

SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE NOTES

We are aware that a lot of work is needed to develop a full project proposal and not all projects will be successful in securing funds from the Liveability Fund. Many project proposals may broadly fit the Liveability Fund criteria but only the highest scoring projects are likely to be funded. To avoid unnecessary work and disappointment we suggest that you may like to use the following guidance to assist you in assessing whether you consider that your project is likely to be successful. If you are in doubt we are happy to discuss your project with you.

Please read these notes in addition to the guidance notes that are enclosed in the pack. These notes have been prepared to assist you in assessing whether or not you feel your project will meet the score criteria required to progress through the Liveability appraisal process.

The score criteria are supplied with the Liveability pack and include essential and important criteria. Questions 1-6 are the **essential** criteria and the scores are calculated out of a figure of 95. We are looking for projects to score over 70 to progress through the appraisal process. The rest of the questions are important criteria and we are looking for projects to score over 105 out of the 140 points available.

Additionally, we have outlined some important points about the kind of projects we are looking for, and those that we will be unlikely to support.

Priority will be given to

- a) Projects that enhance the natural environment in North Dorset.
- b) Projects that can substantially demonstrate a need for their project.
- c) Projects that meet the essential criteria outlined in the pack.
- d) Innovative projects that support partnership working and joined up thinking.
- e) Projects that are inclusive in a community, local or parish plan.
- f) Projects where young people are involved and will benefit from the project.
- g) Projects which provide evidence of community consultation and support.

Unlikely to support

- a) Re-print costs of brochures/materials
- b) Free standing equipment or vehicles
- c) Revenue funding of projects (except in exceptional circumstances)
- d) Projects which show no evidence of need or community support (i.e. opportunistic bids)
- e) Projects that do not in any way support the creation, management, use of public open spaces.
- f) Maintenance/refurbishment projects or repairs which should be funded through sinking fund provision as part of normal facilities management or through precept
- g) Disability Discrimination Act improvements or other work which has to be done in order to meet requirements, regardless of the availability of Liveability Funds
- h) Denominational churches or exclusive membership clubs

We do not enter into correspondence about projects that are rejected but will try to give advice where appropriate on alternative sources of funding.