

**Cabinet Member for Finance.**

**Members' Big Society Fund – Funding Allocations**

**January 2015**

**Report by Executive Director Corporate Resources and Services and Better Communities Manager**

**Ref: FIN19(14/15)**

**Key Decision:  
No**

**Part I**

**Electoral Divisions:**

Angmering and Findon,  
Chichester West, Cuckfield  
and Lucastes, Hurstpierpoint  
and Bolney, Lancing, Pound  
Hill and Worth, Pulborough,  
Shoreham, Worthing East.

### **Executive Summary**

A Members' Big Society Fund of £379,500 has been made available in 2014/15 (FR01 (11/12) amended annually). This report seeks the approval for the allocation of up to £129,500.

### **Recommendation**

That the allocation of £129,500 from the Members' Big Society Fund, as detailed below is approved:

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| • Building Heroes Education Foundation             | £25,000 |
| • Crawley United Reformed Church – Regeneration    | £12,100 |
| • Creative Waves Community Arts - BugCycle Project | £13,000 |
| • Hurst Scouts (1st Hurstpierpoint Scout Group)    | £10,000 |
| • Operation Mow - Nephcote Green Charitable Trust  | £12,500 |
| • The Pulborough Community Care Association        | £6,000  |
| • Shoreham Rugby Club – Clubhouse                  | £25,000 |
| • St Peter Project                                 | £9,000  |
| • Wickers Gymnastics Club                          | £16,900 |

## **1. Background**

1.1 A Members' Big Society Fund of £379,500 was made available in 2014/15. Members are required to research and scrutinise proposals in their area and carry out suitable consultation prior to sponsoring proposals. Proposals have not been recommended unless they have been sponsored by the Local Member.

1.2 In order to be considered for Big Society funding, the proposal must:

- Have the support of and be submitted by the local Member of the County Council (or if covering more than one electoral division the appropriate Members of the County Council)
- Be of significance to a local community or West Sussex as a whole, and be both sustainable and of lasting benefit
- Be consistent with the County Council's aims and objectives.

- 1.3 Members are required to satisfy themselves that the proposals will deliver local benefit.
- 1.4 The fund favours projects that are community-led and can demonstrate initiatives that deliver direct or immediate sustainable local benefit by the community for the community.
- 1.5 The fund cannot be used to:
- support any project or service where it is otherwise more appropriate to be provided by an authority with the means to precept, or any government funded organisation, or any organisation that the County Council pays a levy to.
  - support any expenditure that is the responsibility of another party.
  - support revenue expenditure where it does not form part of start-up or development proposals as necessary expenditure to attain sustainability.
- 1.6 As the funding should not be used to substitute agreed County Council budgets, it should therefore not be paid to West Sussex County Council (WSCC) services, unless under exceptional circumstances.
- 1.7 The Deputy Cabinet Members, Mrs Janet Mockridge and Mr Duncan Crow, have been consulted on all bids as a pre-decision scrutiny.
- 1.8 In 2014/15 £250,000 of the fund has already been allocated, through previous Cabinet Member decisions, to the following projects:
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| • The Base Skatepark CIC - Bognor Regis                      | £25,000 |
| • Bolney New Village Hall                                    | £8,000  |
| • Crawley Springboard  | £23,000 |
| • 5th/10th Horsham Weald Scouts                              | £9,400  |
| • Milland Valley War Memorial Hall                           | £5,000  |
| • Regnum District Whyke Guide Hall                           | £5,000  |
| • Selsey Community Nursery Ltd CIC                           | £5,000  |
| • Southwick Community Centre                                 | £12,000 |
| • Victoria Institute in Arundel                              | £10,900 |
| • West Hoathly Village Hall Refurbishment                    | £8,000  |
| • Sutton and Barlavington play equipment - Sutton Youth Club | £3,700  |
| • Albourne Equestrian Centre                                 | £5,400  |
| • Blake's Cottage  | £10,000 |
| • Bolnere Village Woodside Acoustic Wall                     | £11,200 |
| • Hove and Adur Sea Cadet Unit                               | £19,100 |
| • Redford Village Hall                                       | £10,000 |
| • Sayers Common Village Hall and Community Shop - Phase 2    | £14,000 |
| • Selsey Cricket Club  | £5,900  |
| • 7 <sup>th</sup> Littlehampton Airscouts Group Scout Hut    | £18,800 |
| • Southwick Community Centre renovation                      | £5,400  |
| • Victoria Institute Arundel                                 | £6,600  |
| • Warnham Village Hall                                       | £19,000 |
| • West Hoathly Village Hall Refurbishment                    | £9,600  |
- 1.9 This report proposes the allocation of a further £129,500 to 9 projects.

## 2. Proposals

- 2.1 The funding of £379,500 for 2014/15 has been agreed and must be allocated prior to the end of March 2015.
- 2.2 During 2014/15 there will be three decision points, allocating up to £125,000 at each of the first 2 rounds with the remaining £129,500 available for allocation at the 3<sup>rd</sup> round. Any amounts not awarded in either of the first two rounds will be made available in the next.
- 2.3 In the first round of allocations, proposals were received for a total value of £386,800, of which 12 proposals to a value of £125,000 were accepted, with the remainder either rolled-forward to the next round or declined. The round was 3 times oversubscribed.
- 2.4 The award of £10,000 returned to the fund by Compton Community (Village) Shop and Tearoom was rolled forward into the second round, increasing the funding available for allocation in this round to £135,000.
- 2.5 In the second round of allocations, proposals were received for a total value of £361,300, of which 12 proposals to a value of £135,000 were accepted.
- 2.6 In this third round of allocations, proposals were received for a total value of £239,600, of which 9 proposals to value of £129,500 were accepted.
- 2.7 The current round was more than 1.8 times oversubscribed.

|                              | Value of bids received | Value accepted | No. of bids accepted |
|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> round        | £386,800               | £125,000       | 12                   |
| - returned                   |                        | -£10,000       | -1                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> round        | £361,300               | £135,000       | 12                   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> (this) round | £239,600               | £129,500       | 9                    |
| Total year to date           | £987,700               | £379,500       | 32                   |

- 2.8 This year the fund has been 2.6 times oversubscribed with completed proposals of £987,700 bidding for £379,500.

- 2.9 It is recommended that the following proposals be supported and funding allocated accordingly. All bids have been submitted by and are supported by the Local Member.

| <b>NAME OF PROJECT</b>   | <b>LOCAL MEMBER</b>   | <b>BID AMOUNT</b> | <b>PROPOSED ALLOCATION</b> |
|--|---|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Building Heroes Education Foundation Court Meadow Refurbishment                      | Pete Bradbury Member for Cuckfield and Lucastes               | £25,000           | £25,000                    |
| Crawley United Reformed Church - Regeneration  | Richard Burrett Member for Pound Hill and Worth               | £25,000           | £12,100                    |
| Creative Waves Community Arts - BugCycle Project                                     | Roger Oakley Member for Worthing East                         | £15,400           | £13,000                    |
| Hurst Scouts (1st Hurstpierpoint Scout Group) - Extension to Head Quarters           | Peter Griffiths Member for Hurstpierpoint and Bolney Division | £20,000           | £10,000                    |
| Operation Mow Nephote Green Charitable Trust   | Deborah Urquhart Member for Angmering and Findon              | £12,500           | £12,500                    |
| Pulborough Village Hall - new dishwasher - The Pulborough Community Care Association | Pat Arculus Member for Pulborough                             | £6,000            | £6,000                     |
| Shoreham Rugby Club - Clubhouse  | Debbie Kennard Member for Shoreham                            | £25,000           | £25,000                    |
| St Peter Project   | Louise Goldsmith Member for Chichester West                   | £25,000           | £9,000                     |
| Wickers Gymnastics Club - equipment - gymnastics sprung floor area                   | Michael Glennon, Member for Lancing                           | £16,900           | £16,900                    |
| <b>Total this round</b>  |   |                   | <b>£129,500</b>            |
| Funds previously allocated   |   |                   | £250,000                   |
| <b>Total to date</b>   |   |                   | <b>£379,500</b>            |
| <b>Budget for year</b>   |   |                   | <b>£379,500</b>            |

- 2.10 A brief summary of each proposal can be found in Appendix B.

### 3. Consultation

- 3.1 All Members have been given the opportunity to submit proposals. Members are required to have undertaken appropriate consultation prior to submitting bids. The Deputy Cabinet Members, Mrs Janet Mockridge and Mr Duncan Crow, have been consulted on all bids and their comments have been addressed prior to including a proposal in this report. The response to the fund has exceeded expectation.

#### 4. **Other Options Considered**

- 4.1 The panel considered all completed submitted bids supported by local Members and recommended the above projects as:
- fitting the criteria of the fund
  - best providing the greatest benefit to the local community for the resource available within the funding limitations.

#### 5. **Resource Implications and Value for Money**

- 5.1 Each proposal has been considered in terms of value for money and sustainability.
- 5.2 An analysis of full project costs, details of other funding sources, any projected income streams and the amount of each bid is summarised in Appendix B.
- 5.3 The declined, part-declined, deferred and part-deferred bids are listed in Appendix C.
- 5.4 The supporting member will work with the applicants to ensure that funds deliver good value.

#### 6. **Impact of the Proposal**

- 6.1 **Equality Duty** - The Members' Big Society Fund was established to provide funding for positive and sustainable Big Society proposals. Each proposal has been supported by the Local Member following an assessment of impact on customers. An Equality Impact Report (EIR) relating to the allocation of funding is included as Appendix A.
- 6.2 The EIR has not identified areas where this scheme disadvantages those with a protected characteristic under the Equality Act.
- 6.3 **Crime and Disorder Act Implications** - There are no known Crime and Disorder Act Implications unless otherwise recorded in the individual application and indicated in Appendix B.
- 6.4 **Human Rights** - There are no known Human Rights implications unless otherwise recorded in the individual application and indicated in Appendix A.

#### 7. **Risk Management Implications**

- 7.1 Risk implications have been considered for each proposal and are indicated in Appendix B.

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#### **Appendices**

Appendix A – Equality Impact Report

Appendix B – Funding bid summaries

Appendix C – List of bids also submitted in this round but deferred or declined

**Background Papers** - None

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| <b>Members' Big Society Fund – Funding Allocations</b> |                                |                     |              |                                      |
| <b>Date for implementation</b>                         | <b>2014/15</b>                 |                     |              |                                      |
| <b>Team or Service</b>                                 | <b>Better Communities</b>      |                     |              |                                      |
| <b>Directorate</b>                                     | <b>Fire and Rescue Service</b> |                     |              |                                      |
| <b>CFA completed by (contact details)</b>              | <b>Name</b>                    | <b>Sheena Lake</b>  | <b>Email</b> | <b>Sheena.Lake@westsussex.gov.uk</b> |
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1. What information have you used to understand and analyse the impact of the proposal on customers?

This fund has been allocated by a decision of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources in April 2011 [Ref No. FR01(11/12)].

The Big Society Fund will support local projects that are of significance to a local community or to West Sussex as a whole. The proposals should be both sustainable and have lasting benefit. Each proposal has been assessed and sponsored by Local Members.

2. Are there any customers who are negatively affected by the proposal? If so, explain which customers and how they are negatively affected.

The projects funded from the Members Big Society Fund are each supported by the democratically elected Member for each division. Each Member is aware that they are representing their community when making applications.

3. Are there any customers who are positively affected by this proposal? If so, explain which customers and how they are positively affected.

The criteria for successful bids require all funds to be allocated to positive and sustainable projects. By supporting individual bids Members have considered any negative impacts.

4. How does your proposal help to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation?

The intention of the fund is support positive and sustainable local projects. A summary of each proposal is provided in Appendix B.

5. How does your proposal help to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not?

Where projects specifically help to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, it will be identified in Appendix B.

6. How does your proposal help to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not?

In progressing Big Society Fund applications Members have undertaken to ensure that, where possible, the advancement of equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic, and those who do not, is considered appropriately.

7. What have you learnt from the analysis of the likely effects of the proposal on customers? What changes were made to the proposal as a result?

In progressing Big Society Fund applications Members have undertaken to ensure that, where possible, each project fosters good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

8. If you did not make any changes to the proposal following the analysis please explain why.

The issues in this Customer Focus Appraisal are pre-considered prior to submitting this report and so no changes are necessary.

9. How will the proposal be monitored and evaluated to make sure it continues to meet the equality duty owed to customers?

Projects will be reviewed by Members to ensure that funding has been used as agreed.

10. Who will be responsible for the monitoring and review?

This will be undertaken by Members. Officers from the Community and Economic Development unit will be available to offer support to the local Member.

**To be signed by an Executive Director, Director or Head of Service to confirm that they have read and approved the content of the CFA and the Action Plan**

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| <b>Name</b> | Emily King | <b>Date</b> | 18 <sup>th</sup> December, 2014 |
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**BUILDING HEROES COURT MEADOW REFURBISHMENT  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERS' BIG SOCIETY FUND****£25,000****1. The potential funding recipient**

Building Heroes is a specialist residential training foundation, established as a not for profit business for the purpose of training ex-service personnel and unemployed young adults (aged 18-24) in building trades and horticultural skills.

**2. Status of the potential funding recipient**

Building Heroes Education Foundation is a registered charity – registered 16.10.2014. Charity number 1158886.

**3. The project aspirations**

Having taken a tenancy for Court Meadow School, the project now needs to refurbish the interior of the buildings to make them ready to operate as a training school. Interior painting and decoration will be the bulk of the work, as the basic fabric of the building is sound.

Equipping the kitchens, and the refurbishment of the outbuildings as workshops, will be the second and third major components of the project. The refurbishment of the buildings will be carried out by external contractors.

**4. Who will benefit and how they will benefit**

Building Heroes at Court Meadow will be able to train over 400 people each year. Each trainee is working towards a job, which is their main benefit. In addition, a spin off from the core residential training programme is that local community projects will be undertaken by Building Heroes, which will result in supporting voluntary and community bodies. Training for disabled veterans will also be a key ingredient to the ethos of the business, and this group will benefit directly. Another benefit will be mixing the disciplined approach of ex-forces personnel, with the potentially less disciplined approach of unemployed young adults, who may benefit from a supportive and structured approach to education, with a commitment to get every beneficiary working from day one.

**5. Planned outcomes that would indicate that the project has been a success**

Outcomes will include a fully operational training school (with all the classrooms, workshops and offices required) to result in all those involved in 'Building Heroes' looking and feeling like part of a single organisation, working towards a single goal. All trainees being trained in a fit for purpose establishment, along with very valuable job outcomes being delivered. Trainees will be able to seek employment in a variety of ways; self-employment, working for a local contractor or through the Building Heroes Building and Estate Management company.

## 6. How the funding will be used

To cover approximately 33% of the refurbishment costs including internal decorations, kitchen equipping, outbuilding refurbishment, an additional workshop, and improving the grounds.

| <b>Project parts: (to the nearest £100)</b> | <b>exc VAT</b> | <b>Gross</b>   |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Internal decoration                         | £20,600        | £24,700        |
| Kitchen equipping                           | £12,500        | £15,000        |
| Outbuilding refurbishment                   | £12,200        | £14,800        |
| Additional workshop                         | £8,200         | £10,000        |
| Grounds improvement                         | £10,000        | £11,600        |
| <b>Total project cost (nearest £100):</b>   | <b>£63,500</b> | <b>£76,100</b> |

Building Heroes will be VAT registered.

## 7. Potential duplication or conflict

West Sussex has been chosen to introduce the first of this new, and in the main, unique initiative. Currently, there are 8 geographically dispersed national residential training colleges, funded by the Department of Works and Pensions (DWP), which focus on long courses for people with disabilities. Across West Sussex, the project understands that there are no other training providers specialising in practical skills and work ethic development, in a residential community setting such as those made available by Building Heroes, and particularly none which specifically work towards employment outcomes.

## 8. Risks and dependencies considerations

The project would be at risk or fail if the rest of the funding is not received, if costs have been underestimated and / or if skilled resources are not available.

This risk is mitigated by applications being made to other bodies and individuals. This funding is part of an overall working capital fund (target of £200,000), which has already raised £90,000 of the target amount. A proportion of these funds can be made available to cover refurbishment. The £200,000 target is planned to be met in time to cover these costs. Prices have been sourced from multiple suppliers. Resources have been promised by the suppliers.

This project is dependent on another £50,000 of funding, which has been identified as part of the project's £200,000 working capital fund.

## 9. How any profits, surpluses or assets will be used

Building Heroes is a charity and all surpluses are reinvested in the charity.

## 10. Sustainability

Building Heroes Education Foundation will be financially self-sustaining within 15 months, based on revenue and expense projections. Mitigation is available to constrain costs should revenues be slow in coming.

The core component to the Training at Building Heroes is Sustainable Refurbishment and as such is directly targeted at the sustainability marketplace. Understanding the environmental impact of all building and horticulture activities is at the very heart of this project.

**This application is supported by Peter Bradbury, Member for Cuckfield and Lucastes. Peter Bradbury has declared a personal interest as a Chairman of Building Heroes.**

**CRAWLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (URC) REGENERATION  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERS' BIG SOCIETY FUND****£12,100****1. The potential funding recipient**

Crawley United Reformed Church. The church buildings are in constant use by the community. The purpose of the project is to turn the church around, to create more space to accommodate community activities, and to provide a secure base for the Worth Play School and other children's activities.

**2. Status of the potential funding recipient**

Charity. Registration Number 1133373 registered 20 May 1914, amended 2008.

**3. The project aspirations**

The project will enable URC to fulfil their Mission, to reach out to the community, not by filling the spaces they have available, but to understand the needs of the community and offer modern and secure premises for all those, where a need is identified. To:

- upgrade and refurbish the existing facilities, the kitchen, toilets etc, and to upgrade heating and electrical systems which require frequent maintenance, thus enabling the building to become more energy efficient. To improve accessibility to the buildings for all users. This necessary work will make the building wind and watertight, and upgrading the heating, water and electrical systems is important for the many groups who use the building.
- comply with Ofsted safeguarding requirements for children, the Worth Play School requires a self-contained area base and free flow to the outside play area. This facility will be available to the other children's groups attached to the church.
- make the building easily accessible it is intended to install lift access between two floor levels, extend and upgrade existing disabled toilet to meet current standards, improve fire exits and make them wheelchair accessible, and to install a reliable sound and hearing loop system in the church. To upgrade the kitchen to provide meals - the church is an emergency night shelter for the local Open House project, which provides assistance to street homeless people.

The project will be in two phases. Enough money has been raised for phase 1. Part of the cost of the project will be met by a grant from the United Reformed Church Southern Synod. The remainder will come from a combination of grants from various Church Trusts and secular grant making Foundations. In addition, the congregation has made significant contribution by personal giving and fund raising efforts. This bid will be contribution towards Phase 2 of the project. Planning permission was granted by the Council on 13/12/2013 Ref CR/2013/0552.

**4. Who will benefit and how they will benefit**

Many local people will benefit, including around 492 people who use the premises each week, participating in a variety of activities. The church fellowship, of about 50 people, come with a variety of needs on a Sunday morning to worship. It is a place where all people are accepted regardless of gender, colour, creed or sexual orientation. The church ministers to people at the crucial stages of life offering services of baptism marriage and funerals. The church is a centre of the community for pastoral care and social cohesion, and the link with the hospice is an important one. Members of the fellowship have been trained to give counsel, help and comfort to those facing the loss of a loved one - 20 people are regularly involved. Crawley URC is recognised as an emergency night shelter available to Open House, with which organisation Crawley URC work as one of their preferred charities. Also of benefit to local schools, and other local groups.

## 5. **Planned outcomes that would indicate that the project has been a success**

Making the building wind and weather proof will impact the church financially reducing heating costs and impact the environment by limiting energy consumption. A modern facility will enhance the spiritual and social life of those who participate.

Making access easy to all parts of the building will assure *all* that they are welcome. A separate base that safeguards children and complies with Ofsted requirements, thus enabling both adults and children to meet on the premises at the same time without difficulty, will impact upon how the space can be used more effectively.

## 6. **How the funding will be used**

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| Project parts (includes Vat/Costs):   | £ amount |
| Phase 1 - £366,521 raised resulting in a surplus of £29,457                     | £337,064 |
| Phase 2   | £195,827 |
| Approximately 60% of the mechanical and electrical costs of £41,370 in Phase 2. | £25,000  |
| Refurbishment of the ladies toilet and disabled lift                            | £16,500  |
| Removal of asbestos and fire safety doors and alarm installation (this bid)     | £12,100  |
| Installation of child toilets   | £6,500   |

## 7. **Potential duplication or conflict**

None known.

## 8. **Risks and dependencies considerations**

- The project would be at risk or fail if the necessary funds cannot be raised to cover the cost. The determined policy of the church is that no building work commences until funds are in place. This may impact upon the length of time necessary to complete the project. It is intended to take out insurance against the risk of a contractor going out of business. The contract made with the builders includes a clause that protects the project.
- This risk is mitigated by the planned management of this project being in 2 phases. The cost of phase 1 is now in place. Phase 2 will not take place until necessary funds are available. It is the policy of the church to take out an insurance against the risk of the contractor going out of business. The contract with the builders includes a clause that protects the project against delay.
- This project is dependent on further funding.

## 9. **How any profits, surpluses or assets will be used**

The project does not expect surpluses.

## 10. **Sustainability**

The church has a congregation of 72 members who regularly pay for ministry and the upkeep of the church. The Southern Synod of the URC also will support when necessary. Although probably not an economic rent, the church receives an income from those who regularly use the premises.

**This application is supported by Richard Burrett, Member for Pound Hill and Worth.**

**CREATIVE WAVES COMMUNITY ARTS BUGCYCLE  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERS' BIG SOCIETY FUND****£13,000****1. The potential funding recipient**

Creative Waves Community Arts - work with the community FOR the community - improving the well-being of people involved, raising aspirations through education and participation, enhancing public spaces with help from community groups, disengaged adults and school children. Recent projects include Art on the Pier, Young Art on the Pier, Worthing's WW1 Discovery Trail and weekly creative workshops for children and adults.

**2. Status of the potential funding recipient**

Community Interest Company, Limited by Guarantee. Not for profit. CIC No. 7757209. Established August 2011

**3. The project aspirations**

This is a pilot project that can be applied to any derelict, unused outdoor space. The project will transform an unused area of a traditional park in the deprived area of Central / East Worthing to create a welcoming, educational, outdoor space for the whole community to use. The area of tarmac, where there used to be a cafe, is an eyesore and waste of space, which could be a beautiful urban ecology project, promoting the urban habitat site, the importance for nature, biodiversity protection, and sustainable use.

To create an exciting, interactive, colourful wildlife garden made from recycled objects and furniture heading for landfill. Promoting and encouraging 'wild play' for able bodied and disabled children to discover outdoor nature activities. They work closely with local schools who say that it would be an affordable [free], accessible [walking distance] space that could easily become an educational destination point for cross curricular subjects, particularly science. Currently it is a costly, time consuming process transporting children out of the area to view wildlife/environmental issues in an educational setting.

**4. Who will benefit and how they will benefit**

By increasing footfall at the Northern end of Beach House Park it will attract potential clients to the new business propositions interested in utilising the empty pavilion in the park. Small independent businesses in the area will all benefit. Situated directly opposite Worthing Hospital it is convenient for visitors, patients and staff who will benefit from the tranquil, multi-sensory space made from recycled materials.

The living willow dome will be used for FREE pop up theatre performances, creative workshops, poetry reading and storytelling. The whole community will benefit from the activities on offer, teaching people how to create their own quirky planters, bug hotels and attractive objects from waste materials. Up-skilling adults with learning difficulties who will help manage and maintain the space.

**5. Planned outcomes that would indicate that the project has been a success**

Local businesses will recognise an increase in customers. People will take an interest in recycling objects and be inspired to create their own planters at home. The project will attract sponsorship from local companies who recognise the benefits of the creative planters, and want to commission others in other derelict spaces. The park will be used by more people, encouraging a healthier lifestyle and an interest in gardening and growing their own edible plants.

Community cohesion through the friends of group will empower people who currently feel detached, raising their aspirations, health and general well-being. It will be used by other organisations for seed swaps, gardening, and creative activities for all age groups. Working in partnership with WSCC's Coastal Enterprise clients in East Worthing who will adopt volunteering roles and paid work and enterprising opportunities as the project develops.

## 6. How the funding will be used

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| 100% would fund: | Entire project.                              | <b>£15,400</b> |
| 75% would fund:  | Everything except launch event. (This bid)   | £13,000        |
| 50% would fund:  | No fencing or launch. Less education boards. | £7,700         |
| 25% would fund:  | Dome and gardens.                            | £4,000         |

| Project parts:  | £ amount |
|---|----------|
| Living willow dome [£2000 of £3,000 cost is already secured]              | £1,000   |
| Mini allotments/veg patch.  | £800     |
| Wildlife garden   | £2,200   |
| Colourful, creative fencing   | £3,200   |
| Education boards  | £2,800   |
| Launch event to advertise the space to wider communities [£1000 pending.] | £2,400   |
| Project management (for start-up – project will be self-sustaining)       | £3,000   |

## 7. Potential duplication or conflict

No-one known can deliver a project like this, with participation from schools and community groups. The project has extensive experience working successfully in partnership with the whole community, small businesses, local authority and educational settings.

## 8. Risks and dependencies considerations

The project would be at risk or fail if bad weather would delay the project (mitigated by planter preparation off site). This project is dependent on ...

Phase 1: securing remaining funding to build / plant a living willow dome.

Phase 2: securing remaining funding to install planters made from re/up-cycled furniture. Permissions are confirmed by Parks Manager and 55 volunteers are confirmed to help with overwhelmingly positive feedback from consultation. Practitioners are all in place ready to deliver the entire project to coincide with new business venture starting in the Pavilion.

## 9. How any profits, surpluses or assets will be used

To expand the project to other derelict / unused sites across West Sussex.

## 10. Sustainability

The set-up and training costs for the project are a 1-off expense and it will be self-sustainable within the first year. A friends group has already formed and started recruiting volunteers to maintain and manage the space after completion. They will orchestrate the timetable for events, growth and development of the space. WSCC's Coastal Enterprises group, in Brougham Road, need to extend their community outreach, and are keen to help.

The environment is a key factor of the entire project, utilising objects / furniture heading for landfill, teaching people how to create sustainable gardens and open spaces in an affordable, attractive way, and reducing costs for schools and families seeking an outdoor activity. The living willow can be harvested each year to supply schools with willow, currently supplied from Devon at great expense, for art / craft projects.

**This application is supported by Roger Oakley, Member for Worthing East.**

**1st HURSTPIERPIONT SCOUT GROUP – EXTENSION TO HEAD QUARTERS  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERS' BIG SOCIETY FUND****£10,000****1. The potential funding recipient**

1st Hurstpierpoint Scout Group is a registered charity affiliated to the national Scout Association. Governed by an Executive Committee, the Group is run by volunteer leaders who provide a range of life enhancing, educationally rewarding and physically stretching activities for young boys and girls. There are currently about 150 young members and 21 adult volunteers. The Group comprises two packs of "Beavers", two of "Cubs", two of "Scouts" and one of "Explorers". An estimated 150 other users have access to the headquarters facilities each week as members of groups who hire the headquarters.

**2. Status of the potential funding recipient**

1st Hurstpierpoint Scout Group is a registered charity and is affiliated to the national Scout Association. Founded in 1909. Registered charity number: 1023565. 1st Hurst Scouts are not VAT registered and the bid is inclusive VAT which the club cannot recover.

**3. The project aspirations**

The project is to provide additional activity space, by providing an extension to the rear of the property, a small alteration to the interior space and an improvement in accessibility. In order to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act (1995-2005) (DDA) an access ramp will be installed outside the fire exit to the main hall. The extension will provide an additional activity room to be used for various activities, but primarily climbing as a traversing climbing wall will be installed. At one end, separate additional storage will be built (existing storage facilities for chairs and tables will be enlarged).

Planning consent has been obtained in relation to the project.

Group meetings are held every weekday evening except Wednesday. With such a large number of members, space is at a premium and additional space is required for "breakout" groups and new engaging activities, including climbing.

Additionally, chairs and tables are to be replaced and mobile storage for these items provided. There are sufficient chairs and tables to seat up to 100 people, but these are reaching the end of their useful life and will be replaced. The storage space for the chairs and tables is currently inadequate and, as part of the project, additional storage space will be generated.

**4. Who will benefit and how they will benefit**

The project will benefit members of the Group who will be able to engage in a wider range of activities than that currently offered. Some activities are best carried out in smaller groups and the new area will provide a suitable "break-out" space.

The additional room with DDA compliant access will be available for hire during the daytime, and the project anticipates that there will be a demand for this. Local groups seeking a suitable venue for their activities will benefit from this. The Scout Group is one of the few organisations in the locality providing young people in the community with organised "out of school" activities.

The space provided by the new extension will allow existing and new members to undertake additional activities, adding to their enjoyment of being an active member of the Group and broadening their experience. The climbing wall will provide members with an opportunity to acquire new skills and develop self-confidence as their expertise progresses. Scout Leaders will be able to further their personal development by seeking qualifications in climbing instruction.

In providing additional space and DDA compliant access for potential hirers of the HQ, preliminary 'marketing' indicates that the current range of cultural, educational and sporting activities provided to community groups will be extended and that as a result more members of the community will be able to enjoy an enhanced range of activities.

#### 5. **Planned outcomes that would indicate that the project has been a success**

It is anticipated that member numbers will increase by up to 10%. Member retention will improve by up to 5%. Letting income will increase by up to 10%. Volunteer numbers will increase by up to 5%.

#### 6. **How the funding will be used**

| Item  | Original project cost | This bid |
|---|-----------------------|----------|
| Over-all project cost                                       | £135,000              |          |
| Cost of building work including DDA access                  | £110,000              |          |
| Cost of climbing wall                                       | £5,000                |          |
| Cost of chairs and mobile storage (this bid / contribution) | £20,000               | £20,000  |
| Total this bid including VAT (Gross)                        |                       | £20,000  |

#### 7. **Potential duplication or conflict**

There is a Guide Group for girls only in Hurstpierpoint. There are Scout Groups in Hassocks, Ditchling and Burgess Hill but these are only accessible by infrequent bus services or car traffic. In Hurstpierpoint, the Village Centre is available for hire as is the Guide Headquarters.

#### 8. **Risks and dependencies considerations**

To date 74% (£100k) of the total project cost required has been raised or offered. Of this £5k is specifically for the climbing wall. A further 11% (£15k) is required to cover the cost of the building work. There are no plans to start building until the work can be fully financed.

The remaining 14% (£20k) is required to replace chairs and tables. If funding for this is not obtained, lettings involving their use may suffer. The project would be obliged to continue fundraising activities in order to satisfy their users' needs.

#### 9. **How any profits, surpluses or assets will be used**

As currently practiced, returning them to the scout group's funds, to enhance activities for the benefit of members and other community users of the facility.

#### 10. **Sustainability**

This is a one off capital project.

**This application is supported by Peter A D Griffiths, Member for Hurstpierpoint and Bolney.**



**OPERATION MOW – FINDON  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERS' BIG SOCIETY FUND****£12,500****1. The potential funding recipient**

Nepcote Green Charitable Trust - provides facilities and open spaces for the exercise and enjoyment for the inhabitants of the parish of Findon.

**2. Status of the potential funding recipient**

Charitable Trust - Charity No. 1083445 - Established in 2000.

**3. The project aspirations**

Following numerous adverse comments about the state of the grass verges from residents of the rural village of Findon, which lies wholly within the South Downs National Park, the community is very keen to take over the responsibility of grass cutting from the County Council. This mower project will help enable the community to achieve this aim. The mower will also be used on Nepcote Green, which is a very popular gateway to Findon from Cissbury Ring and the South Downs/Monarchs Way for walkers, cyclists, and horse-riders. Nepcote Green also hosts the annual Sheep Fair attended by thousands of visitors.

Negotiations are advancing well, with an anticipated start date of April 2015. Members of the parish are quite excited about not only cutting the verges when needed as opposed to just 3 times a year, but also identifying areas where wild flowers can be planted and not mowed down, encouraging the local school to get involved in the open spaces within the village, creating safer routes to school, improving the cycling and walking environment of visitors and generally improving the visual landscape of the village. In order to achieve all this, an adequate mower needs to be purchased to do the job. Several keen volunteers are already lined up to do the work, and they will be trained by the local golf club's green keepers. This is a great example of Localism, and the community taking on local services, enhancing them with pride.

Residents of Findon Village, via the Parish Council, have been keen to undertake the maintenance of the green areas within Findon for some time. To this end, negotiations are at an advanced stage with WSCC highways regarding licensing and devolved funding (however, the project is not reliant on such funding going forward).

**4. Who will benefit and how they will benefit**

The whole village will benefit. Visitors to the area will also be able to experience the benefits. Well-maintained and safe verges, together with well-maintained Nepcote Green, will encourage more walking and cycling by residents and visitors alike. There is also a project to extend the cycle path from Worthing to the village and then up into the Downs, which will improve peoples' health and well-being and encourage tourism for the village businesses.

**5. Planned outcomes that would indicate that the project has been a success**

Could contribute to reduced car travel, increased tourism and economic benefits, increased bio-diversity and pride in the visual landscape of the village.

## 6. How the funding will be used

To provide a good second-hand 3 armed mower. This bid is stated net of VAT. The potential recipient of the funding is VAT registered.

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| 100% would fund: | The cost of a good second-hand 3 armed mower.<br>(Mower has been identified) | £12,500 |
| 75% would fund:  | The cost of a not so good mower.   | £9,400  |

## 7. Potential duplication or conflict

Knowledge of any other existing or planned public, private or commercial providers – West Sussex County Council. Advanced negotiations have taken place with highways cyclical maintenance and should the Parish Council wish to proceed a standard form of consent will need to be signed in order to transfer responsibility for existing provision. Parish aware of extent of this provision.

## 8. Risks and dependencies considerations

- The project would be at risk or fail if there were a lack of sufficiently trained volunteers.
- This risk is mitigated by already having a number of people itching to do the job, and Findon has a great track record of volunteering, ie. staging The Sheep Fair with circa. 7,000 visitors per annum.
- This project is dependent on the local golf club remaining happy to train the volunteers and advise on maintenance.

## 9. How any profits, surpluses or assets will be used

The mower will be used to cut the verges and Nepcote Green.

## 10. Sustainability

- This venture will be financially sustainable / self-sustainable from the outset through use of volunteers and an annual maintenance grant from the Parish Council.
- This project is environmentally sustainable through enhancing the environment and bio-diversity with wild flower planting.

**This application is supported by Deborah Urquhart, Member for Angmering and Findon.**

**NEW DISHWASHER FOR PULBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERS' BIG SOCIETY FUND****£6,000****1. The potential funding recipient**

Pulborough Lunch Club, part of Pulborough Community Care Association. They currently run a weekly lunch club for approximately 56 elderly residents of Pulborough, West Chiltington and Nutbourne. People have lunch and can also stay on for activities in the afternoon.

**2. Status of the potential funding recipient**

The Pulborough and District Community Care Association is a registered charity (Charity no. 292359) which was established in 1966. This is an umbrella organisation for various groups including the Lunch Club.

**3. The project aspirations**

The project is to install a new dishwasher to replace the commercial one purchased 14 years ago. The new model will be a "pass through" one. This means that the trays do not have to be lifted in and out manually, as is currently required. Also the new wash cycle will only take 2 minutes. As many of the volunteers who help are themselves not young, it would be very advantageous to have a machine that does not require any lifting.

The organisation has the agreement of the Village Hall Trustees (Charitable Trust No. 305409/2) to replace the dishwasher. The ongoing maintenance of the dishwasher will then be managed by the Village Hall Trust.

**4. Who will benefit and how they will benefit**

The Lunch club is held every Wednesday and has approximately 56 elderly residents attending from Pulborough, West Chiltington and Nutbourne. They have lunch and can stay on into the afternoon. There is a mini-bus available to collect anyone without transport. This is a much valued local service, which helps with social isolation and links in with the other support services locally. The new dishwasher would also be available for any other groups using the Village Hall, so potentially it will benefit a large number of local people.

**5. Planned outcomes that would indicate that the project has been a success**

This new facility would result in making life a lot easier for the volunteer helpers at the Lunch Club. It will replace an old model that is coming to the end of its life. It would also result in all the groups that use the kitchen in the Village Hall being able to benefit.

The Lunch Club aims to address some of the issues that local people face. Providing this facility could contribute reducing social isolation, improved health and wellbeing and providing access to more information on services and advice on how to stay independent. The club is part of a whole range of services and activities that the Community Care Association provides and can be used to gain a better insight and identify local needs.

## 6. How the funding will be used

To provide a new dishwasher for the Pulborough Lunch Club and other users of the Village Hall. The Village Hall is a very well used facility with the Parish Council being located in the building and the WSCC Children and Family Centre leasing one of the halls during the daytime. The Hall is also available for the public to rent and is used by some regular community groups for a range of activities including a regular preschool.

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| 100% would fund: | The new dishwasher machine including fitting, new sink, taps and under- storage. | £6,000 |
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The project will fundraise to meet any deficit

## 7. Potential duplication or conflict

The Lunch Club is a well-established local provision and the Village Hall is used by many groups for a variety of community uses.

## 8. Risks and dependencies considerations

- The project would be at risk or fail if ... The project will need to replace this dishwasher as soon as they can raise the money. The main risk is the complete failure of the current model, meaning that all washing up would have to be done by hand.
- This risk is mitigated by ... The group have bid for funding to cover the costs of a new machine, should the bid fail local funding raising efforts will be made.
- This project is dependent on ... there are no other dependencies for this project to be delivered. Permissions from the Village Hall Trust to site the dishwasher have already been secured by the Lunch Club.

## 9. How any profits, surpluses or assets will be used

This project would not generate a profit.

## 10. Sustainability

- The functions are already financially sustainable / self-sustainable.
- Environmentally sustainable - The new dishwasher will be more efficient in use of water and power.

**This application is supported by Pat Arculus, Member for Pulborough.**

**SHOREHAM RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (RFC) CLUBHOUSE  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERS' BIG SOCIETY FUND****£25,000****1. The potential funding recipient**

Shoreham Rugby Club is a grassroots community rugby club with a predominant youth section of over 150 boys and girls from 5-15 years of age. The club prides itself on sportsmanship and respect, with a strong emphasis on the safe-guarding, code of conduct and child welfare issues of their young people. Run entirely by volunteers providing a safe and supportive environment for adults and children from across the Sussex community to play rugby. Young people need a safe and secure environment in which to build up strong and positive relationships with their peers and with adults, to encourage them to be the best that they can be. Membership of the Club is open to anyone, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.

**2. Status of the potential funding recipient**

Shoreham Rugby Club Limited (reg. 9269690) is an incorporated organisation, established in 1992.

**3. The project aspirations**

The club is currently raising funds to construct a new community clubhouse at Buckingham Park in Shoreham-by Sea. They aim to have this completed by late 2015 and have £80,000 left to raise of their £350,000 fund-raising target. They have support from many sectors within the community and are working in partnership with Adur District Council.

The facility will encourage the retention and recruitment of community rugby players and support the long term growth in both our youth and adult sections. This will encourage young people to develop key skills including team work, respect and sportsmanship. With the Rugby World Cup being held in England in 2015, and the Brighton Amex Stadium hosting 2 of the matches, they believe that the legacy from this cup alone will perpetuate further interest in the sport and the area.

The current facilities consist of only two changing rooms and a storage bunker. The club do have use of a public toilet block, but this is not always opened by the District Council, and it is not accessible for those with a disability. They have no way of providing food for either the youth or senior teams after matches. With the installation of a function area, the club will be able to hire out the space for other local sport and social occasions.

In warmer weather, the club benefits from more spectator support and community spirit is certainly evident within the park. Unfortunately, as a winter sport, colder weather prevents many attending as there is nowhere to shelter or gain refreshments. While the primary aim is to provide a function room with kitchen amenities, included within the designs are new toilets and disabled facilities, to make Rugby more accessible to the local community.

**4. Who will benefit and how they will benefit**

The current membership (over 150 children and over 50 adult members) is derived from the whole of the Adur district. Rugby is an inclusive sport, and the club house will be designed to be fully compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act requirements, which will enable the club to provide access to rugby and other sports with those who have a disability. Construction of new changing rooms which will allow the club to offer female rugby - currently something they are unable to do.

Many of the families whose children wish to play for the club are strongly affected by today's economic difficulties, and for this reason, they make special dispensation for many of the families who would struggle to pay the club fees. This means they do not exclude on financial grounds, but it also means it is very difficult to raise funds for re-investment.

#### **5. Planned outcomes that would indicate that the project has been a success**

The new clubhouse will enable the club to grow both youth and senior sections, as well as starting a girls' team. Buckingham Park is a popular location for other sports with teams playing football during the winter and cricket in the summer months. The current council facilities are dilapidated making our clubhouse appealing for the community as a whole. By improving the current facilities they will be able to build stronger relations with the community and prepare for the influx of interest following the World Cup and O<sup>2</sup> Touch initiative.

#### **6. How the funding will be used**

A contribution towards the funds needed to construct the new community clubhouse. Any contribution from WSCC will specifically be used to fund the Official's Room with any surplus going towards public spaces. The expenditure is not subject to VAT. The bid is being submitted net of VAT, and the potential recipient of funding is VAT registered.

#### **7. Potential duplication or conflict**

Shoreham Rugby Club is the only rugby club within the Adur area, with the only local alternatives being in Brighton, Hove and Worthing (Angmering).

#### **8. Risks and dependencies considerations**

The project would be at risk or fail if unable to secure long term lease or if insufficient funds were raised. The risk is mitigated by working in partnership with Adur District Council, having pledged £150,000 of S106 money towards the project. The club has applied for a 25 year lease with Shoreham Rugby Club being responsible for the club house and Adur District Council maintaining responsibility for the public toilets and café. After close pre-planning discussions, the Club has submitted the Planning Application to ADC. The club has a loan facility in place as a contingency for unforeseen overspend on the project.

#### **9. How any profits, surpluses or assets will be used**

The project does not foresee any surplus monies.

#### **10. Sustainability**

It is expected that both interest in and commitment to the club will increase. Current conservative estimations are that the club will see a rise in membership by at least 10% each year. This alone is expected to provide an increase in club income of £700 per financial year.

The provision of refreshments for members and spectators will present a secondary source of revenue.

A third route of income is expected through the hiring of the function room to local groups at an approximate rate of £10 per hour. Conservative estimations highlight potential revenue of £520 per year, rising to over £1,560 in year three.

**This application is supported by Debbie Kennard, Member for Shoreham.**

**St PETER PROJECT – FIT OUT  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERS' BIG SOCIETY FUND****£9,000****1. The potential funding recipient**

The St Peter Project application is made on behalf of St Peter and St Mary Church, Fishbourne - for further support for the construction of a new church hall and community building, "the St Peter Project".

**2. Status of the potential funding recipient**

Registered Charity - Registration number 1131277. Established 21st August 2009.

**3. The project aspirations**

The project is to build a replacement church hall. Since the Members' Big Society Fund award of £8,000 in July 2013, an enormous amount of work has been undertaken, in relation to both fundraising (securing £190,000 since) and appointing a contractor to build the building. A decision was made to delay the construction start slightly beyond that anticipated in order to better align income with expenditure and in order to improve the quality of external materials in preference for a lower maintenance solution. As the design details have now largely been finalised the project is in a position to calculate the sums required to complete the building. The project is currently facing a shortfall of approximately £24,000 for the building works.

**4. Who will benefit and how they will benefit**

The church community is anxious to ensure that the new hall is a facility for the whole community, including the residents of Fishbourne and others, such as visitors to Chichester Harbour. They have talked to many people about uses of the hall, and have received clear expressions of interest from education providers, youth groups, a pre-school, as well as from users of the existing church hall engaged in a number of social, artistic, musical and sporting activities. This project is also supported by numerous village organisations.

**5. Planned outcomes that would indicate that the project has been a success**

## Social outcomes

- Improved access to a range of existing and new community services, activities and events by local people, leading to improvements in wellbeing
- More vulnerable members of the community, including older people, feel less isolated through engagement in new community activities

## Financial outcomes

- The income from hall usage will increase compared with income from the existing hall
- Overheads (eg utility bills) will be lower due to improved efficiency and energy saving measures

## Economic outcomes

- Local businesses will benefit from users of the hall spending time and money in the community
- Organisers of activities will benefit from a facility from which to operate

## Environmental outcomes

- Energy efficient measures in the building will lead to less energy consumption
- The availability of activities locally will reduce the need for car journeys

## 6. How the funding will be used

Having now committed to ground works, substructure, superstructure, windows, and doors the project needs this funding to ensure that they can secure funds to fully fit-out the Hall.

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|---|----------|
| Total over-all project building cost (nearest £100) excluding loose equipment | £457,600 |
| Shortfall in above figure   | £24,200  |
| New furniture, IT and loose equipment (This bid / contribution of £800)       | £16,800  |
| Audio visual equipment (including installing a hearing aid loop) (This bid)   | £8,200   |
| Total this bid gross of VAT   | £25,000  |

## 7. Potential duplication or conflict

The hall is to replace an existing facility, whose use is limited by the condition of the building, problems with access, and the inefficient and costly heating system. The existing users have indicated that they will transfer to the new Hall, and the aim of the Hall is to complement, rather than compete with the facilities offered by the Fishbourne Centre, which are licensed premises with extensive sporting links. The project aims to offer a facility based around education and youth work where the absence of a bar, and the access to the Harbour, will be an attraction, and are developing links with Fishbourne School, and Pre-School, and with the Harbour Conservancy Chichester District Council Wildlife and Heritage representatives, ASPIRE, and the Apuldram Centre.

## 8. Risks and dependencies considerations

The project is now so far advanced that the project managers believe potential obstacles have been overcome. The project has managed to sell the old hall and has been successful in attracting substantial sums by way of fund raising.

There are no outstanding dependencies.

## 9. How any profits, surpluses or assets will be used

The hall is expected to make a surplus which will be used, firstly to repay loan finance (if this is necessary to complete the construction), secondly to provide a sinking fund for repairs and renewals of the hall and its equipment, and thirdly for general charitable purposes. The Church supports a number other charities, both locally and abroad, and would like to increase the level of giving. A surplus will also enable them to subsidise users of the hall with particular needs, or to offer free use to start up groups.

## 10. Sustainability

The project expects to be financially sustainable within 12 months. This project is backed by the Parochial Church Council and the financial infrastructure for the project is already in place.

The project management team is committed to making the Project as environmentally sustainable as possible, including measures, including the use of local materials/contactors, effective insulation, and installing an air source heat pump.

**This application is supported by Louise Goldsmith, Member for Chichester West.**



**WICKERS GYMNASTICS CLUB SPRUNG FLOOR  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERS' BIG SOCIETY FUND****£16,900****1. The potential funding recipient**

Wickers Gymnastic Club would be the recipient. The club has over 800 participating members, 14 paid coaches and 45 volunteers. Based on the Lancing Industrial Estate in Churchill Ward, one of the 20 most deprived in West Sussex and in the top 20% of most deprived wards nationally. The Club is unique in that it is the only permanent gymnastics facility in Adur and operates throughout the day and evening.

In April 2014 the Club received a £50k award from the Sport England Inspired Facilities Fund to construct a landing pit. The Club's aims are to support children's sporting endeavors, provide educational opportunities and encourage volunteering.

**2. Status of the potential funding recipient**

Charitable Trust - Charity Number 1139993 – established 1988.

**3. The project aspirations**

The project aspires to offer the children of Adur a state-of-the-art gymnastics facility and a sprung floor is a key component in this. The floor currently used is only on short-term loan. The acquisition of their own floor would enable the project to raise the standards of all the children at the club, and enable them to engage and retain the older gymnasts, as they would be able to offer classes specifically designed for their needs.

This bid would enable the club to purchase an FIG (Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique) sprung floor, and once installed it would require no further expenditure.

**4. Who will benefit and how they will benefit**

The beneficiaries of this project would be the 800 current members of the club, who would be able to develop more advanced gymnastics skills. The coaches could develop their coaching skills at a higher level, and the adult members would improve their confidence by attempting more advanced movements.

The Leadership Academy, (which has 20 young members), would be able to develop better skills for working with children and young people, particularly those who would feel more confident about trying their skills on a sprung floor. The club has built good links with local schools and nurseries, as well as with Adur and Worthing Council, having hosted projects through the Sportivate Scheme, and having run disability gymnastics sessions in association with the Community Health and Wellbeing Team.

**5. Planned outcomes that would indicate that the project has been a success**

- Increased participation in gymnastics - increasing growth in membership from 800 to 1000 members over 2 years.
- Increase in the qualifications of the coaches - the coaches to gain higher level qualifications by end of year 3.
- New coaches - to recruit and qualify 2 new coaches by the end of year 2, and 2 more by the end of year 3.
- To develop 2 new squads - a General Gymnastics squad and a Men's Artistic squad.
- To attract and retain the 14-17year age group - to develop 2 drop-in sessions aimed at 14-17 year-olds to develop specific tumbling skills on the floor by the end of year 1 and to develop a further session by the end of year 3.
- Improve the Health and Wellbeing of the club members - having a high-quality gymnastics facility feeds into the Healthy Living Agenda and with 91% of former gymnasts taking part in another sport once they have left gymnastics ([www.british-gymnastics.org](http://www.british-gymnastics.org)). This is expected to address some of the health issues in deprived areas.

**6. How the funding will be used**

The f£16.9K would be used to purchase the club's own gymnastic sprung floor. There are no project parts as the floor and the covering all comes as one. The bid is stated gross of VAT and the potential recipient is not registered for VAT.

**7. Potential duplication or conflict**

There are none.

**8. Risks and dependencies considerations**

- There are no identified risks to this project other than not receiving the funding.
- This project has no other dependencies.

**9. How any profits, surpluses or assets will be used**

The cost of the floor is on a fixed quote, which is the sum being requested.

**10. Sustainability**

- This venture is already financially sustainable as Wickers has been in existence for 26 years and operates on a self-sustaining social enterprise model with a small annual surplus that is reinvested into the facilities. Any required maintenance would be funded by the club as part of routine maintenance of equipment.
- The provision of a sprung floor generates no environmental problems.

**This application is supported by Mike Glennon, Member for Lancing.**

| MEMBERS BIG SOCIETY FUND – DEFERRED OR DECLINED   | APPENDIX C |                      |
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| Project name, local Member, description and rationale   | Bid        | Declined<br>Deferred |
| <p><b>BRITISH LEGION COMMUNITY BUILDING INITIAL REFURBISHMENT</b><br/>Andrew Barrett-Miles, Member for Burgess Hill Town</p> <p><b>Project</b> to refurbish the British Legion Community Building in Burgess Hill to accommodate all 3 tiers of government into one site with space for community groups and community cultural activities.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> The Fund is oversubscribed. The project is too closely aligned to precepting authorities.</p>                    | £23,000    | 23,000               |
| <p><b>CRAWLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH REGENERATION</b><br/>Richard Burrett, Member for Pound Hill and Worth</p> <p><b>Project</b> to refurbish existing premises to facilitate improved community use and to make the building accessible to all.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Contribution of £12.5k towards removing asbestos. The Fund is oversubscribed.</p>   | £25,000    | £12,900              |
| <p><b>CREATIVE WAVES COMMUNITY ARTS BUGCYCLE</b><br/>Roger Oakley, Member for Worthing East</p> <p><b>Project</b> to deliver a pilot project that can be applied to any derelict, unused outdoor space to create a welcoming, educational, outdoor space for community use promoting urban habitats, the importance of nature, biodiversity protection and sustainable use.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Part funded – all items other than launch costs. The Fund is oversubscribed.</p> | £15,400    | £2,400               |
| <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> HURSTPIERPOINT SCOUT GROUP EXTENSION TO HEADQUARTERS</b><br/>Peter A D Griffiths, Member for Hurstpierpoint and Bolney</p> <p><b>Project</b> to provide additional space and improve accessibility permitting engagement in a wider range of activities and increased lettings to community users.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Part funded - £10k contribution towards chairs. The Fund is oversubscribed.</p>  | £20,000    | £10,000              |
| <p><b>MY SISTERS' HOUSE</b><br/>Francis Oppler, Member for Bognor Regis East</p> <p><b>Project</b> to improve the lives of women facing a disadvantage during difficult transitional phases in their lives in a women-only safe space.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> The Fund is oversubscribed. It is noted that alternative funding has already been allocated by another County Council Fund.</p>   | £20,800    | £20,800              |

## MEMBERS BIG SOCIETY FUND – DEFERRED OR DECLINED

## APPENDIX C

| Project name, local Member, description and rationale  | Bid     | Declined<br>Deferred |
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| <p><b>ST PETER PROJECT – FIT OUT</b><br/>Louise Goldsmith, Member for Chichester West</p> <p><b>Project</b> to fit out the St Peter and St Mary Church Hall to provide a facility for the whole community, including residents of Fishbourne and visitors to Chichester Harbour.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Part funded - £8.2k to audio equipment and £800 contribution towards IT and loose equipment. The Fund is oversubscribed.</p> | £25,000 | £16,000              |
| <p><b>TUPPENNY BARN EDUCATION CENTRE SOUTHBOURNE FIT OUT</b><br/>Sandra James, Member for Bourne</p> <p><b>Project</b> to provide facilities to deliver education courses and promote understand and practice of healthy living and sustainability to all strands of the community.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> The Fund is oversubscribed. Previously well supported by this fund.</p>   | £25,000 | £25,000              |