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## **FUTURE GRANT ASSESSMENT**

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### **1.0 Summary**

1.1 The Local Joint Committee considered that the previous grant appraisal system lacked rigour; its use was subjective and the project scoring system was difficult to use to differentiate between projects. In order to address the Committee's misgivings, a Task and Finish Group was set up to bring forward proposals on a revised system for the Committee's future assessment of grant applications.

### **2.0 Recommendation**

2.1 that the revised project appraisal mechanism be considered, as detailed below.

### **3.0 Project Appraisal**

3.1 A small Task and Finish Working Group was set up to review the existing arrangements for project appraisal, and to devise an appraisal document that would be used to review all LJC community projects against a set of standard criteria.

3.2 The Working Group comprised the following members; Councillor Mrs Rosanna Taylor – Smith [Chairman of the LJC], Councillor Henry Chance, Councillor Edward Davies, Richard Thomas Lead Officer, Erica Garner Support Officer and Jane Palmer Senior Committee Officer.

3.3 The newly drafted documents were reviewed, one containing a numerical scoring system the other asking a number of key questions relating to the project linked to the following themes:

- The Community Strategy
- Value for Money
- Community Benefit

- Accessibility
- The Environment.

3.4 After reviewing both documents and referring to the LJC Constitution and other LJC guidance it was agreed that the preferred option for the appraisal would not include numerical scoring.

3.5 After some revision of the draft, a document was agreed based on key questions with the opportunity to comment on the project's approach and to suggest a recommendation to the full Local Joint Committee, based on four outcomes;

1. Support and Fund,
2. Support and Fund in Part,
3. Defer for further information,
4. Project Rejection

<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b> .
<b>Human Rights Act Appraisal</b> The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998.
<b>Environmental Appraisal</b>
<b>Risk Management Appraisal</b> .
<b>Community / Consultations Appraisal</b>
<b>Cabinet Member:</b> Councillor G Butler
<b>Local Member</b> Councillors T Huffer, M Taylor-Smith and Mrs R Taylor-Smith
<b>Appendix</b> Project Appraisal form