

**North Mid-Sussex County Local Committee****8 March 2012****Community Initiative Funding****Report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services**

<b>Ref: NMS15 (11/12)</b>
<b>Key Decision: No</b>
<b>Part I</b>
<b>Electoral Divisions: All in North Mid- Sussex</b>

**Recommendation**

- i) That the Committee considers the Community Initiative Funding applications as set out in Appendix A and allocates funding according to the 2011/12 Funding criteria

**1. Background**

The Community Initiative Fund is a County Local Committee (CLC) administered fund that provides assistance to local community projects.

These funds are not for supporting the on-going revenue requirements of organisations; rather they are for the benefit of the North Mid-Sussex community by 'pump priming' new initiatives or supporting one-off applications for specific projects. Ideally, there should also be evidence of matched funding, either generated by the organisation or obtained from other sources.

The Parish Initiative Fund (PIF) is a CLC administered fund that provides match funding to Parish/Town Council led or supported projects aiming to enhance community capacity.

The County Council has agreed criteria by which applications will be awarded which can be accessed here: [2011-2012 Community Initiative Funding Policy](#).

**2. Current Applications**

North Mid-Sussex CLC had £15,334 CIF to distribute during 2011-2012. Of this, £8,873 has been allocated, leaving £7,661 for allocation. One member sits on one further County Local Committee and has allocated their portion of the fund as follows:

Member for Lindfield & High Weald, £1,334 allocated.

There are currently three CIF applications, totalling £3,600 to be considered by the Committee. These are listed in Appendix A.

North Mid Sussex CLC has £1,200 PIF to distribute during 2011-12. Of this, £350 has been allocated, leaving a total of £850 for allocation.

There are currently no PIF applications.

3. **Consultation**

Not Applicable

4. **Resource Implications**

There are no other resource implications for the Committee.

5. **Risk Management Implications**

There is a risk in allocating any funding that the applicant will not spend some or all of it or that it might be spent inappropriately. Therefore the terms and conditions associated with community funding provide for the County Council to request the return of funds.

6. **Crime and Disorder Act Implications**

Not Applicable

7. **Human Rights Act Implications**

The County Council's positive obligations under the Human Rights Act have been considered in the preparation of these recommendations but none of significance emerges.

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Background papers : 2011-12 Community Initiative Funding Policy ; Application forms 1741; 1782 & 1806.

**Appendix A: Current CIF Applications** The following applications have been received since the last meeting:

**1741/NMS** Mid Sussex Diversity Forum, £600, towards venue hire for the one-off 2012 diversity event.

**1782/NMS** Ashurst Wood Youth Club, £500, to assist with improving facilities for the relaunched club.

**1806/NMS** Worth Parish Council, £2,500, towards steel shutters on all doors and windows to prevent vandalism of the new pavilion.