



## Local Improvement Scheme: The Assessment and Decision Process

All applications to the Local Improvement Scheme will go through the Council's assessment process. The assessment considerations include:

- Information provided in the application form, for example:
  - Does the applicant meet the eligibility criteria for this fund?
  - The extent to which the application contributes to the Council's priorities
  - Does the application provide sufficient and clear information?
  - Is the application completed in full?
- Has the applicant previously received a Nottinghamshire County Council grant? Please note that this is a competitive funding scheme and the funding is discretionary and limited, therefore priority may be given to applicants who have not previously received financial assistance from the Council.

### Application approval:

- a) The Local Improvement Scheme is a Member-led process; therefore, the Communities and Place Committee will decide which applications to approve for funding.
- b) After the applications have been approved by the Communities and Place Committee, the Council will:
  - Publish the outcome of the application round on the Council's website and through other media;
  - Email all applicants to confirm the outcome of their application.

### Please note that:

- Criteria for each new funding round may be subject to change from the previous round. Criteria for each fund will be published on the Council's website.
- Grants cannot be awarded retrospectively. If financial commitments are made before the start of the Agreement, applicants do so at their own financial risk.
- The Local Improvement Scheme is discretionary funding and attracts a high level of interest. As such, it is a competitive process and submitting an application does not guarantee funding.
- If an application is successful, the amount awarded may be less than requested.
- Recipients of Local Improvement Scheme funding are expected to acknowledge the funding as outlined on the Council's webpage: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/finance-and-budget/local-improvement-scheme>
- The Council is not obliged to consider applications received after the closing date.