

Appendix 1 - Supporting Local Communities Scheme evaluation criteria

1A. Is the application for a capital project?

If not, and the project would be classed as a revenue project, it is not eligible for funding from the SLC Fund.

1B. Has the form been counter-signed by the local County Council member?

If not, send the form back to the applicant and advise them that it must be signed by the County Council member or it cannot be considered for the SLC fund.

So that each focus (deprivation, economic benefits, community benefits and funding) receives equal weighting, each of the elements 2, 3, 4 and 5 will each only be able to score a maximum of 5 points. Therefore elements 4A, 4B and 4C will be added together and divided by two; and elements 5A and 5B will be added together and divided by two.

2. Deprivation indices in the ward where the scheme is to be delivered

- 5 points – deprivation indices score is 45 or higher
- 4 points – deprivation indices score is between 34 and 44.9
- 3 points – deprivation indices score is between 26 and 33.9
- 2 points – deprivation indices score is between 21 and 25.9
- 1 point – deprivation indices score is below 20.9

3. Economic benefits: where the scheme will deliver several of the benefits it will receive the highest relevant score

- 5 points – Scheme will create sustained job opportunities
- 4 points – Scheme will deliver regeneration
- 3 points – Scheme will deliver tourism benefits
- 2 points – Scheme will provide opportunities for delivery by local businesses/workers
- 1 point – Scheme will deliver training opportunities for the local community

4A. Community benefits: support for the scheme

- 2 points – Evidence of inclusion in a community, neighbourhood or parish plan (where one exists)
- 1 point – Evidence of significant support through a local consultation

4B. Community benefits: community cohesion

- 3 points – Scheme delivers 4 or 5 of the bullets below
- 2 points – Scheme delivers 3 of the bullets below
- 1 point – Scheme delivers 1 or 2 of the bullets below
- Scheme is a community priority and is in line with other local community objectives
- Scheme is linked to other projects being delivered in the community
- Scheme will help make the community stronger
- Scheme facilitates a place where people from different backgrounds can come together and get on
- Scheme helps heighten the local sense of security

4C. Community benefits: other possible benefits

- 5 points – Scheme delivers 5 of the bullets below
- 4 points – Scheme delivers 4 of the bullets below
- 3 points – Scheme delivers 3 of the bullets below
- 2 points – Scheme delivers 2 of the bullets below
- 1 point – Scheme delivers 1 of the bullets below
- Crime reduction
- Health
- Heritage and/or archaeological conservation
- Bio-diversity conservation
- Working with schools and/or local organisations

5A. Funding: amount of funding requested from SLC fund

- 5 points – Up to £10,000
- 4 points – £10,001 to £15,000
- 3 points – £15,001 to £20,000
- 2 points – £20,001 to £30,000
- 1 point – £30,001 to £40,000
- 0 points – £40,001 to £50,000

5B. Funding: percentage of the scheme cost being met externally**When external funding secured**

- 5 points – 50% or more of the total capital scheme cost secured
- 4 points – Between 30-49.9% of the total capital scheme cost secured
- 3 points – Between 20-29.9% of the total capital scheme cost secured
- 2 points – Less than 20% of the total capital scheme cost secured

When not all external funding secured but bids outstanding

- 2 points – External funding bid (not including SLC) submitted for at least 30% of the total capital scheme cost
- 1 point – External funding bid (not including SLC) submitted for less than 30% of the total capital scheme cost; or community voluntary hours offered in delivery of the scheme

6A. Maintenance of the scheme

- Scheme rejected if there are no firm plans and/or funds in place to maintain the scheme, as there is no NCC budget for the maintenance of SLC funded schemes

6B. Delivery of the scheme

- Scheme rejected if the land has not been secured by the scheme promoter or there are significant risks to the delivery of the scheme e.g. planning issues – defer to a later year once the land ownership/risks have been overcome (note that if the scheme is deferred to a later year it will be reassessed alongside all the scheme bids in the following year and may not be selected for delivery)

Gateway signs assessment criteria**A. Gateway signs will be prioritised based on the following factors to make sure that they have the greatest impact for the benefit of the largest number of people:**

- Population of the village/local area
- The speed of traffic on the road on which the sign will be located
- The traffic flow on the road on which the sign will be located
- The deprivation indices in the ward where the sign will be located.

B. County Council member priorities

To help ensure that signs are delivered across the county, funding will be limited to a maximum of £2,000 in any electoral division. In such instances, if more than one sign in an electoral division has a similar score, the County Councillor will be asked to determine which of the signs in their division should be prioritised.