

BRECKLAND PARTNERSHIP

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LSP Funding (Expression Of Interest)

1. Purpose of Report

To inform and update the LSP Board Members on the response in relation to the expression of interest form for project funding (total fund £100,000) circulated to all LSP partners as agreed at the LSP Board meeting (9th June).

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the LSP Board:

- 2.1 Note [for information and planning purposes] the contents of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 A decision was made by the LSP Board on 9th June to allocate a £100,000 funding pot for partner projects which align with the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) priorities.
- 3.2 The expression of interest form (as attached) was distributed to LSP partners via e-mail on 19th June, with a deadline submission date of 8th July at 5 PM.

4. Issues

- 4.1 A wide range of project bids were submitted by a broad spectrum of partner agencies. A total of 35 expression of interest forms were received from partner agencies and collated into a table (as attached).
- 4.2 The total request for funding is £408,575. Therefore it will be necessary to have a full short listing process to ensure all applications are provided the time to be carefully considered in terms of their value for money, added value and outcomes etc.

5. Options

- 5.1 To note [for information and planning purposes] the contents of this report.
- 5.2 To set up a sub-group of the LSP Board (representatives of themes) which is granted powers by the LSP Board to shortlist the projects and to request further details from the applicants as required. Upon receiving back the information the sub-group will have the authority to grant the funding to the successful projects (to the total value of £100,000). A funding report will be submitted to the September 10th LSP Board meeting
- 5.3 The successful applicants will be required to agree to pre-determined conditions prior to receiving funding, which will include receipts, an evaluation, reporting procedures and attending the relevant project group or LSP Board as requested.

6 Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 6.1 Participatory Budgeting (PB) represents an opportunity to do the following:
- Increase understanding of your organisation
 - Better targeting of funds
 - Brings communities together
 - Can help achieve value for money
 - Promotes public involvement