

Appendix 1 – Supporting Local Communities Scheme evaluation criteria

1. 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 Supporting Local Communities Fund

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

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

3. Delivery – Maintenance of the scheme

- Scheme rejected if there are no firm plans and/or funds in place to maintain the scheme

4. Delivery – Other delivery issues

- Scheme rejected if the land has not been secured by the scheme promoter or there are significant risks to the delivery of the scheme – 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)

So that each focus (deprivation, economic benefits, community benefits and funding) receives equal weighting, each of the elements 5, 6, 7 and 8 will each only be able to score a maximum of 5 points. Therefore elements 7A, 7B and 7C will be added together and divided by two; and elements 8A and 8B will be added together and divided by two.

5. 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 between 17 and 20.9
- 0 points – deprivation indices score is below 17

6. Economic benefits – Job and training opportunities (where the scheme will deliver several of the benefits it will receive the highest of the scores it will deliver)

- 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

7A. Community benefits – Support for the scheme

- 2 points – Evidence of significant support and should benefit more than half of the community
- 1 point – Evidence of significant support but will benefit less than half the community

7B. 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 key neighbourhood priority or supports neighbourhood priorities
- Scheme facilitates a place where people from different backgrounds can get on well together
- Scheme promotes a vision and sense of belonging – local area, neighbourhood, county, national
- The diversity of people's background and circumstances are appreciated and positively valued
- Scheme helps raise community confidence, aspiration and improves security

7C. Community benefits – Other quality of life

- 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

8A. Funding – Amount of funding requested

- 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

8B. Funding – Percentage of the scheme cost being met externally

When some 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 no external funding secured but bids outstanding

- 2 points – External funding bid (other than SLC) submitted for at least 30% of the total capital scheme cost
- 1 point – External funding bid (other than SLC) submitted for less than 30% of the total capital scheme cost; or community voluntary hours offered in delivery of the scheme

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 may 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.