

## REPORT TO CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM MEMBERS

**Title:** Applications for funding from the Local Priorities budget 2013 -14  
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### Summary

1. This report relates to 17 proposals for funding from the Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF Local Priorities devolved budget for 2013/14 which is £54,584.
2. Applications received should be evaluated against the priorities agreed by the Local Area Forum (LAF) in its Local Area Plan. This report seeks agreement to allocate funding from the LAF's Local Priorities budget to enable the projects in section x to be implemented. Section 5 shows those projects already funded this financial year, leaving a remaining budget of **£49,084** to be allocated.

### Recommendations

3. **Members of the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum are invited to agree that:**
  - 1) funding from the Local Priorities budget be allocated to the projects listed in section 4 below for the amounts recommended and to note that three projects have not been selected for funding;
  - 2) TfB projects that have not been priced up yet are deferred to the 2014/15 financial year so as not to delay the allocation of this year's budget.



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4. The projects and amounts involved are as follows:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount requested.</b>	<b>Amount recommended</b>
"Better" Chesham community activities for all.	5386	5386
Chesham Community Hub - ChAP	3000	3000
Chartridge PC. Resurfacing at the top of Old Sax Lane. Pot holes are significant and on the increase. Agreed last year that we would fund this project this year. TfB score 2.3	18500	18500
Chartridge PC. Resurfacing of the upper part of Buslins Lane - pot holes are significant to the point of damaging to vehicles. TfB score 2.3.	16500	0
Chartridge PC. Resurfacing of the footpath in Chartridge between The Bell and Westdean Lane - the surface is very poor, making safe use by small children on cycles and push chairs an issue	Information not yet available	0
Chesham TC. Parking Review (1 <sup>st</sup> priority)	5357.26	5357
Chesham TC. Moveable VAS (2 <sup>nd</sup> priority)	1800	0
Chesham TC. Grasscreting Blackhorse Avenue, Waterside (3 <sup>rd</sup> priority) TfB Score 2.3	3100	0
Chesham TC. Skatepark Lowndes Park	5000	5000
Cholesbury PC. Conservation work to rescue the surface at the Pound Lane end of the right of way known variously as Berkhamsted Lane/Parsonage Lane/Hill Farm Road. It runs from Pound Lane to opposite Hog Lane on the Wiggington/Chesham road. The lower end of this lane has been extremely badly damaged by traffic water erosion over the last few years and is very difficult to traverse.	Information not yet available	0
Cholesbury PC. Kerbing the grass triangle at Nut Hazel Cross to prevent further deterioration. TfB score 1.9	2500	2500
Community Transport Project with Dial-a-Ride	1000-2000	1741
Directory for Older People - CDC	500	500
Chesham Youth Summer Project - CDC	2000	2000
Asheridge Vale Family Fun Day - CDC	300	300
Rafe's Place Summer festival	4300	4300
Cholesbury cricket activities and facilities	500	500
<b>Total</b>		<b>49084</b>

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

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount awarded</b>
The U Project, Chesham	5000

Waterside Urban Street Art Project	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5500</b>

## Background

### “Better” Chesham community activities for all.

6.. “GLL Better” wish to provide a package of new activity based on community consultation. The package is as follows:

- 1) Multi Sports for children at Little Spring School ;
- 2) Tai Chi in Pond Park;
- 3) Tai Chi at Chesham Leisure Centre;
- 4) Family activities to help improve parent skills – Chesham Leisure Centre.

7. Little Spring School has requested more after-school opportunities for children living in Pond Park. The Pond Park Older People’s Group currently offer drop-in sessions (knit and natter) but have said they would like exercise opportunities within Pond Park. At Chesham Leisure Centre, people currently engaged on the Exercise Referral Programme (recovering from major health problems, such as heart attack) need an exercise route once they leave the Exercise Referral Programme. This session will enable them to continue exercising in a safe environment with specialist staff. Families in Chesham who were consulted at a Family Fun Day at Chesham Leisure Centre asked for inclusive parent and child activities, enabling them to spend more time with their children, learning new skills together.

8. The cost breakdown is:

Item or activity	Cost	Amount requested from the LAF
Multi-sports for young people	£1145	£995
Tai Chi Pond Park – older people	£1234	£394
Tai Chi Chesham Leisure centre – major health problems	£3964.75	£1927.25
Family activities at the leisure centre	£4556.25	£2070

Total	£10900	£5386.25
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9. In terms of meeting the local priorities, this project meets the aims of the Chesham Community Wellbeing project in terms of enhancing health and wellbeing in areas of deprivation. It has been put together to specifically meet community need.

10. Matched funding of £5513.75 has been applied for as follows:

Funding source	Amount	Outcome
<b>FEES from all projects</b>	<b>£2587.50</b>	<b>pending</b>
Pond Park community association	£150	£150
Paradigm community engagement fund	£500	pending
Better leisure provider	£1976.25	£1976.25
Chesham Action Partnership revitalisation group (CHAP)	£300	pending
Total amount:	£5513.75	

11. I recommend that his project receives funding of £5386.

### **Chesham Community Hub – ChAP**

12. Chesham Community Hub will comprise of the following functions: Volunteer centre and contact point; Connected media hub including internet radio; Studio and meeting facilities; Incubator for new retail businesses with emphasis on young enterprise; Elgiva box office; Potential contact point for community associations; tourist information point. While set-up costs are expected to be grant based, the project plans to be self-funding in the long term through revenue from the incubator, box office and a major retailer kiosk (i.e. Amazon, MS or Debenhams). The project is still in the planning stage, and this request for funding of £3,000 is for professional fees related to setting up a social enterprise and leasing property, i.e. legal and accounts.

13. In terms of meeting the local priorities, this project meets the following two priorities:

- Support the local economy and employment particularly by developing Chesham and the Villages as a centre for 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.

14. It meets the later priority because the project is inclusive of all parts of the community and the media hub will rely on the Asian community providing a significant amount to content. The Mosque will be invited to promote the incubator and sponsor candidates.

15. The project is working with ChAP, Chesham Society, Elgiva, CTC, CDC, Chesham Chamber, U Project, Bucks Examiner. These organisations are working together to give the project the breadth it needs to fulfil the brief of providing a facility that meets the needs of the wider community.

16. Due to the above, I recommend that this project receives the funding applied for.

### **Chesham Town Council - Chesham Parking Review**

17. Chesham Town Council has been liaising with the BCC Parking team to tackle parking issues in the town centre. Jacobs Compass is proposing to undertake a comprehensive parking review and survey. The question of lack of on-street parking has been identified as the number one issue for residents by CTC Members. Residents have complained not just about safety issues but about the general lack of parking near their properties. The review will rationalise these issues and suggest ways of addressing the problems.

18. Costs

Item or activity	Cost	Amount requested from the LAF
Parking Review undertaken by Jacobs Compass	£10,357.26	£5,357.26

19. In terms of meeting the local priorities, this project directly meets the following priority:

- “Improve highways and road safety” because it will tackle the problems of dangerous and hazardous parking around the town which affects vision splays and results in parking on pavements.

20. The project has matched funding of £5,000 from Chesham Town Council.

21. Due to the above and this project being the top priority for the Town Council, I recommend the project receives funding of £5357.

## Skatepark Lowndes Park - Chesham Town Council

22. This application is for funding towards a new skatepark to be located in the centre of Lowndes Park. The current skatepark is coming to end of its natural life. Moreover the current location has a noise abatement notice on it severely restricting its usage as well as causing disturbance to local residents.

23. The costs are:

Item or activity	Cost	Amount requested from the LAF
Skatepark construction	£55,000	£5,000
Total	£55,000	£5,000

24. In terms of meeting the local priorities, this project directly meets the following priority:

- Reduce Anti Social Behaviour through initiatives which involve young people in sporting, recreational, performance or creative activities or programmes designed for 'crime diversion' .

25. It has matched funding as follows:

Funding source	Amount	Outcome
Chesham Town Council	£40,000	AGREED
Lottery Awards for All	£10,000	To be approached once final tenders received by 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Total amount:	£50,000	£40,000

26. The project has been planned in consultation with Thames Valley Police, CDC Planning, CDC Community Safety team, Friends of Lowndes Park and Chesham Youth Council.

27. Due to the above, I recommend that this project receives the funding applied for.

## Community Transport Project with Dial-a-Ride

28. This project is still at the ideas stage but will be worked up in the next few weeks. The initial thoughts are to have dial-a-ride buses operating through the Chiltern Villages offering transport to GPs, shopping events, social activities, etc. The request for £1000-2000 is seed funding to enable dial-a-ride to test demand for different concepts by piloting a few ideas and getting feedback. This will involve the use of a vehicle and driver over a limited period.

29. This project is being developed to directly meet the local priority:

- Develop community transport schemes to improve access to facilities and services for vulnerable or older age residents in rural areas.

30. Once consultation has taken place and there is evidence of demand, then dial-a-ride will seek further funding from other sources.

31. For the above reasons, I recommend the project receives £1741 which is a residual figure after all the other projects applications have been funded at the recommended amounts.

## Directory for Older People – CDC

32. This project is about developing a Directory of Older Peoples Services. It has been identified within the Chesham Building Community Capacity meetings and by OPAG that a printed directory is required for older people living in and around Chesham (including rural areas). The directory will contain all information on services and activities available to people over the age of sixty. The directory will be in printed format and also available on a website.

33. Within the directory there will be a section on “Preventing Falls” – who to contact, what to do if people do fall and how to keep active to prevent falls, along with details on the Falls Prevention schemes running at the leisure centres, and community activities for older people. In Bucks, over 30,000 people over the age of 60 fall, with the majority of people who live in Chiltern and South Bucks falling. The directory will also contain a section on community transport schemes.

## 34. Costs

Project Officer	£500	(researching organisations and activities)
Printing Costs	£300	
Distribution	£ 50	
Marketing – adverts etc	<u>£ 50</u>	
Total	£ 900	

The amount applied for is £500.

35. In terms of meeting the local priorities, this project contributes to the following two priorities:

- “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.”

36. The project will approach Paradigm Housing and Bucks Community Foundation for the rest of the funding.

37. The project has come about because agencies working with older and vulnerable people have identified a community need for it.

38. For the above reasons I am recommending the project is awarded the £500 requested.

### **Chesham Youth Summer Project – CDC**

39. CDC community & community safety teams are developing with partners a range of activities for young people 11 - 17 years old, living in key neighbourhoods during the school summer holidays. The aim will be to target especially disaffected and vulnerable youths, and to provide them with positive activities during which they can learn new skills & participate in sports and arts activities. Partners in the project will be the local community associations in Pond Park, Waterside, Asheridge Vale & Lowndes; GLL & Chiltern Arts Network.

Costs.

40. Provisional budget £3000. Application to the LAF is for £2000 to cover coaches & instructors, pitch hire, equipment and transport (for trips out).

41. In terms of meeting the local priorities, this project contributes to the following three priorities:

- Reduce Anti Social Behaviour through initiatives which involve young people in sporting, recreational, performance or creative activities or programmes designed for 'crime diversion'
- 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.
- Chesham Community Wellbeing Project: IMD 7 Crime.

42. Partnership funding is to be secured from CDC, Paradigm, ChAP, Bucks Community Foundation and Thames Valley Police.



43. Due to the above reasons, I recommend that this project receives the funding applied for.

#### **Asheridge Vale Family Fun Day – CDC**

44. This project is a Family Fun Day in the area of Deansway, Wallington Road, Benham Close and Dellfield in Chesham' Asheridge Vale area. Date of Event: August 2013. This event will be held in the heart of the community which has a significant Asian population and will incorporate an 'information market place' where residents can find out information about recycling, diet, exercise, smoking cessation, alcohol consumption advice, energy advice, home / personal safety advice, children's services (Surestart) and more. Paradigm Housing will also be present (about 90% of the estate is Paradigm Housing), enabling people to report housing problems and repairs. Sports and games activities will be provided.

45. Although the Fun Day will disseminate information to local residents and provide fun activities, it's main aim is to bring the community together; something that residents do not feel currently exists. It will also enable consultation to take place with residents to find out what ongoing activities they may wish to pursue and also promote involvement in the Community Association.

46. The total cost of the project is £600. Funding of £300 is sought towards the cost of family activities and refreshments.

47. In terms of meeting the local priorities, this project directly contributes to the Chesham Community Wellbeing Project and also to "reducing 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."

48. Matched funding will be sought from Paradigm Housing.

49. This will be a partnership project between Asheridge Vale & Lowndes Park Community Association, Chiltern District Council, Thames Valley Police, Bucks Fire & Rescue, Paradigm Housing and Bucks County Council.

50. I strongly recommend that the project receives the £300 requested.

#### **Rafe's Place "Day in the Park" Summer festival**

51. This event is planned for Saturday 14th September in Lowndes Park, Chesham. Traditionally this is a cultural highlight for the town's calendar for children, young people and their families. It brings them together at the end of the summer holidays, gives them a focus and launching pad for the new school term, and for young people embarking on a new career, college or university.

52. The programme this year will include performances of music & youth culture and a market. Bands and musicians will have been auditioned from "open mic" events held in youth clubs over the summer. New features for the festival this year will be a youth market place with information stalls & displays from youth related service providers, local employers, charities and appropriate community organisations. Young entrepreneurs will be especially supported. Publicity will provide information about free & subsidised transport to the event from the outlying villages.

#### Costs

53. Provisional Budget £8000. Application to the LAF is for £4300 to cover site infrastructure (eg staging, sound, lighting, health & safety regulations); publicity, marquees, insurance and licenses.

54. In terms of meeting the local priorities, this project contributes to the following three priorities:

- Reduce Anti Social Behaviour through initiatives which involve young people in sporting, recreational, performance or creative activities or programmes designed for 'crime diversion'
- 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.
- Chesham Community Wellbeing Project through the provision of advice and information.

55. Partnership funding is to be secured from: CDC, ChAP, Chesham Town Council, Bucks Community Foundation, Awards for All. ( NB. additional funding of £1000 is required for the local youth club auditions and will be subject to bids to Amersham Action Group, Great Missenden Revitalisation Group and Amersham LAF).

56. Local community youth clubs will be involved in the event.

57. This will be a major community event in the centre of Chesham and a prime opportunity to take information and advice to a captive audience. I recommend that the LAF helps to fund the event with a contribution of £4,300.

#### **Cholesbury cricket activities and facilities**

58. The Cricket Club in Cholesbury is increasing in popularity and needs to expand it's facilities to accommodate the rising number of families attending the club. Young people attending come not only from Cholesbury but from Chesham as well.

59. This application for £500 is to increase the locker space so that more users can be accommodated.

60. In terms of meeting the local priorities, this project contributes to the following priority:

- 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.

61. To assist in the growth of this very popular local facility, I recommend the project receives this small amount of funding.

- **Report ends** -