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ADDENDA

7. Big Society Fund - Allocation of Wave 2 Funding (Pages 1 - 38)

The addenda contains the assessment forms for all bids to the second wave of the Big Society Fund, supplementary information and amended recommendations

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BIG SOCIETY FUND – ALLOCATION OF WAVE 2 FUNDING

Report by Head of Strategy and Communications

Addenda

The addenda contains the assessment forms for all bids to the second wave of the Big Society Fund and have been categorised as follows:

Annex 1 Bids that meet the assessment criteria

A number of bids are considered to have strong potential to contribute to our Big Society vision and meet the Fund criteria.

Annex 2 Bids that presently do not fully meet the assessment criteria, but may with further development

A number of bids align with the criteria of the Big Society Fund and show potential to deliver positive outcomes in communities, but would benefit from further development.

Annex 3 Bids that do not meet the assessment criteria

A number of bids received do not meet the assessment criteria.

Supplementary information

1. Since publication of the Cabinet papers for round two of the Big Society Fund we have received a request from a successful round one project to amend the approach that they are taking with their project.

Wood Farm Youth Work Training Project

2. Cabinet awarded funding on the basis of the proposal set out in the bid. This was for funding to train volunteers to run the young people's centre in Wood Farm and the purchase of two computers to support the project.

Request to alter use of funding

3. The Wood Farm youth centre has requested authorisation to use the £6,000 grant for,
 - 1 worker x 6hrs week (£3120)
 - Training for volunteers (£1650)
 - Resources for sessions (£600)
 - Contribution to overheads (£630)
4. The justification for this request to change is,

- Having a paid sessional worker to lead the volunteers will make the provision stronger and enable better recruitment of volunteers as the community project gets up and running.
- Oxfordshire Association for Young People will be starting a campaign to recruit volunteers and is better placed to train them. Wood Farm youth centre is keen to access this training rather than develop their own which would cost more.
- The group has been given two computers for the project so no longer needs to buy these.

The ongoing cost of the sessional worker is proposed to be funded in future years through income generated by letting the centre (currently £3500 per year), fundraising and grants which appears sustainable.

RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is recommended to

- a. Approve the Wood Farm youth centre request to amend the use of their Big Society grant**

And as per the original paper

- b. Approve those bids which meet the assessment criteria**
- c. In accordance with the Asset Transfer Policy to agree the transfer of buildings to the school on the following sites;**
 - i. Lord Williams' School, Thame**
 - ii. Chiltern Edge School, Sonning Common**

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Annex 1 Bids that meet the assessment criteria

Bicester Locality:

Fringford Village Hall Cinema

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Fringford Village Hall Cinema
Project Description: Purchasing cinema equipment to provide a cinema to the people in Fringford and surrounding villages
Amount bid for: £4956.16 of £6084 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (could be countywide): Bicester
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Fulljames

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment*

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) There is currently no cinema within 15 miles of Fringford and many people without cars can't access the nearest one, especially in the evening. Using the village hall would highlight the facility's usefulness to potential users, and bring villagers together in a social environment. Fifty residents went to the first screening which was reliant on hiring equipment at some cost.
Innovation and Creativity Using a village hall to house cinema equipment is an innovative way of maximising the facility, encouraging sociality, bringing an enjoyable 'service' to local residents. The school next door would have access to the equipment. This project also encourages entrepreneurship.
Sustainable Business Case Ticket and refreshment sales are expected to cover ongoing costs in future years; BSF bid is to cover purchase of equipment.
Community Involvement The community was very involved in a previous movie screening, and has shown interest in supporting future activities.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>There is a lack of access to local services in the Fringford area so would support any type of community activity that provides services locally.</p> <p>A range of cultural, social and sporting events is a key indicator of a sustainable and inclusive village community. This project has the potential to increase that range for Fringford and surrounding villages.</p> <p>However, the committee needs to clarify the license conditions. Do they realise that the stated £79 is per viewing and that VAT will apply? This means that they will need at least 22 people paying £5.00 at each showing to cover</p>

licence and film hire costs alone using their quote of £15.00 for the purchase of the DVD.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Councillors were supportive of the bid and thought the idea was worthy of Big Society Fund support.

* Taken from 'Eligibility Checklist' document included as part of the 'Guidance Notes for the Application' page on the website.

Chipping Norton Locality

Winter Weather

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Winter Weather
Project Description: Preparing roads and pavements for severe winter weather
Amount bid for: £1,180 of £2360 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (could be countywide): Woodstock
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Hudspeth

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) Recent severe weather conditions have caused problems for local residents including injuries. The community wants to supplement the provision from the county council and want the power to clear pavements/roads for themselves.
Innovation and Creativity This is the first time a parish council has bid to take on this responsibility. It would enable the community to take responsibility for this issue and provide a more complete service than is possible by the county council and promote localism.
Sustainable Business Case The bid is for initial start-up costs for equipment. The town council will cover future costs of salt and assumes continued discounted rate from OCC which may be hard to commit to at this stage.
Community Involvement A community meeting was held that determined the direction of this bid and there are sufficient volunteers to run the project. The project will be carried out by local residents and is led by parish council.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

The county has to concentrate its resources on the major traffic routes and as such other areas of highway including areas near to shops, doctor's surgeries and general footpath areas are not routinely salted or cleared during snow. The bid requests part funding to assist the Town Council in helping to keep these sorts of areas clear and safe. This is very much complementary to the operation of the county. We already work closely with Woodstock Town Council through our Area Stewardship scheme and this would strengthen those links. It is likely that if this bid is successful it will enable residents to access a greater proportion of local facilities during inclement weather than we can enable through our operations.
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

The group was very supportive of the proposal, believing it to be a pilot worthy of rolling out more widely across the County.
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Countywide Locality

StingRadio

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: StingRadio
Project Description: Fortnightly radio programme run by young people with learning disabilities
Amount bid for: £9,500 of £25,766 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (could be countywide): Oxford/Countywide
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Heathcoat

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) Young people with learning disabilities learn confidence and life skills. About 400 people with learning disabilities are involved in running My Life My Choice and are benefited by this charity.
Innovation and Creativity This is a very creative and unique project enabling young people with learning difficulties to build their skills and provide a service to others they represent.
Sustainable Business Case The project includes free use of StudyVox FM's studio for 5 years. The organisation shows robust fundraising experience and strategies are in place to support ongoing costs. It appears that this project already has large amounts of funding and support from other organisations.
Community Involvement The 400 members of the organisation have driven the development of the application which is a priority for the organisation.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

I have worked with this organisation and I have a great respect for their ability to hear the voice of the young people they support. This project is an ideal way to take their work forward to new areas of self expression. I expect to see them discover talents in young people with learning difficulties that have not been suspected before.
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Didcot Locality

Phoenix Youth Club

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Phoenix Youth Club
Project Description: Youth provision
Amount bid for: £4,000 of £8,000 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (<i>could be countywide</i>): Didcot
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Greene

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) Young people in Cholsey have been attending youth clubs in Wallingford since the closure of their local club a year ago, but the council provision in Wallingford has ended.
Innovation and Creativity The proposal is to reopen a weekly youth club in Cholsey. Whilst this is not entirely new service in Cholsey it responds to an identified need.
Sustainable Business Case Projected costs appear reasonable however £4000 funding from the Parish Council is not confirmed beyond year 1. This is the remaining half of the proposed cost of the project and continues in future years, topped up by fundraising and admission fees. Admission fees will be used to cover the hire of the scout hut.
Community Involvement Local young people and other residents have been widely involved in developing the bid/recognising the need, and local volunteers are in place. A management committee has been formed.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

There has been an historic association with Cholsey Parish Council with regard to youth provision. For a number of years external funding was sought to employ a youth worker through OCC. This bid would re-provide the level of support for young people previously available. Cholsey is not an area of high need but as a relatively isolated community there are issues of reality that are particularly pertinent to young people who may attend Wallingford or Didcot schools.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

The Locality Review group had mixed views on the suitability of the bid. A number of questions around the sustainability of the project were raised, alongside strong support in principle for having a youth club in Cholsey.
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Henley – Goring Locality

NOMAD Teenagers and Parents Together

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: NOMAD Teenagers and Parents Together
Project Description: To develop initiatives for working jointly with parents and their children in order to strengthen family relationships through structured programmes and positive activities.
Amount bid for: £14,000 of £39,000 total project costs.
Project Location and Locality (could be countywide): Henley
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Nimmo-Smith

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) Project aims to support young people to strengthen family relationships. It is not clear how many young people/families will benefit from the funding requested from the Big Society Fund.
Innovation and Creativity NOMAD is an existing programme supporting families in the Henley area and this project an extension of existing services. The project brings together youth work and parenting support which is innovative however this is similar to the service provided through the Early Intervention hubs. It is not clear how the project is intending to link with the work of the Early intervention Service and would advise that this is clarified before funding is granted.
Sustainable Business Case The majority of the total cost of the project is for staffing. Though the funding requested from the Big Society Fund is for non-staffing costs which includes £2,000 for a funding strategy seems high; £7,800 for training and first aid also high. It is unclear what certainty there is of the shortfall of £14,000 in future years being raised by local community giving.
Community Involvement The project has been successful in the past and families who have taken part previously have requested that the activities continue.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

This bid proposes an excellent project very much under the principles of the Early Intervention Service. It is critical that there are excellent links with the EIS Hub covering Henley. Henley itself is not an area of deprivation but targeted work to the area of the town where there is significant need is important. This bid looks to add to provision in the area rather than re-providing services that have been lost and in particular provides a local focal point for this type of work.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Members strongly support the bid. There is no duplication with OCC hubs as the nearest one in Didcot is too far away. Young people from around the area congregate in Henley, which has housing estates and less well-off areas. Nomad links with schools and the college and has done much, including around drug awareness and teenage pregnancy. The project is good at fund-raising and dovetailing work; this bids complements but is different from existing work. Members believe the project is ideal for one-off funding.

Oxford Locality

Oxford Wheels Project

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Oxford Wheels Project
Project Description: Improving a skate board and BMX facility in East Oxford
Amount bid for: £45,000 of £310,840 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (could be countywide): Oxford
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Tanner

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) Going from a wood to concrete would make the current facility much more sustainable, providing a place for teenagers and young adults to practice skate boarding and BMX riding, make friends and learn new skills.
Innovation and Creativity The skate park already exists but the development of a permanent facility would enable a wider range of activities to be provided and focus on other groups in the community. The facility is hugely popular and provides a positive activity for young people in Oxford.
Sustainable Business Case Although most of the funding is in place, nearly £100,000 is still missing. However the group has been successful in drawing in funding and with so much towards the project in place achievement of the rest is likely. Ongoing costs in future years are low and the project seems sustainable. We should consider awarding funding on condition of the total project costs being in place.
Community Involvement Park users and the local community have been involved in developing the design of the park as well as the bid and there is strong support across the community for the facility. The park is maintained and staffed entirely by volunteers who use it.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

Oxford Wheels provides an excellent resource and is well used by the local community. There is significant need in the surrounding areas of East Oxford and Donnington although it is unclear how these areas would be specifically targeted. The project is not re-providing any services lost within the current OCC budget reductions.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Councillors strongly support the Oxford Wheels Project and suggest funding is released to the project to enable works to start rather than be given on condition of all funds being in place.

Thame – Wheatley – Watlington – Chalgrove Locality

Thame Youth Worker

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Thame Youth Worker
Project Description: Youth worker to provide youth work in Thame and run youth club sessions from the young people's centre at Lord Williams' School
Amount bid for: £16,550 of £51,705 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (<i>could be countywide</i>): Thame
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllrs Carter and Wilmshurst

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) This project will ensure youth provision is available in Thame which has recently ended as county council services have ended.
Innovation and Creativity The proposal is innovative in that the plan is for the worker not to be solely attached to the young people's centre building but to work more flexibly in the community in order to bring services to where young people are.
Sustainable Business Case Most of the bid is for the youth worker's salary and expenses for the rest of this financial year, with some for recruiting volunteers and buying office equipment. It is unclear whether Big Society Funding is required if SODC start up funding is successful. The project is sustainable with Town Council funding for future years. Big Society start up funding could be awarded if assurance that Town Council funding is committed in future.
Community Involvement The proposals have been discussed with various community groups, and the project will work with the school which will take on management of the young people's centre building.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

This bid represents a very positive move from the Town Council to continue to provide youth provision in Thame. Historically the Town Council has been very involved with, and concerned about young people in the Town and have worked with the County Council to add value to the offer. Although Thame is not an area of high need there are pockets of deprivation and this work would aim to provide support. OCC have reduced youth services in the area and this bid is thus fit for purpose and much needed.
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Thame Town Council contribution from the precept is definite. Thame has a

large population of 12,000. Funding from SODC one-off and the project could go ahead without it. All members support the bid. A potentially complementary bid from St. Mary's Church for a family worker may be submitted in a future wave.

Wheatley Youth Club

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Wheatley Youth Club
Project Description: To provide youth club sessions 2 nights/week at the Wheatley Young People's Centre now managed by the Maple Tree Children's Centre.
Amount bid for: £7,120 of £15,000 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (<i>could be countywide</i>): Wheatley
Sponsoring Councillor: Anne Purse

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) There is no other youth provision in Wheatley since the council service has changed. This would benefit local young people and is aimed at those in Wheatley and the surrounding area. It is noted that Wheatley has recently had problems with youth anti-social behaviour and youth provision is identified in the Parish Plan.
Innovation and Creativity This is a new initiative led by the parish council. It is a good example of innovation as it proposes to share resources with other local facilities, like the school and children's centre.
Sustainable Business Case Staffing costs of £9,000 of the total project are requested. This would mean £1,120 Big Society funding would contribute to staffing. Funding in future years is dependent on increasing subs and tuck shop income which may be optimistic. There are plans to seek donations from other parish councils and local businesses. Big Society start up funding could be awarded if sustainability secure through Parish Council funding.
Community Involvement Young people and were consulted in developing the bid and came up with many of the ideas proposed and the project is led by the Parish Council.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

This bid would provide the youth element (alongside the transfer of the building at Wheatley that was agreed in the previous Big Society wave). The Parish Council has worked with OCC for many years ensuring the delivery of youth provision in Wheatley. Wheatley does not represent an area of high need but has had a number of specific youth related issues in the recent past. This bid will enable the new Children's centre (now operating from the ex-youth centre premises) to offer provision to the wide range of children, young people and families in the community.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Bid for the Maple Tree Children's Centre, depends on the success of this bid, as does transfer of youth centre to Parish Council.

Members noted skills of a professional youth workers are needed in this village, to ensure young people who are unlikely to attend the Club otherwise can be reached.

The intention is to ask other parishes to contribute in future and set up transport for surrounding villages once they see the Club up and running.

OAYP to be asked for support, inc. fundraising.

All members support the bid.

Chalgrove Parish Council – Youth Worker Recruitment

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Chalgrove Parish Council – Youth Worker Recruitment
Project Description: To hire two qualified youth workers to run two sessions a week.
Amount bid for: £6,000 of £10,360 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (<i>could be countywide</i>): Chalgrove
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Turner

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) The project will recruit two youth workers to provide two sessions per week for the community which has seen youth work cease with the changes to county council provision.
Innovation and Creativity The bid is to cover staffing costs of the project in the first year. Staffing is not usually what the Big Society Fund is aimed at although this project has strong leadership by the Parish Council which intends to cover future costs of the project through the parish precept. The Parish Council already provides the venue and running costs for the youth centre.
Sustainable Business Case Majority of costs are for recruiting youth workers. There is little detail about the future of the project and how staffing will be funded in future years although it is suggested that this will be through grants.
Community Involvement Members of the existing club are aware of the project and will be involved in the recruitment of workers. There is no mention of the use of volunteers to support the youth club sessions which could help to reduce costs.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

This bid provides a replacement to the service that has been lost in the recent structural changes. We have had excellent relationships with Chalgrove Parish Council over a number of years. Chalgrove is not an area of high need but suffers rural isolation. This is particularly an issue for teenage young people who have to travel out of Chalgrove to their secondary schools. It should also be noted that at the September 'Chill Out' meeting Chalgrove received £4360 towards youth work in Chalgrove.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Note: Cllr Turner is a member of the Parish Council. The project has received £4,360 from the Chill Out Fund - to be taken off this bid. Parish is already contributing funding (2 self employed youth workers) and will include it in the precept to be set next year. Notice of the withdrawal

of the OCC worker this year too late for the parish's budget setting.
All members support the bid.

Wallingford – Benson – Berinsfield Locality

Wigod Centre

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Wigod Centre
Project Description: Project to purchase and refurbish an unused church to create a new youth centre in Wallingford.
Amount bid for: £20,000 of £179,879 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (could be countywide): Wallingford
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Atkins

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) The project will enable the group to provide youth and other community activities including the children's centre in a more suitable building (once refurbished according to the project specifications). There is no similar youth provision in Wallingford. Youth facilities are identified in the Town Health Check.
Innovation and Creativity The project is very innovative as it represents a co-location of a number of community activities with local food bank, other youth services and families provision.
Sustainable Business Case Bid is for contribution to costs of the refurbishment. Extensive funds from Town Council and S106 are already in place. Lease of the facility will cover costs in future years.
Community Involvement There is strong community consultation and involvement; local churches are heavily involved as well.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

The youth centre in Wallingford has been closed as a result of the redesign of services and the existing accommodation is not fit for purpose. This bid represents a positive approach to re-providing youth activity in the town, there is a clear need for this. The Town Council has had ongoing links with the youth centre and takes a keen and interested view in the welfare of young people in the town. Although Wallingford is not an area of high need there is a significant area of deprivation around the area of the previous youth centre. Young people in Wallingford have made clear representation about the needs in Wallingford and for provision to match need.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

The group was enthusiastically supportive of the Wigod Centre Bid, although some aspects of the bid need to be adjusted.
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Annex 2 Bids that presently do not fully meet the assessment criteria, but may with further development

Faringdon Locality

1st Faringdon Scouts

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: 1 st Faringdon Scouts
Project Description: Asset transfer of land to be used for Scout activities, and funding requested for site assessments and landscaping costs.
Amount bid for: £51,000 of £500,000 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (<i>could be countywide</i>): Faringdon
Sponsoring Councillor:

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) There is a waiting list of 91 children for the Scouts and the group has no designated base for scouting activities. However the land is contaminated as it used to be a highway depot.
Innovation and Creativity This is an enhancement of current activities. The Scouts do not currently have a facility and are keen to use any new facility creatively with other groups in the community to maximum use.
Sustainable Business Case Costs are for planning permission application, architectural design etc, and site clearance. These are large overall costs for preliminary site work which does not fit BSF aims. There are no costs listed in future years although the project will require significant further resources to build a new Scout Hut. However the Scouts are known to be successful at fundraising.
Community Involvement The organisation has engaged with the town and county councils and local schools and interested groups have also been consulted and expressed interest in the proposals.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

We are keen to support a permanent base for the Scouts in the community given the high numbers on their waiting list and increased choice of activity for young people afforded through this approach. The idea of neighbouring FAZE is a good fit with BSF aims, however the land proposed was previously a highways depot and may be contaminated. The costs do not match the BSF aims and are very high. The bid is similar to the New Scout Hut application in wave 1, which was also unsuccessful.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

The bid was not supported as it failed to meet the criteria of the Fund. However, Members supported the scheme but felt more information was required in terms of the services (rather than the building). It was noted that the asset transfer was currently being discussed with OCC Property Services team (rather than through the Big Society scheme).

Henley - Goring Locality

Edge Youth Centre

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Edge Youth Centre
Project Description: To provide youth sessions for young people in Sonning Common and the surrounding area from the young people's centre at Chiltern Edge School.
Amount bid for: £24,350 of £33,350 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (could be countywide): Sonning Common
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Viney

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) The project will enable youth activities to be provided in the community by the management committee. This is as a result of the changes to the council's provision of youth work which would otherwise mean that there is no youth provision locally.
Innovation and Creativity The proposal is that the school manages the young people's centre building for use during the daytime. The management committee will run the evening youth activity supported by a bank of volunteers and are planning to extend the activities and refurbish the building.
Sustainable Business Case The bid includes the costs of refurbishing the kitchen and offices, fitting blinds to the sports hall, and web site design. The significant proportion of the costs requested are for staffing which the Big Society Fund is not intended to cover. Funding in future years relies on a mixture of Parish Council funds, tuck shop and admissions income and local business sponsorship. However these funds can not be confirmed until after initial start-up and so sustainability is currently uncertain. Further development of the proposal to consider sustainability and large staffing costs is recommended unless more information can be provided.
Community Involvement The school and local parish councils have been part of the development of the project. Young people have been consulted and a review of the provision undertaken. Parish council contribution to the project reflects support for the project.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

This bid would re-provide youth provision that has been lost as a result of the new structure. The centre is on the Chiltern Edge school site in Sonning Common providing excellent opportunities for working with young people both in the evening and with groups in the school day liaison with the school. The area has high need in relation to rural isolation - the school acting as a key

focal point. The centre is in need of refurbishment and a re-launch to young people in the area. This bid fits clearly with other services and would provide a useful meeting place for hub staff to meet with children, young people and families.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

At the locality review meeting members were concerned staffing costs are not sustainable. Noted that £4.5k from Parish Council is already a fair proportion of precept. Members are supportive of funding one-off costs like training and refurbishment to help start up. The group could come back if they could show staffing could be cut back or how it will be funded in future years.

Cllr Viney, the local member, has been involved in the Chiltern Edge Youth Club and is strongly supportive of the bid. She has no concerns about the future sustainability of the project or the ability to raise funds locally. Work is underway to secure local sponsorship and raise funds, with pledges of support already available from a range of businesses and other organisations. There is strong local support with many new volunteers for the project. This bid follows on from the new community group taking on the lease from the school for the building.

Kidlington Locality

Kidlington Youth Programme

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Kidlington Youth Programme
Project Description: To provide weekly youth sessions from the Forum Youth Centre
Amount bid for: £10,295 of £10,295 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (could be countywide): Kidlington
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Billington

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) Project to run two youth club sessions a week at The Forum Centre for years 7-9 and 10-13 separately. The project is aimed to ensure youth provision in the community following the establishment of the council's Early Intervention Service.
Innovation and Creativity The aim to split the age groups in order to increase the capacity and target activities better. The bid assumes that no youth provision will take place in Kidlington by the council however there will be continuing provision from the satellite. It is suggested that the group work with the satellite to develop complementary provision and the bid is resubmitted in light of this.
Sustainable Business Case Bid assumes free use of the Forum Youth Centre. The majority of funding requested is for costs of equipping the Centre however as the Centre will be used as a satellite it will already be well-equipped. There is also £1500 for promotional material which is not within the aims of the Fund. CRB checks aren't mentioned in the costs. A user fee will be charged to cover costs of running the Centre in future years and this should generate a surplus even based on current numbers.
Community Involvement County and Parish councils and the local school have pledged support; local residents have agreed to volunteer to run the provision.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>This bid would add to the provision operating from the youth centre in Kidlington. The centre is a satellite centre to the Early Intervention Hub in Bicester and is operating the same level of youth provision as previously existed. Complementing this provision with input from the LifeHouse Community Church would enhance the offer to children and young people in Kidlington. I am concerned about the statements in this bid about the closure of youth provision in Kidlington, we need to make very clear to this group that this is not the case. There has been early discussion with the EI Hub Manager from Bicester who is happy to work collaboratively with this group to add to</p>

the provision. However the centre remains an OCC centre with equipment and licences in place. Clarification is needed about what the LifeHouse Community Church is applying for and how this will work in collaboration with the centre.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Councillors were strongly in support of the bid from the LifeHouse Community Church, noting that:

- The facilities would support an area wider than Kidlington
- To attract users, high quality facilities were needed
- A wide range of ages and individuals would hopefully benefit in future
- Assets should be able to be shared

Councillor Billington would be actively involved

Oxford Locality

Rose Hill Youth & Community Project

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Rose Hill Youth & Community Project
Project Description: Provision of term time youth activity and holiday projects from the Rose Hill Youth Centre and Rose Hill/Littlemore Family Centre.
Amount bid for: £28,220 of £29,206 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (<i>could be countywide</i>): Rose Hill
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllrs John Sanders, Ed Turner, and Antonia Bance

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefit (meets identified need) Membership of and visits to the RHYC are growing as new homes are being built on the estate. The aim of the project is to provide youth service for free.
Innovation and Creativity This is not a new project or idea, but an enhancement of an existing service. Given when the bid was submitted it does not refer to the provision of youth activity from the satellite which continues as before.
Sustainable Business Case Most of the money applied for is for staffing the centre (£27,720). £22,220 is missing in years 2 and 3, marked as 'unidentified funding source'. There is no provision for costs such as CRB checks and insurance. The business plan does not appear to be sustainable or to fit BSF aims. Given the provision that is available from the satellite it is likely that the need for provision at this level would not be required. It is proposed that the tenants' association and satellite work together to develop complementary provision and a refined bid is submitted.
Community Involvement There has been wide community involvement in forming this bid including planning meetings, youth questionnaires, and community organisation input.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>The bid from Rose Hill Tenants and Residents Association is very helpful in providing letters of support for work at Rose Hill Youth Centre and the bid based on this information is excellent. However, since many of these letters have been written the situation has been further clarified and Rose Hill Youth Centre is identified as a satellite centre to the Early Intervention Hub at Littlemore. The Early Intervention Service is committed to operating youth sessions from Rose Hill Youth Centre and already has in place a team of staff looking at regular delivery four nights a week with further work in the pipeline. Rose Hill is an area of significant need and it would therefore be prudent to work closely with the Tenants and Residents Association to explore how input</p>
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they may be able to provide could work to complement the provision which is now available. Rose Hill is an area where we would want to make full use of the resource ensuring a range of good provision for children and young people rather than have competing provision. There is considerable interest in the provision in the local area and it is important that this is looked at holistically so we make best use of the resources available with gaps identified and appropriately filled. We need to ensure that any work undertaken in Rose Hill is sustainable and means to continue work in the long term are included in the thinking - I am concerned that the Tenants and Residents bid has an end date, this cannot be acceptable particularly in a high need area like Rose Hill.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Councillors were keen to support maximum possible provision for young people in Rose Hill through partnership between the Residents and Tenants association and the Early Intervention satellite. They would encourage the group to work with the satellite to consider their proposals.

Annex 3 Bids that do not meet the criteria

Abingdon Locality

Abingdon Lido Enhancement Scheme

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Abingdon Lido Enhancement Scheme
Project Description: Carry out a condition survey of the pool, publicity and advertising, mural at the pool entrance
Amount bid for: £8,600 of £12,100 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (could be countywide): Abingdon
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllrs Lovatt and Jones support the Lido

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) This is Abingdon's community outdoor pool, in a poor state of maintenance. The pool is a popular local facility. It is not clear that the pool is structurally sound; the funding would be used to establish this and would not cover any subsequent work that was identified.
Innovation and Creativity This is not a new initiative as the pool already exists and is in need of refurbishment. The BSF is not intended for surveys and consultancy services or for promotional material. The mural project is a creative idea to promote the lido however it is unclear the value of this given the physical condition of the facility.
Sustainable Business Case The bid is for a construction survey and promotional material, which do not fit with the Big Society Fund aims. It is not guaranteed that the pool will be found structurally sound, and there is no additional funding identified to do the likely necessary works. The pool is currently supported by the Vale of White Horse District Council and Abingdon Town Council but no funding from them is identified as contributing to the project.
Community Involvement In 2005 a petition collecting 6000 signatures to prevent pool closure, and a 2011 design competition with Oxford Brookes students showed general support from the community. The mural would involve artists from the community.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

There is evidence of community support for the Lido however the project is requesting funding is for a study and marketing costs which do not fit with the aims of the Big Society Fund. As the Lido is already funded by the town and district councils which are not contributing to the project the need for it is not very clear.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Members were supportive of the mural element of the project. The future viability of the Lido was important to be established first, with the funding already raised or by the district as owners. Projected marketing costs were considered high.

Banbury Locality

The Hill Youth Centre - Mediazone

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: The Hill Youth Centre - Mediazone
Project Description: Create a recording studio for use by local residents and young people at the Hill Youth and Community Centre
Amount bid for: £31,082 of £31,082 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (could be countywide): Banbury
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Strangwood

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) Community need is not strongly demonstrated – out of 2000 households surveyed only 160 responded, and of them 20 identified a music facility. It is not clear why this need is translated as a recording studio.
Innovation and Creativity This is a unique and creative idea. The Community Albums website is an innovative way for communities and groups around the world to broadcast their ideas and art. However, Community Albums often provides recording equipment so it is not clear why a participant would need its own.
Sustainable Business Case Nearly half of the funding requested is for 'building development' and no other sources of funding are identified. Income to cover costs in years 2 and 3 are uncertain as session fees will be optional and it will be hard to rely on likely income from CD sales. Staffing and building usage costs covered by Banbury Community Church.
Community Involvement There is significant community involvement in projects at the Hill Centre including a number of existing music activities. 2000 households in the area were surveyed with 160 responding; the choice of project seems to be formed on this. Creative Bretch Hill, Cherwell DC and OYAP are also involved.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

This bid would add to the offer from the existing centre (The Hill), improving equipment and accommodation. The centre has multi-agency links and ownership including Cherwell District Council. This provision has been in place for many years and is in need of refurbishment although accommodation has improved significantly over the recent past. The Hill is based on Bretch Hill in Banbury, an area of significant need. It is important to ensure effective links with the new Banbury Early Intervention Hub to ensure that young people can access the range of provision available across Banbury.
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

There is widespread support for the Centre and it well used by the community
The Centre serves an area that is amongst the most deprived in the county.
Cllr Bonner noted that the Hill that the Cattlemarket Youth Centre is trying to
recruit new volunteers; there could be a link to the Hill's proposed recruitment
of more volunteers. Agreed that members would like to see the Centre's work
supported in principle.

TS Harvester Sea Cadets

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: TS Harvester Sea Cadets
Project Description: Purchase of boats, training equipment and replacement minibus
Amount bid for: £12,675 of £12,675 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (could be countywide): Banbury
Sponsoring Councillor:

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) The 41 young people who are members of the Sea Cadets programme would benefit from the new equipment.
Innovation and Creativity This bid is not innovative as such because it is an improvement of an existing service through replacement equipment. The proposal to improve training facilities using technology is creative.
Sustainable Business Case The Cadets regularly raise funds for their activities, however there is no contribution proposed to this project. The funding requested is not for start-up costs but rather a bid for new equipment for an existing project.
Community Involvement The Cadets are run by local volunteers. There is no evidence of wider involvement of the community for example to share equipment with other groups.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

The Banbury Sea Cadets bid would add to the provision available in Banbury and substantially increase the quality of the infrastructure. Banbury is an area of high need and requires a breadth of provision. The new hub is Banbury has a range of activity for children and young people and this is complemented by a range of other venues in the town. This bid represents additional provision rather than replacing work that has been lost in the restructure. There have been few links with this group in the past although if successful we would want to ensure that the Banbury Sea Cadets were linked with the Outdoor learning offer within the EIS to ensure a good Banbury base.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

There were concerns about the bid fitting the ethos of Big Society Fund. The only element that could be considered innovative is training using new media. Could there be ways of developing training by sharing it with other groups? Have the Cadets raised any funding themselves or looked for match funding? Are there other resources available in the community that the cadets could make use of?

Countywide

SAFE – Support for Young People Affected by Crime

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: SAFE – Support for Young People Affected by Crime
Project Description: Providing counselling and care for young victims of sexual crime
Amount bid for: £8,400 of £61,600 total project cost for 2011/12.
Project Location and Locality (could be countywide): Countywide
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Godden

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) It's not clear from the bid how many young people are affected by sexual crimes in Oxfordshire. This project will fund the specialised support for 12 such affected young people.
Innovation and Creativity This appears to be an existing programme similar to what OCC has provided/is providing. It is largely funded by Ministry of Justice. Funding requested is specifically to support victims of sexual crime rather than the wider project which is for all crimes.
Sustainable Business Case Recruited Project Coordinator will work out of OCC office to save resources; large amounts of ongoing funding are projected to be met by the fundraising efforts of the same Coordinator (£33,600). It is unclear whether this person has experience raising this level of funds. Current funding only totals £36,556 which leaves shortfall not all of which is requested from Big Society Fund. It is not clear where the rest coming from.
Community Involvement Schools, Witness Care Unit, police, school groups, and young people regularly provide input to the organisation.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

Service view is being sought

Didcot Locality

Re-Start - Helping young offenders turn their lives around - Didcot TRAIN Youth Project

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Re-Start
Project Description: Rehabilitating 10 young offenders being released from custody for 1 year to enable them find work
Amount bid for: £18,216 of £76,750 total project cost (3 year period).
Project Location and Locality (could be countywide): Didcot
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Service has supported the organisation since it started.

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) It is identified that there are prolific offenders in Didcot although levels of crime are unclear. Only 10 young offenders would benefit directly from the project.
Innovation and Creativity The bid acknowledges that the council provides support to young people leaving custody although the project is aimed to be complimentary to the work of the early intervention hub. The project is based on a pilot that took place in 2009/10 and it is not clear why the project has not progressed since then. The social action project part of the programme is a creative approach but is not part of the bid. This is a temporal extension of an existing programme.
Sustainable Business Case Most costs are for staffing and staff expenses. Funding in future years is identified as being from the European Social Fund and Youth Offending Service/Probation. Is it appropriate for the Big Society Fund to fund projects that are potentially eligible for funding from services? The project does not appear set to continue after 2012 although all costs are for ongoing funding items rather than start up costs.
Community Involvement Members of relevant government services, and young people who have been through the program already, have been consulted on its future delivery.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

Senior managers were not aware of a partnership arrangement between the said Train Project and Oxfordshire Youth Offending Service. Oxfordshire Youth Offending Service has a well-functioning Integrated Resettlement Scheme which supports local young people released from custody.
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Both Councillors were supportive of the work of the organisation and thought that there was a need for some work on the issue of Young Offenders.

Faringdon Locality

Shrivenham Primary School Grounds Refurbishment

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Shrivenham Primary School grounds refurbishment
Project Description: Refurbishment, landscaping and equipment of school grounds upon 150 th Anniversary of school
Amount bid for: £39,000 of £44,000 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (<i>could be countywide</i>): Shrivenham, Faringdon
Sponsoring Councillor: contacted Cllr Fitzgerald O'Connor

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) Children don't currently have good facilities as previous equipment has been discarded for health and safety reasons. Whilst the school would benefit it would not have any wider community would benefit.
Innovation and Creativity Enhancing school grounds is not a new initiative but an improvement on an existing facility. Similar bids were not funded in Wave 1 because of lack of fit with BSF aims.
Sustainable Business Case There are no costs in future years, once the playground is refurbished. The school already receives capital for projects within the school so it appears that this project has not been prioritised. The school already covers costs of grounds maintenance. No fundraising or other funding is identified.
Community Involvement Teachers and parents, local gardening club, local church members have been involved in the plan.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

Although this is an exciting project for the school it is not clear how it joins up with existing community activities (lunch clubs, PTAs, toddler groups, schools, church/mosque, scouts etc) in their area, or use existing community spaces (halls, sports clubs, schools,) in a new way. There is mention of Shrivenham Gardening Club though it would appear this is in the initial development/delivery of the proposal. The school provides places for approx 150 primary aged children within the local community. All of these children would benefit from the proposal. The project appears to meet some of the criteria on the web though it is not clear how it would benefit the wider local community.
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

The bid was not supported as it did not meet the criteria. However, Members supported the scheme and would encourage a re-submission, if the project could have greater community benefit (beyond the students of the school).
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Oxford Locality

Greater Leys Under 10s FC indoor training

Section 1 – Project Overview *From the Website submission*

Project Name: Greater Leys Under 10s FC indoor training
Project Description: Funding to provide indoor training for children’s football club during winter months
Amount bid for: £387 of £774 total project cost.
Project Location and Locality (<i>could be countywide</i>): Greater Leys, Oxford
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Smith

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment *Qualitative assessment*

Community Benefits (meets identified need) Children who attend the club will be able to train indoors during the winter, in a location and at a time that’s convenient and safe.
Innovation and Creativity This is an extension of an existing activity and not something new in itself.
Sustainable Business Case The costs are for hiring a venue in which to practice. The total cost of the project is very low but only half the funding is apparent in years 2 and 3 with no identified source for this. This kind of subsidy does not fit with the aims of the Fund and it may be possible for the group to get support from other sources for this level of funding such as through the district council.
Community Involvement There appears to have been limited involvement in developing the bid. The club is only for a small number of children.

Section 3 – Service Officer View *Where applicable*

This project will allow children to train in safety, promotes health and physical exercise in an area where obesity is on the rise, and is a locally provided service using local volunteers and accessed by children who might otherwise be in unsafe places. The grant will facilitate safe indoor training where the children will be protected. There is a dearth of activities for this age range in Blackbird Leys, the most disadvantaged area in Oxford. It is especially important to purposefully engage children of this age and give them opportunities to develop, as they move into Secondary Schools. I fully support this bid.
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Councillors supported the provision of football training by the Greater Leys under 10s football and encouraged discussion with partners about appropriate ways to fund the project.

Witney – Eynsham Locality

West Oxfordshire Cycle Track

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: West Oxfordshire Cycle Track
Project Description: Feasibility study into cycle path between Eynsham and Dean Court (Botley)
Amount bid for: £6,000 of £6,000 total project start up costs.
Project Location and Locality (could be countywide): Eynsham
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Godden

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

Community Benefits (meets identified need) Travel by cycle and foot would be safer, promoting healthy and environmentally sustainable commutes and activities. The organisation has identified a local need for the cycle track based along the busy Eynsham-Farmoor-Botley road
Innovation and Creativity The project to create a cycle path led by the community is creative. Provision of this sort is usually met by the county council however a path on this route has not been prioritised.
Sustainable Business Case The bid is for funds to pay an external organisation to conduct a feasibility study into creating a cycle track, and for legal fees and publicity. It is not guaranteed that the project will be found to be feasible, and therefore may fail. There are no costs listed for future years but they are sure to be high given the aim of the project. The Big Society Fund is not intended to cover consultancy fees or studies.
Community Involvement A community meeting with 80 people has taken place, a charity is being formed of volunteers from Farmoor village, and a petition of 400 local residents has been conducted reflecting strong local support for this project.

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>This proposal directly relates to services that we provide as highway authority. The provision of cycleways is part of our role. The county council's prioritisation of funds to progress schemes has not resulted in a cycleway on this route being progressed. If funding were to be provided through the Big Society fund it would create recognition for this proposal as a higher priority than many other schemes across the county that we cannot progress.</p> <p>In addition this proposal is purely for preliminary design and feasibility work. There is no provision for the scheme itself. County Council funding is highly unlikely to be available to support implementation in any way due to higher priorities. The cost of a final scheme for implementation is likely to be high.</p>

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

The group did not support the proposal, as they did not feel it met the criteria for the fund, questioned whether the project was really needed and felt that the likely cost of the track itself would be so prohibitive that funding a feasibility study was not a worthwhile exercise.