

Proposals for Capital Projects Greater than £25,000
(For inclusion in the draft Capital Programme for the financial years 2007/08 – 2009/10)

1	Service	Community Development Portfolio – Community Development			
2	Service Manager	Jane Thompson			
3	Brief Details of Proposal	Community Facilities Grants			
4	Financial Year in which expenditure is expected to be incurred	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	Total gross cost
5	Costs	£185,200	£189,900	£189,900	£565,000
6	What is the estimated life expectancy of the asset related to the proposal?	The expected life of most community buildings is at least 35 years. The expected life of outdoor play equipment is estimated at 10 years.			
7	What benefit will service users or residents experience as a result of the expenditure?	This enabling budget helps villages and community groups from across the district provide and improve their community facilities. These facilities such as village halls and community centres are generally the heart or focal point within a village and without the SCDC capital contribution, these facilities cannot be achieved and improved. In almost every case the SCDC capital funds help attract substantial other grants from funding bodies and this amounts to many £100,000's coming into the district every year. The facilities provide the opportunity for a wide range of activities involving all sections of the community. The Council's capital grants for children's play equipment enables the smaller villages to provide such facilities locally. Without the SCDC funds they would not be able to raise sufficient funds to do so.			
8	How many individuals/properties will benefit from the expenditure?	Potentially all residents living in any village receiving grant aid will enjoy the benefit of local community amenities.			
9	What evidence is there of public, tenant and/or user support for the proposal?	In most cases, capital projects developed in villages are the result of need being identified in local surveys and Parish Plans. Parish Councils and community groups are well placed to identify these very local requirements.			
10	Which of the 2007/08 priorities will the proposal address and how?	None directly			
11	How will performance indicators be affected?	These grants are reactive to requests so it is difficult to apply pi's. Information is collected on the amount of external funding being attracted as a result of SCDC capital grant aid.			
12	Is this expenditure required to enable the Council to meet a statutory requirement? If so, please give a description of the relevant requirement.	This is not a statutory requirement but provides vital enabling support to Parish Councils. The Council is unusual in that it does not own or manage any community facilities. It therefore relies on Parish Councils and community organisations to provide this service in villages.			
13	What will be the implications for the Council of not proceeding with the proposed investment?	Capital grants enable many villages to develop local community facilities that meet local need. Without SCDC funding many of these important projects could not happen. Without SCDC funding and support, many other external funding agencies would not be willing to provide grant aid.			
14	How could the same outcome be achieved without the proposed expenditure?	No. Other sources of grant aid are reducing and the SCDC contributions are often vital to making projects happen.			
15	Is there likely to be any	All capital projects attract other sources of funding. SCDC grants are			

	external funding contribution? If so, from where? (Please attach a copy of any written confirmation)	generally for 20-50% total project cost, depending on the scale and type of the project. External funding contributions are made directly to the grant applicants.			
16. Contribution (£000s)		2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	Total contribution
Financial Year in which contribution is expected to be received		Nil to Council	Nil to Council	Nil to Council	Nil to Council
17. Revenue impact (£000s)		Reason	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Estimated consequential financial impact on net revenue expenditure of the proposal		Additional: income expenditure	No revenue implications for SCDC	No revenue implications for SCDC	No revenue implications for SCDC
		Reduction in: income expenditure			
		Total for year			
18	Are any revenue changes likely to continue after 2009/10? If so, please complete the attached schedule?	N/a No revenue implications for SCDC. The Council only provides capital grant aid.			
19	Brief description of the reasons for any revenue changes shown in 16	N/a			