – Cogdells Lane, Chartridge	1.7	450
Total		32651

6. Projects already funded by the Local Area Forum this financial year are:

Project	Amount recommended
Building Community Capacity Project	8200
Pond Park Health and Community Fair	425
Rafe’s Place at Chesham Youth Centre	1510
Chesham Events Group - Chesham Jubilee Celebrations	2000
Chesham Asian Welfare Group – Commonwealth Festival	2000
Movers and Shakers Chesham Asian (and other BME)	1950
Men’s Health and Wellbeing Project	
TOTAL	16085

Background

Elmtree School Sensory Garden

7. This project is the design, creation and ongoing maintenance of a stimulating and beautiful sensory garden for the Elmtree community. “Elmtree school is situated in an area of social deprivation characterised by high unemployment and a large Asian community many of whom originate from the poorer, illiterate areas of Pakistan. Access to learning for many families is limited by language, culture and/or funds. The majority of children at the school have limited outside space at home for play and exploration”. The school is also a centre of excellence for supporting children with special needs.

8. The school wants to provide it’s pupils and the wider community with an inspirational outside space by landscaping a piece of scrub land adjacent to the school that they have just leased

from Paradigm Housing. The lease is initially for 10 years and Paradigm have indicated that renewal should not be a problem.

9. Costs

Item or activity	Total cost £	Funding requested from the Local Area Forum
Legal fees	200	0
Clearing and fencing	3000	0
Hard landscaping	10000	2000
Labour	8000	0
Plants, swing, musical instruments	6000	0
Total:	27200	2000

10. In terms of meeting the Local Priorities Budget funding criteria, the proposal:

a) Meets three of the local priorities, namely “Activities for Young People” , “Strengthen links with the Asian community” and “Protection of the environment and green spaces”.

b) The school has been busy securing match-funding from a variety of sources: the PTA £1,500 + monies from the May fair; £500 from local councillor’s community leader’s fund, Paradigm £2345; £10,000 from the school fund; and they have applied to several other funding sources.

c) Once the garden has been built, the maintenance will be through volunteers from the community and they have already started to draw up this list.

11. I recommend this project is funded because it meets three of the local priorities and will be a visible enhancement to the community’s environment.

Citizens Advice Bureau – outreach work

12. Many vulnerable people, the elderly, the young, new parents and those with disabilities are not aware that they are able to seek help to improve their lives; or know how or where they could get help; or are too worried or fragile to make the first step. These people would probably be better off if they sought the services of the free holistic advice offered by the CAB. There are a lot of worrying changes happening to welfare benefits over the next 12 months and CAB want to help the vulnerable to understand how the changes will affect them and how they can help them access all the benefits and services they are entitled to.

13. Citizens Advice Bureau want to extend their outreach services to offer access to CAB advice at different centres in the Chesham and Chiltern Villages area; centres which currently do not have a service but where people who need them are not able to access them for a number of reasons. They are proposing to offer workshops at established Church Groups, at Children’s Centres to address Child Poverty in the area, to elderly groups who find changes confusing and are otherwise isolated and at other meetings of Carers, advocates and disabled groups. Also, through the Neighbourhood police service they can access young people/school leavers who are unemployed, and through the fire service they can access vulnerable people who may be in crisis during an extended cold spell next winter. CAB will also raise the awareness of their service amongst Health Professionals as 60% of people who are in debt suffer from a stress related illness.

14. Costs

Item or activity	Total cost £	Funding requested from the Local Area Forum
Project worker + travel/parking	3250	3000
Specialist referrals	1500	
Laptop	350	200
Software	50	
Publicity (materials only)	200	200
Management/ovhds	1250	
Total	6600	3400

15. In terms of meeting the Local Priorities Budget funding criteria, the proposal:

- a) Meets two of the local priorities, namely “Young People” and “Older or vulnerable People”.
- b) Match-funding is available from the CAB itself.
- c) The project will mobilise volunteers to help deliver the outreach service.

16. I strongly recommend that this project receives funding because it will help to get vital information to the vulnerable and elderly and is complimentary to the “Building Community Capacity” work. Moreover, the imminent changes to welfare benefits make this project even more important. However, because the CAB can access other funding streams and we have applications over and above the total budget figure, I recommend a reduced amount of £3348 is awarded.

Chesham Walkers are Welcome - Food Trail

17. This proposal is about publishing a walking route which takes in a number of local food producers and/or retailers in and around Chesham and local villages (e.g. Hazeldene Farm, Chiltern Ridge). The aim is to boost the local economy and also to get local people and visitors out walking, both for health and to appreciate the beauty of the Chilterns. The trail leaflet will be available both in printed form and as a web download. Other leaflets produced by the group have had over 600 hits each on the Chesham Town Council Website alone (the group does not have figures for the Chiltern AONB website) and close on 4000 of each printed leaflet have been distributed.

18. The application is for £500 towards total design and printing costs of £1600.

19. In terms of meeting the Local Priorities Budget funding criteria, the proposal:

- a) Meets two of the local priorities, namely: “Investment in the revitalisation of the town centre and villages” and “more activities for young people”.
- b) Match-funding has been applied for as follows:
 - Chilterns AONB £800
 - Chesham Action Partnership £250 (to be applied for)
 - Own funds £50 + work in kind
- c) The organisation uses volunteers to increase capacity.

20. For the above reasons, I recommend that this project receives funding.

Further applications

21. Further project proposals will be considered throughout the 2012/13 financial year until November 2012 or until the delegated budget has been fully allocated if this is earlier.

- ***Report ends*** -

LOCAL PRIORITIES BIDS 2012/13 – Chesham and Chiltern Villages

Parish/Town	Scheme/Location	Description / Location	Estimate (£)	Criteria matrix score	Comments	Further Information Required
Chesham Town Council	Fullers Hill/Germain St Flooding Improvements	Flooding amelioration for Fullers Hill/Germain Street as proposed in the Surface Water Management Plan. (Chesham TC priority 1) "Attenuate surface flow along Fuller's Hill in a detention basin formed by lowering existing grassed area adjacent to junction with Fuller's Close. Route exceedance flow along Germain Street and into the River Chess."	not known	2.5	Scheme is estimated to cost £60k (£10k design and £50k construction). BCC currently seeking EA finding. It is anticipated that additional funds will be required from other areas, the amount is unknown until the EA decision.	EA decision on funding. Could bid for the £10k for the feasibility design.
Chesham Town Council	Fullers Close Grasscrete	Fullers Close - Grasscrete (Chesham TC priority 2)	£15,425	2.6	LAT confirmed that worst area is approx. 40sqm. Bid could be for this area only. Grasscrete may not provide a permanent 'green' solution if regularly used by parked cars. It does not provide a perfect base for grass to grow especially in periods of dry weather. The cost of providing tarmac footway is similar to grasscrete and would provide a better appearance - though it would increase the surface water run-off into the drainage system. Cost below allows for worn verge areas observed on on-line mapping. Allows for 210m ² . However if just the worst area were to be treated (approx. 40sqm) this would cost £3,100)	Confirmation/Agreement of extent of surfacing with PC?

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Chesham Town Council	Lye Green Rd VAS	Lye Green Road - installation of a VAS (Chesham TC priority 3)	£7,800	2.5	Feasibility assessment required to check sign meets criteria. If sign does not meet criteria, then it will not be supported.	
Chesham Town Council	Lowndes Ave VAS	Lowndes Avenue - installation of a VAS (Chesham TC priority 4)	£7,800	2.5	Feasibility assessment required to check sign meets criteria. If sign does not meet criteria, then it will not be supported.	
Chesham Town Council	Missenden Road VAS	Missenden Road - installation of a VAS (Chesham TC priority 5)	£7,800	2.5	Feasibility assessment required to check sign meets criteria. If sign does not meet criteria, then it will not be supported.	
Chesham Town Council	Blackhorse Ave Grasscrete	Blackhorse Avenue - Grasscrete (Chesham TC priority 6)	£3,100	2.3	This site has been visited by the LAT and requires approximately 40sqm of verge to be hardened (previous estimate was only for 25sqm.) Therefore the cost from last year has increased from £2339 Grasscrete may not provide a permanent 'green' solution if regularly used by parked cars. It does not provide a perfect base for grass to grow especially in periods of dry weather. The cost of providing tarmac footway is similar to grasscrete and would provide a better appearance - though it would increase the surface water run-off into the drainage system.	Confirmation/Agreement of extent of surfacing with PC?

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Chesham Town Council	Chesham Finger Post Signs	<p>Replacement of black finger signs in Chesham Town Centre to specified locations (Chesham TC priority 7)</p> <p>Also to include signage to indicate the direction to Chesham Museum, Chesham Mosque and St Mary's Parish Church.</p> <p>Have been told that existing posts can be reused and extension spigot used where required for additional signs.</p>	£7,260	3.0	<p>Replacement finger post signs. Allow for 21 new finger posts to be placed on 3 existing poles.</p> <p>Email dated 28 April 2011 from Bill Richards, Chesham Town Clerk, stating that existing poles can be reused and extensions spigots can be obtained, which will enable replacement signs in a matching style. Unclear as to whether this cost of £2,000 includes installation. This was cost obtained a number of year ago. Following discussion with Signway Supplies Ltd (TfB approved Cntr) a budget of £2420 per sign assuming that existing posts can be reused with extension for additional signs and that ferrocast (polurethane) finger signs can be used, which give the same appearance of cast iron..</p> <p>Discussed with Bill Richard 04/05/12 - confirmed that the specification was as per quote from Signways</p>	
Chesham Town Council	Chesham Grit Bins		2 £4,500	2.1		

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Chesham Town Council	Eskdale Ave Bus Stop	Marking out lining for bus stop at top of Eskdale Road (Avenue???) plus small sign at stop	£1,250	2.7	<p>Bus Stop Clearways do not require a specific TRO (as long as no other restrictions are being recinded.</p> <p>Cost shown for Lining and Signing including traffic management and associated fees (design, procurement and supervision)</p>	<p>No TRO required for Bus Stop Clearway. It is assumed that no other restrictions are affected. Consultation may be required depending on location and whether it is going to displace existing parking or be contraversial etc. This could be carried out by Parish Council as long as evidence is provided to show scheme does not have objections. Confirm exact location required.</p> <p>Costs does not include any consultation</p>
Botley PC	Botley Rd Bus Shelter	Botley Road, Botley - Bus Shelter	£5,426	3.1		Confirmation from PC of style/type of shelter.
Latimer PC	Latimer Camp Rd Grit Bin	Latimer Camp Road at entrance to Parkfield estate - salt bin (Latimer)	£450	2.4		Have adjacent properties been consulted?

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Cholesbury PC	St Leonards Grit Bin	Green Grit Bin – Cholesbury – junction of Chapel Road/Jenkins Lane/Chambers Green Road in St Leonards (Cholesbury PC priority 1)	£450	1.9		Have adjacent properties been consulted?
Cholesbury PC	Pound Lane / Stony Lane Kerbing of Grass Triangle	Rekerbing Grass Triangle at Pound Lane/Stony Lane/Road to Heath End, Cholesbury (Cholesbury PC priority 2)	£2,500	1.9		
Cholesbury PC	Oak Lane / Jenkins In Kerbing of Grass Island	Rekerbing Grass Triangle at Oak Lane/Jenkins Lane/Springall Hill, Cholesbury (Cholesbury PC priority 3)	£2,500	1.9		
Chartridge Parish Council	Buslins Lane, Chartridge Resurfacing	Resurfacing of a bridleway called Buslins Lane off Chartridge Lane.	£16,500	2.3	It does serve some properties, but does have signs up stating unsuitable for motorvehicles. Channel planing will be required adjacent to any access and Chartridge Lane. Approx. area measured on CAD as 500sqm. Some tree clearance would be required to allow surfacing/planing vehicle to access whole length. Assume no service covers in carriageway.	Site visit required to check existing condition
Chartridge Parish Council	Cogdells Lane, Chartridge Grit Bin	Positioned in Cogdells Lane, Chartridge or as close to the entrance to the village school	£450	1.7		

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Chartridge Parish Council	Old Sax Lane Resurfacing	Resurfacing of the bridleway that leads alongside Old Sax Lane	£18,500	2.3	<p>Unsure whether this meant bridleway adjacent to Old Sax Lane, or Old Sax Lane itself up to the entrance to caravan park.</p> <p>Assume 50mm overlay. Channel planing will be required adjacent to any access and Chartridge Lane.</p> <p>Vegetation Clearance likely to be required.</p> <p>Approx. area measured on CAD as 770sqm - up to entrance to caravan park.</p>	<p>Clarification required - Unsure whether this meant bridleway adjacent to Old Sax Lane, or Old Sax Lane itself up to the entrance to caravan park.</p> <p>Price is for Old Sax Lane itself up to the entrance to caravan park</p>
TOTAL			£101,711			