

**Sent:** 12 December 2012 16:40  
**Subject:** To members of the Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF - Local Priorities and Project proposals

**Importance:** High

**Attachments:** LAF Funding Expression of Interest Form August 2012.doc; Community Wellbeing project proposal Cabinet 21 Sept12 v2 as at 14 9 12.doc

Dear LAF Members

The reason for this email is twofold: 1) to update you on the work of the Local Priorities sub-group and 2) explain the project proposal process for the next financial year.

### **Local Priorities Sub-group**

At the last LAF meeting, a sub-group was set up to discuss how the LAF could be more pro-active in allocating it's delegated funding and how it could focus it's budget on areas of priority rather than simply having a reactive and fragmented approach to funding applications. The group, consisting of Noel Brown, Chris Brown, Fred Wilson and John Axon, met on the 29th November. The group considered information for the Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF area from the last "Residents Survey" conducted by Mori in December 2011, and then shared what each Councillor thought was the top priority for their area which could also be applicable across the LAF area. There was a useful discussion on deprivation, including rural deprivation, and the objectives of the Chesham Community Wellbeing Project (see attached). As a result of the discussion, the group proposes that funding from next year's budget should focus on projects which aim to:

- Reduce Anti Social Behaviour through initiatives which involve young people in sporting, recreational, performance or creative activities or programmes designed for 'crime diversion'
- Enhance a sense of community in a village or contribute to the sustainability of village life eg. facilities in a village hall, keeping open a local shop or pub.
- Support the local economy and employment by developing Chesham and the Villages as a centre for Performing Arts & Creative Industries; Conferences & Events; Hospitality/Local Foods/Gastropubs.
- Reduce the social isolation of the Asian Community in order to increase their capacity to improve the health and wellbeing of all members of their community.

- Contribute towards the priorities identified for the Chesham Community Wellbeing Project which aims to tackle deprivation and increase the wellbeing of the Chesham community.
- Develop community transport schemes to improve access to facilities and services for vulnerable or older age residents in rural areas.
- Improve highways and road safety - total project funding for this priority not to exceed 55% of the LAF's local priorities budget. This year this amounted to £29,909 of the £54,584 total budget.

Please contact me if you have any comments on the above priorities.

### **Project proposals and applications for funding**

If you have projects that require funding which meet any of the above priorities then please complete the attached form. We are trying to get next year's local priorities budget committed as early as possible so that projects do not overrun or do not happen at all because of the lack of implementation time.

Therefore, those projects likely to be implemented by TfB in financial year 13/14 should be submitted using the attached form by **January 31<sup>st</sup> 2013**. Please ignore the section that asks for costs unless you know them - these will be completed by TfB.

Any community project proposals should also be submitted as soon as possible using the same form but here we will need the costs section completed.

If there are any queries or you have ideas for projects that need to be worked up, then do not hesitate to contact me.



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Best wishes

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