

**The New  
Local Improvement Scheme  
2018 - 21**

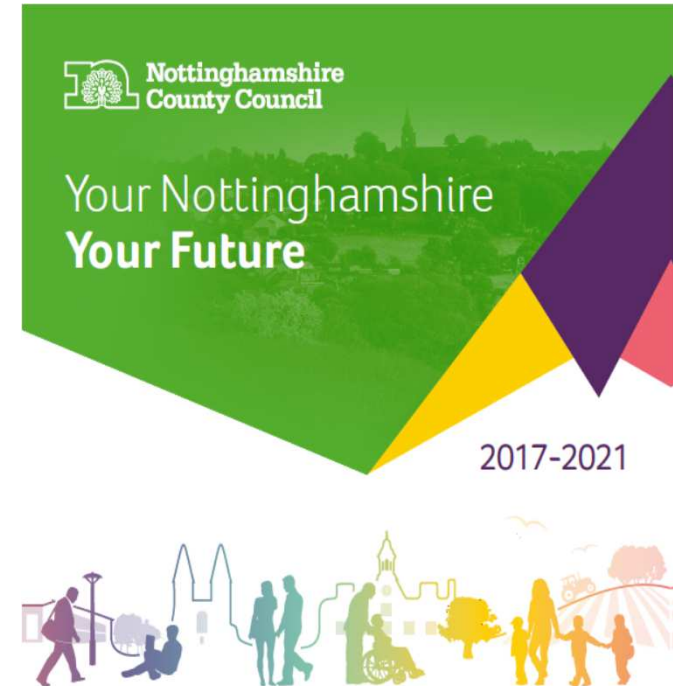
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# What is the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)?

The LIS is a *discretionary* financial *contribution* to support the delivery of *non-statutory* activities that achieve outcomes in support of *the Council's priorities*



Note that: discretionary funding differs to commissioned services which directly purchases key services

# How will the LIS contribute to the Council's priorities?

The LIS will contribute to supporting communities to be strong, resilient, vibrant & supportive by:

- ✓ Focusing on helping people to help themselves
- ✓ Working in partnership to protect communities from crime and anti-social behaviour
- ✓ Promoting healthier lifestyle choices
- ✓ Protecting and developing the local environment and heritage.

# Approach

- Member-led - approved by the Council's Policy Committee
- Commitment to a 3-year strategy
- Corporate, centralised Scheme (managed by the C&VS Team)
- Streamlined administration
- Encourage partnerships



# Key features of the LIS

<b>Features</b>	
<b>Funding priorities</b>	Aligned to the commitments in the Council plan 2017-21
<b>Consolidation of previous revenue themes</b>	Arts Projects, Sports Clubs and Summer Play Schemes should apply under the new LIS (there will <u>not</u> be a separate scheme for these themes as in previous years)
<b>Match funding</b>	At least 50% match funding required – all applications
<b>Councillor support required – all applications</b>	Councillor support does not mean automatic approval of the application
<b>Refreshed processes and forms</b>	e.g. Application forms and monitoring
<b>Annual small grants scheme</b>	For talented athletes and to commemorate significant events for the communities of Nottinghamshire

# There are 2 'streams' of funding within the LIS:

## 1. Revenue

(previously Grant Aid)

A contribution towards the delivery of **core costs** that are **essential** to managing and delivering a project.

## 2. Capital

(previously Supporting Local Communities fund)

- Schemes that deliver a new asset or improve an existing asset, such as land, buildings, play equipment etc.
- Note that the asset will need to remain in public use and/or leave a legacy for at least three years after the scheme is launched / after the asset has been purchased.

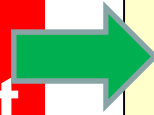
# Revenue and Capital Funding:

Features	Revenue	Capital
Minimum £ per application	£1,000	£1,000
Maximum £ per year	£30,000	£50,000
Application rounds	One Application round: 2018-21	Annually 2018-21*
Agreement duration	3 years	2 years
Examples: <i>a contribution towards:</i>	Rent, salary, utilities	Play equipment for a local park



# Thinking of applying?

**Before applying, it is strongly recommended that you read the:**



**Information for Applicants  
Application Form Guidance  
Application forms**

**In the Information for Applicants pack, ensure that you check:**

- Is your organisation eligible to apply? (page 3)
- What can / cannot be applied for (pages 4-6)
- The funding priorities (page 2 & Appendix 1)
- Your governance & sustainability arrangements (page 7 & Appendix 2)

**Full details are available online at:**

**[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/lis](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/lis)**



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# Submitting your application

The closing date is:

**Wednesday 31 January 2018**

- There are separate application forms for revenue and capital applications – ensure that you use the correct form
- Ensure that you submit all the required information with your application

**For full details, see pages 11 - 12 of the Information for Applicants document**



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# Partnership Applications

- Applications from partnerships of voluntary and community organisations seeking to deliver countywide activities / projects are welcome.
- If you are planning to submit a countywide and/or partnership application and would like to discuss this further, please contact the C&VS team.
- *Maximum funding awards for Partnership applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.*

# **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

*Please see Appendix 4  
in the  
**'Information for Applicants'**  
pack*



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# Timetable

Closing date for completed applications	Wednesday 31 January 2018
Assessment & Recommendations	February / March 2018
Council Budget Meeting	February 2018
C&P Committee Approval	April 2018
All applicants notified	April / May 2018
Agreements commence	July 2018

# If your application is successful

- Agreement, Conditions of Funding & Payment (page 9-10)
- Monitoring (page 10 & Appendix 3)
- Payment schedule (Appendix 3)
- Acknowledgement of financial support (Appendix 3)

# Any questions?



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