

Proposals for Capital Projects Greater than £25,000
(For inclusion in the draft Capital Programme for the financial years 2012/13 – 2016/17)

1	Service	Planning & New Communities					
2	Service Manager	Corporate Manager					
3	Brief Details of Proposal	Community Grants Programme					
4	Costs (all, £000s)	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Total gross cost
Financial Year in which expenditure is expected to be incurred		307.6	307.6	307.6	307.6	307.6	1,538.0
5	What is the estimated life expectancy of the asset related to the proposal?	<p>This grants programme now combines sports and community facilities, arts, historic buildings, conservation & wildlife enhancement & tree planting.</p> <p>The estimated life expectancy varies dependent on the nature of the grant and the proposal: at least 5 years, usually over 20 years.</p>					
6	What benefit will service users or residents experience as a result of the expenditure?	<p>Community facilities and environmental enhancements benefit everyone in the community, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve the quality of village life; • opportunities for a wide range of activities for difference groups; • improve health and wellbeing; • opportunities for volunteers to support projects in their communities; • enhance the appearance and biodiversity of the district. <p>Works to historic buildings help to preserve heritage assets for the community.</p>					
7	How many individuals/properties will benefit from the expenditure?	<p>The whole district over time.</p> <p>The number that will benefit from the award of a particular grant varies from an individual to potentially a whole village, dependent on the nature of the award.</p>					
8	What evidence is there of public, tenant and/or user support for the proposal?	<p>The Council's policy of enabling support is well recognised and supported by Members and parishes alike.</p> <p>In most cases, community capital projects are developed in villages as a result of need being identified in local surveys and parish plans. Such evidence is usually provided in documents supporting each grant application.</p>					

9	<p>Which of the 2012/13 aims, approaches and actions will the proposal address and how?</p>	<p>The grants programme enables the Council to ensure that the district continues to offer outstanding and sustainable quality of life for our residents, by supporting local community, sporting and heritage projects across the district which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accessible to a wide range of residents. • help promote active and healthy lifestyles • help fostering good citizenship and civic pride. <p>The provision of local facilities minimises travel, encouraging low carbon and sustainable living.</p> <p>The projects are identified and managed locally; the grants help villages to meet the needs and aspirations of current and future residents.</p> <p>New or enhanced meeting places and activities help with community cohesion and safety.</p> <p>Conservation grants help the Council and its residents to preserve local traditions, keeping villages attractive and enhancing the landscape for future generations.</p> <p>There is a specific Council Action for 2012/13, “Implement a streamlined and integrated grants process to support localism”, under the Aim “We will listen to and engage with our residents and parishes and businesses to ensure we deliver first class services and value for money”.</p>
10	<p>How will performance indicators be affected?</p>	<p>Different types of grants help to meet various existing performance indicators (PIs).</p> <p>The new Council Action will have its own PI.</p>
11	<p>Is this expenditure required to enable the Council to meet a statutory requirement? If so, please give a description of the relevant requirement.</p>	<p>These grants are not statutory requirement, but help considerably to bring in external funding, enabling communities to enhance and develop village life.</p>
12	<p>What will be the implications for the Council of not proceeding with the proposed investment?</p>	<p>Capital Grants enable many villages to develop community facilities that meet local need. Without SCDC funding many of these important projects would not happen and community benefits will not be provided.</p>
13	<p>How could the same outcome be achieved without the proposed expenditure?</p>	<p>The same outcomes could not be achieved as SCDC contributions are often vital to making projects happen. Beneficiaries would need to look for alternative funding, which would be difficult for many applicants as other sources of grant aid are reducing. This would either extend project timescales or make them unachievable, especially as most villages do not have a large population.</p>
14	<p>Is there likely to be any external funding contribution? If so, from where? (Please attach a copy of any written confirmation)</p>	<p>All community capital projects attract other sources of funding. Council grants are often very helpful to applicants in obtaining funding from other organisations; all go directly to the grant applicant. The proportion of a project’s total costs that are met by SCDC grant depends on the scale and type of project.</p>

15	Contribution (£000s)	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Total contribution
	Financial Year in which contribution is expected to be received	Nil to Council					
16	Revenue impact (£000s)	Reason	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
	Estimated consequential financial impact on net revenue expenditure of the proposal	Additional: income expenditure	No revenue implications for SCDC.				
		Reduction: income expenditure					
		Total for year					
17	Are any revenue changes likely to continue after 2012/13? If so, please complete the attached schedule.	N/a					
18	Brief description of the reasons for any revenue changes shown in 16	N/a					