

WEST AREA JOINT COMMITTEE**26 JUNE 2008**

Subject: Community Grants
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Summary

To provide updated information on the budget available for Community Grants and details of applications received

Recommendation

That the Committee considers and awards rejects or defers grants as appropriate for the applications presented.

1 BACKGROUND/INFORMATION

- 1.1 As mentioned earlier in the agenda, SDC and Warwickshire County Council officers have begun work to integrate the two authorities' grants services and it is planned that this integration will be in place in time for the September round of Joint Committee meetings. However, a number of applications to the SDC grants scheme have been received in the past few months, or are pending having been deferred at earlier SDC Area Committee Meetings due to lack of available budget or requiring further information.
 - 1.2 Details of the current SDC Grants Conditions and the approved scoring system that has been used to assess applications are contained within Appendix I. The resultant scores indicate to the Committee the level of grant aid that may be considered for each application.
 - 1.3 These are the first grants to be considered by the newly established Joint Committees. Please note however that the applications presented have been scored, for eligibility, using pre-existing SDC criteria.
 - 1.4 Councillors may wish to consider deferring some applications to September when they will be assessed by the new joint criteria. To help with this each application has been judged to be either **time critical** or not and this information appears in the tabulated appraisal of each project. This judgment has been based purely on supporting documentation and written information provided on the application form.
 - 1.5 Comments have been incorporated into the report from WCC officers. The comments are based on:
 - Whether the application has been deemed time critical by SDC
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- Whether the application would be recommended for a grant based on the criteria of the County Councils Community Development Fund

Whether the application would be recommended for funding as a project in its own right

2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The total budgets available are detailed below. Committee is asked to consider the following grant requests:

2.1 Revenue

	Balance	Grant Request	Time Critical?
Initial allocation	£14,960		
Previously awarded or allocated	£800		
Agreed Summer 08 Playscheme Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monty's Holiday Club, Welford on Avon (£400) • Insight Summer Playscheme, Studley (£400) 			
Total Amount Available for Allocation	£14,160		
Application - Allocate to Summer Activity Voucher Scheme		£1,700	Yes
Application No 789 Alcester & Arden Folk festival		£3,000	Yes
Application No 823 Act.com		£1,540	No
Application No 830 Earlswood Village Hall		£2,135	No
Application No 842 Party in the Park		£3,000	Yes
<p>The following applications are judged to have potential for District Wide benefits Consequently the grant requests have been apportioned as follows...</p> <p>30% East, 34% West and 36% Central</p> <p>These figures are based on population levels and also represent the percentage of Grant Funding made available to each committee in 2008/2009</p>			

Application No 784 Young Enterprise South Warwickshire Total amount requested £4,000 34% of which is		£1,360	Yes
Application No 843 ILEAP Total amount requested £2,500 34% of which is		£850	Yes
Application No 828 Orchestra of the Swan Total amount requested £5,500 34% of which is		£1,870	No
Total amount of new requests		£15,455	
Balance to carry forward if all applications are awarded the requested amount.	- £1,295		

Applicant	Summer Activity Voucher Scheme - Revenue
Project	This annual scheme provides free activity vouchers to young people living in Stratford On Avon District whose families are in receipt of means-tested benefits. This enables them to take part in summer activity schemes from which they may otherwise be excluded.
SDC Corporate Aims Met	One Point <i>Aim 1 A District where everyone shares in an improved quality of life</i>
Deprivation Mapping	One point
Value to Community	One point Significant number of users
Equality Impact Assessment	There will be no negative impact on any sector of the community.
Risk Assessment	This scheme has been run since 2005. It is administered by SDC. The project is therefore assessed as Low Risk .
Outcomes To be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 500 children from deprived families to take part in scheme Revenue support and therefore viability for all summer play schemes taking part across the district.
Total Project Cost	£20,000
Grant Request	£1,700 (34% of total £5,000 requested)
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	Three points High priority – may be considered for 30% - 35% of total project cost i.e. £6,000 – £7,000 Award should be within the range of £2,040 – £2,380 representing the 34% allocation to West Committee.
Notes	This scheme is match funded by WCC and Stratford Town Trust. The scheme is district wide and the application has been split between the 3 area committees. Grant applications will be considered by the 2 other Area Committees on 17 th and 26 th June.
Is Application time critical	Yes
WCC Comments	This scheme meets the criteria for a WCC grant and has been part funded by WCC each year.

Applicant	Alcester & Arden Folk Festival - 789 – Revenue
Project	To stage the 2008 Alcester & Arden Folk Festival The grant will help to pay for... Artists, venues, advertising, marketing and other facilities
SDC Corporate Aims Met	One Point <i>Aim 3 A District where business and enterprise flourish by</i> Adding value to the visitor economy thereby increasing the economic vitality of a market town
Deprivation Mapping	One Point
Value to Community	One Point Identified as being a festival town through the Vision for Alcester
Equality Impact Assessment	There will be no negative impact on any sector of the community
Risk Assessment	The organisers of the Festival have considerable expertise acquired over previous years that the festival. The Festival is well supported by visitors and volunteers. Some funding remains to be confirmed. Assessed as being medium Risk
Outcomes To be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high number of visitors, measured by ticket sales • Positive feedback from the Chamber of Trade on benefits to High Street traders • The number of other events held to coincide with the festival
Total Project Cost	£12,500
Grant Request	£3,000
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	Three points High priority – may be considered for 30% - 35% of total project cost i.e. £3,750 - £4,375
Notes	This group received an SDC grant of £1,000 in 2005 towards their folk festival.
Is this application Time Critical?	Yes. The event takes place in June 2008.
WCC Comments	The application would not meet the required criteria for funding as the WCC local grants scheme does not fund events/festivals

Applicant	Act.Com – 823 - Revenue
Project	In support of delivery of a three year healthy eating project encompassing nutrition & food safety skills Information on how to do a cost analysis of healthy foods and how to source items that comprise an affordable healthy diet
SDC Corporate Aims Met	One Point <i>Aim One A district where everyone shares in an improved quality of life - More people enjoy healthier lifestyles</i>
Deprivation Mapping	One Point
Value to Community	One Point The project relates to the Vision for Alcester
Equality Impact Assessment	This project aims to overcome issues of health inequality.
Risk Assessment	The balance of the funding is already in place and therefore this project is assessed as low risk.
Outcomes To be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150 households to benefit • Reduce Health inequality by “narrowing the gap” • 100 participants to be involved in “cook & eat” sessions
Total Project Cost	£4,400
Grant Request	£1,540
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	Three points Medium priority – may be considered for 30% - 35% of total project cost i.e. £1,320 - £1,540
Notes	
Is this application Time Critical?	No. This application could be deferred as the project is not due to start until November 2008
WCC Comments	No comments provided

Applicant	Earlswood Village Hall – 830 - Revenue
Project	Refurbishment of committee rooms, stage, entrance hall and redecoration of the main hall
SDC Corporate Aims Met	One Point <i>Aim One A district where everyone shares in an improved quality of life -</i>
Deprivation Mapping	n/a
Value to Community	n/a
Equality Impact Assessment	These facilities are fully accessible so there will be no negative impact on any sector of the community
Risk Assessment	The applicant owns the hall. None of the funding is as yet confirmed. The project is therefore assessed as medium risk.
Outcomes To be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain existing users • Encourage new users • Enhance and maintain the Village Hall
Total Project Cost	£4,270
Grant Request	£2,135
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	One point Low priority – may be considered for 10% - 15% of total project cost i.e. £427 - £640
Notes	This group received an SDC grant of £1700 in 2005 towards new windows.
Is this application Time Critical?	No. However, preference is for the work to be completed during Aug 08 when there is low usage of the hall.
WCC Comments	No comments provided

Applicant	Party in the Park - 842 - Revenue
Project	A community day organised by local people by local people.
SDC Corporate Aims Met	One Point <i>Aim One A district where everyone shares in an improved quality of life -</i>
Deprivation Mapping	One Point
Value to Community	One Point Relates to both Vision for Alcester and the Town Appraisal
Equality Impact Assessment	There will be no negative impact on any sector of the community
Risk Assessment	No other funding has yet been confirmed. Assessed as being medium Risk
Outcomes To be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More people given the opportunity to accesses learning & development • Increase awareness of multi-cultural groups and community • Promote awareness of health initiatives through Act.com
Total Project Cost	£5,984
Grant Request	£3,000
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	Three points High priority – may be considered for 30% - 35% of total project cost i.e. £1,795 - £2,094
Notes	
Is this application Time Critical?	Yes. The event takes place in August 2008.
WCC Comments	The application would not meet the required criteria for funding as the WCC local grants scheme does not fund events/festivals

Applicant	Young Enterprise South Warwickshire -782 - Revenue
Project	Provide educational programmes in primary and secondary schools to help young people understand and give them personal experience of how business works
SDC Corporate Aims Met	Two points Aim 1 A district where everyone shares in an improved quality of life Aim 3 A district where business and enterprise can flourish
Deprivation Mapping	n/a
Value to Community	One Point This project benefits a significant number of users.
Equality Impact Assessment	This project is aimed at young people, however there will be no negative impact on any sector of the community
Risk Assessment	The majority of the funding is already in place and the project is therefore assessed as low risk.
Outcomes To be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1300 pupils to attend the programme • 10 companies to be registered and participating in the National Trade fair in SuA • A target of 14 schools to participate in programme
Total Project Cost	£21,250
Grant Request	£1,360 (34% of the total £4,000 requested)
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	Three points High priority – may be considered for 30% - 35% of total project cost i.e. £6,375 - £7,437 Award should be within the range of £2,168 – £2,529 representing the 34% allocation to West Committee.
Notes	As this application is district wide the application has been split between the 3 area committees. Grant applications will be considered by the 2 other Area Committees on 17 th and 19 th June. This organisation received a grant of £2,250 from SDC in 2005.
Is the Application Time Critical?	Yes. Activities are planned to run from September 08 – July 09 so funding needs to be secured in advance in order to plan activities.
WCC Comments	Unable to assess against WCC grant criteria based on the information provided. Need information on any links to the work of the County Council's Education Business Partnership.

Applicant	Orchestra of the Swan – 828 - Revenue
Project	Enable a series of workshops and performances in community venues.
SDC Corporate Aims Met	One point Aim 1 A district where everyone shares in an improved quality of life
Deprivation Mapping	One Point
Value to Community	One Point A Significant number of users will benefit from this project
Equality Impact Assessment	There will be no negative impact on any sector of the community
Risk Assessment	No other funding is in place with other grant applications pending. The application is therefore considered High Risk .
Outcomes To be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage a large number of adults to attend concerts • Encourage a large number of children to participate in educational projects • Improve quality of life for care home residents
Total Project Cost	£23,760
Grant Request	£1,870 (34% of the total £5,500 requested)
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	Three points High priority – may be considered for 30% - 35% of total project cost i.e. £7,128 - £8,316 Award should be within the range of £2,424 - £2,827 representing the 34% allocation to West Committee.
Notes	As this application is district wide it has been split between the 3 area committees. 2 other grant applications will be considered by the other Area Committees on 17 th and 19 th June. This group previously received a 3-year arts grant from SDC of £2,975 per year from 2005 – 2007.
Is the Application Time Critical?	No. The event takes place from October 2008 – June 2009.
WCC Comments	The application would not meet the required criteria for funding as the WCC local grants scheme does not fund events/festivals

Applicant	ILEAP- 843 - Revenue
Project	A comprehensive program of leisure activities for disabled and non-disabled people during the Summer Holidays.
SDC Corporate Aims Met	Two point Aim 1 A district where everyone shares in an improved quality of life Aim 3 A district where business and enterprise can flourish
Deprivation Mapping	One point
Value to Community	N/a
Equality Impact Assessment	This project is aimed at young people, however there will be no negative impact on any sector of the community
Risk Assessment	Some funding secured, with the majority of grant decisions pending. The scheme has been funded and run successfully in previous years. This project is therefore assessed as Low Risk .
Outcomes To be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 people taking part in their chosen leisure pursuits during the summer holidays • 200 parents/careers receive a short break from caring • Training of volunteers
Total Project Cost	£23,151
Grant Request	£850 (34% of the total £2,500 requested)
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	Three point High priority – may be considered for 30% - 35% of total project cost i.e. £6,945 - £8,102 Award should be within the range of £2,361 – £2,755 representing the 34% allocation to West Committee.
Notes	ILEAP have a 3-year funding agreement for £2,600 pa to provide a bi-weekly Saturday club. Grants were awarded by SDC of £2,568 and £4,325 respectively for their 06 and 07 summer activity schemes. As this application is district wide it has been split between the 3 area committees. 2 other grant applications will be considered by the other Area Committees on 17 th and 19 th June.
Is the Application Time Critical?	Yes. This holiday activity scheme takes place summer 2008.
WCC Comments	The application meets the criteria for a WCC local grant.

2.2 Capital

	Balance	Grant Request	Time Critical?
Initial allocation	£68,000	£68,000	
Previously awarded or allocated	£0		
Application no 801 Tanworth in Arden Village Hall Trust		£4,000	No
Application No 806 Henley in Arden Tennis club		£15,000	No
Application no 811 The Greig Hall		£123,750	No
Application No 818 Henley in Arden Guild Hall Trust		£15,000	No
Application No 819 Bidford on Avon Cricket Club		£600	No
Balance to carry forward if all applications are awarded the requested amount.	-£90,350		

Applicant	Tanworth in Arden Village Hall Trust – 801 – Capital
Project	Provide better storage facilities thereby improving the Village Hall's value for its users
SDC Corporate Aims Met	One Point <i>Aim 1 A district where everyone shares in an improved quality of life by providing easier access to local services</i>
Deprivation Mapping	n/a
Value to Community	n/a
Equality Impact Assessment	There will be no negative impact on any sector of the community
Risk Assessment	The hall is owned by the applicant. Significant funding is in place with more expected to be awarded Assessed as Low Risk
Outcomes To be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive feedback from users of the Hall and its facilities • Increase in lettings to all groups
Total Project Cost	£14,500
Grant Request	£4,000
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	One point Low priority – may be considered for 10% - 15% of total project cost i.e. £1,450 - £2,175
Notes	
Is this application Time Critical?	No. This application is improvements to existing facilities and therefore could be deferred until September 2008
WCC Comments	No comments provided

Applicant	Henley in Arden Tennis Club -806 - Capital
Project	Upgrade facilities by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> replacing existing dangerous flood lights by high efficiency low energy consumption types resurface slippery tarmac areas on courts
SDC Corporate Aims Met	One Point <i>Aim 1 A district where everyone shares in an improved quality of life by enabling people to enjoy healthier lifestyles</i>
Deprivation Mapping	One Point
Value to Community	One point Relates to Town's parish appraisal
Equality Impact Assessment	Membership of the club is open to all sectors of the community, therefore there will be no negative impact on any sector of the community
Risk Assessment	A significant amount of required funding is yet to be confirmed Assessed as Medium risk
Outcomes To be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved lighting will increase usage especially during winter months Will improve the quality of play by removing obstructions in line with H&S recommendations Resurfacing will encourage new participants of all ages
Total Project Cost	£61,525
Grant Request	£15,000
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	Three points Medium priority – may be considered for 30% - 35% of total project cost i.e. £18,457 - £21,533
Notes	This group were awarded an SDC grant of £10,000 in 2003 for court resurfacing.
Is this application Time Critical?	No. The current surface and lighting, whilst not ideal, can be used. The application could be deferred until September 2008
WCC Comments	No comments provided

Applicant	The Greig Hall - 811 - Capital
Project	Refurbishment of the internal facilities of the Hall
SDC Corporate Aims Met	One Point <i>Aim One A district where everyone shares in an improved quality of life - More people enjoy healthier lifestyles</i>
Deprivation Mapping	One Point
Value to Community	One Point A significant number of users
Equality Impact Assessment	There will be no negative impact on any sector of the community
Risk Assessment	The applicant owns the hall. The majority of funds are unsecured with a number of previous grant applications unsuccessful. This project is therefore assessed as high risk.
Outcomes To be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community internet café to be created • Provide a venue for local business, weddings private function and a training centre • Development of an Arts and Entertainment portfolio
Total Project Cost	£649,000
Grant Request	£123,750
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	Three points High priority – may be considered for grant of 30% -35% of total project costs i.e. £194,700 – £227,150
Notes	<p>The following amounts have previously been awarded by SDC community grant scheme.</p> <p>£1,525 – Summer Activity Scheme 07</p> <p>£1,500 – Summer Activity Scheme 06</p> <p>£1,665 – Summer Activity Scheme 05</p> <p>£6,247 – Revenue Support during building work 05/06</p> <p>A capital grant of £800,000 was awarded for conversion of hall and fitness facility in June 03 by SDC. The applicant agreed at the time that no further revenue funding would be requested.</p> <p>An additional revenue grant of £6247 was requested and awarded by Arden Area Committee in Nov 04.</p>
Is this application Time Critical?	No. This application is not time critical as a large amount of funding has yet to be secured.
WCC Comments	No comments provided

Applicant	Henley in Arden Guild Hall Trust - 818 - Capital
Project	Creation of a formal garden and open-air auditorium. Accessibility will be improved.
SDC Corporate Aims Met	Two Points <i>Aim One A district where everyone shares in an improved quality of life - More people enjoy healthier lifestyles</i> Aim Two A Clean and green district
Deprivation Mapping	One Point
Value to Community	One Point The project is accordance with Henley in Arden village design statement and parish appraisal.
Equality Impact Assessment	The project will be fully accessible. Therefore there will be no negative impact on any sector of the community
Risk Assessment	The applicant owns the land. The majority of funding is as yet unconfirmed. This project is assessed as Medium risk.
Outcomes To be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved accessibility • Creation of a performance space • Creation of a garden to benefit residents and tourists.
Total Project Cost	£50,000
Grant Request	£15,000
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	Three points High priority – may be considered for grant of 30% -35% of total project costs i.e. £15,000– £17,500
Notes	
Is this application Time Critical?	No. This is the creation of a new garden, which is not time critical. The application could be deferred until September 2008.
WCC Comments	No comments provided

Applicant	Bidford on Avon Cricket Club - 819 - Capital
Project	To provide a new artificial cricket pitch surface.
SDC Corporate Aims Met	One Points <i>Aim One A district where everyone shares in an improved quality of life - More people enjoy healthier lifestyles</i>
Deprivation Mapping	One Point
Value to Community	One Point The parish plan refers to channeling the energies of young people and the need for new sports and social facilities.
Equality Impact Assessment	The pitch will be used by both club and community users. There will be no negative impact on any sector of the community
Risk Assessment	The rest of the funding has already been secured. This project is assessed as Low risk.
Outcomes To be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the value of the facility for club members and visitors • Attraction of more users • Provide a facility for other community teams
Total Project Cost	£1,422
Grant Request	£600
Financial Appraisal	Contained within blue confidential papers
Project Rating	Three points High priority – may be considered for grant of 30% -35% of total project costs i.e. £427– £497
Notes	
Is this application Time Critical?	No. There are existing facilities that can be used until the project is funded. The application could be deferred until September 2008.
WCC Comments	No comments provided

- 2.3 The grant requests are listed above. Recommended levels of grant award are shown with each individual application; however these sums may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the Committee.

3 Options available to the Committee

The Committee has the option in each case of awarding rejecting or deferring grant requests.

4 Members' Comments

- 4.1 Any comments received will be listed under the individual grant application.

5 Implications of the proposal

5.1 *Legal/Human Rights Implications*

- 5.1.1 There are no legal/human rights implications to this report

5.2 *Financial*

- 5.2.1 See 2.1 and 2.2 above

- 5.2.1 The grant requests are listed above. Recommended levels of grant award are shown with each individual application; however these sums may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the Committee.

5.3 *Environmental*

- 5.3.1 Successful applicants will be encouraged where appropriate to adopt sound environmental principles when delivering their project

5.4 *Corporate Strategy*

- 5.4.1 The extent to which each applications supports delivery of the Council's Corporate Strategy is identified within the details provided

5.5 *Equality Impact Assessment*

- 5.5.1 An equality impact assessment is included with each proposal

6 Risk Assessment

- 6.1 A risk assessment is included with each proposal

7 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 That the Committee considers and awards rejects or defers grants as appropriate for the applications presented.

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HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Appendix I

Grants Conditions and Approved Scoring System

Main Conditions Relating to Council Grants Scheme

Eligibility

1. Town and Parish Councils are not eligible to apply for grants from Stratford-on-Avon District Council, except for play area, formally approved Parish Plan or appraisal related grants, or applications relating to Market Town Initiative projects, identified within approved action plans.
2. Expenditure by a religious organisation will only be considered for grant aid where it specifically relates to the adaptation or improvement of facilities for non-religious, community leisure and recreational purposes.
3. Applications for grant aid for expenditure on projects outside the Stratford on Avon District Council's area will only be considered where it can be clearly demonstrated that such expenditure will be of benefit to residents of the District.
4. Applications by an Educational Authority, or establishment, will only be considered for grant aid where the project would directly benefit the leisure and recreational needs of the general community.

Frequency and Amount

5. A group will only be awarded one grant within any 24-month period, except for where a Partnership Agreement is in place, or where the applicant is applying for an annual event or festival, or where an Area Community Committee for specific reasons deems a project high priority. Where further funding will be sought within the 24-month period, a group should present details of its estimated income and expenditure for the period.
6. Stratford-on-Avon District Council will only normally make grants of up to 25% of total project costs. This sum can be increased at an Area Community Committee's discretion if the project is identified as high priority.
7. Stratford-on-Avon District Council will only award grants (up to a maximum of 50% of total project costs) for play area projects which meet the standards adopted in the Minimum Requirements for Play Areas (as shown overleaf). No grants will be given to those play area projects that do not meet the standards.

Supporting Evidence

8. In support of the application, the Council will require up-to-date accounts from the organisation together with three quotations for undertaking the necessary work. Any grant offered would be based on the lowest quotation received. However, if the work is proposed to be undertaken on a self-help basis, details should be submitted of the actual cost of the materials to be used in order that an appropriate level of grant aid can be made.

Notification should be received from the local Parish or Town Council that they are prepared to give support, preferably in financial terms, to the scheme concerned. Account will be taken of efforts made by the applicant organisation to raise funds for the project themselves.

Minimum Requirements for Play Areas Suited for People with Disabilities

1. The minimum width through which anybody must pass in a gate should be 1 metre.
2. Wheelchair users require a minimum end turn of 1200cm to complete a 'U' turn from a corridor of 110cm wide turning into a corridor of 100cm wide.
3. Any seats and perches should be placed at regular intervals. Any seats should be 450 – 520cm high and perches should be 500 – 750cm high. Children's seats can be as low as 350cm. Heel space of 100cm should be provided under seats. Some seats should have backs and arms for additional support.
4. Any picnic tables should avoid designs that require people to climb over beams (ie should have no wooden supports linking the seat to the table).
5. A variety of equipment should be provided for children with sensory impairments (ie colour/tone contrasted, textured and provided a noise stimulus). The inclusion of water and sand provide a multi-sensory experience for all children.
6. Tactile signage should be provided on equipment, entrances and toilets.
7. If toilet provision is made, a fully accessible toilet should be included – where provision is only available for one toilet, that should incorporate the specifications laid down in 'Designing for Accessibility'.
8. Path surfaces must be (a) compact and firm, (b) stable, (c) nonslip, and (d) obstacle free. Changes to the texture or colour of the path surface can be used to give cues to people with visual impairments. Suitable materials include concrete, bitumen macadam, stone, timber, brick/paving or mown grass. Unsuitable surfaces include sand, loose gravel, woodchips or cobbles.

Scoring System

Each application will be scored against the following criteria:

Corporate Strategy Aims (1 point for 1 Aim met or 2 points for 2 or more Aims met):

- Aim 1: The Development of Safer & Healthier Communities
- Aim 2: The Development of Sustainable Communities
- Aim 3: The Creation of Inclusive Communities

Deprivation Mapping (1 point):

This refers to the Ward in which a project is situated. A point can be scored if the number of households, within the Ward, and in receipt of means-tested benefits exceeds the District average (ie 13.50%)

Value to Community (1 point):

To recognise issues such as significant numbers of users, rural isolation, accessibility, schemes arising from Parish Appraisals, etc.

Percentage Grant Award:

- Low Priority : 10–15% (1 or 0 points)
- Medium Priority : 20–25% (2 points)
- High Priority : 30–35% (3+ points)

ACCs must award grants within the respective bands unless they give clear reasons why they wish to give a different percentage grant. These reasons must be stated in the Committee's Notice of Decision.

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