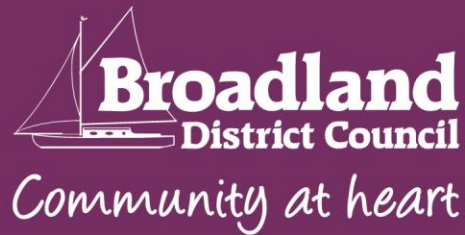


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Member-Led Funding

Update for Town and Parish Clerks
Thursday 6th June

Member Led Funding 2019-20

Changes made to Member Led funding by Cabinet – key issues presented:

- Excellent projects supported via Member Ward and CAF funds
- Two years of underspend in Member Ward Fund
- CAF has been over subscribed over the last two years.
- Some Member Ward funds have been spent outside the ground rules.
- Members asked for more clarification around ground rules.

Member Led Funding 2019-20

In effect from this point forward main changes are:

- Creation of two separate Ground Rules documents – for member-led funding and community action fund
- Restrictions to funding for precepting authorities
- Support to ensure proper utilisation of funding
- Re-introduction of Communities Team support

New Ground Rules

- Shorter, and easier to understand
- Two separate documents for Member Ward and CAF.

The two funding streams are allocated in distinctly different ways; separate guidance makes the processes much easier to understand and follow.

- Flowchart of the basic process

Precepting Authorities

“Precepting authorities raise their own budgets and therefore funding must not go to another local authority such as County, Town or Parish Council for projects / services that they are required to fund through their own precept, are a service that they normally fund, or that the precept could cover. Examples of what would not be included are village signs, parish notice boards, general maintenance.”

“Funds may be provided for additional services where the local authority is not required to fund or is a substantial investment that could not be normally covered by the local authorities precept. Examples of what could be funded include defibs, major refurbishments.”

Proper Utilisation of Funding

- Members to have a more candid role in ensuring that funding allocated to groups is spent in accordance with the ground rules.
- Where funding has not been spent, members will enlist support from the Communities Team to support the group in using their allocation within the 12-month window, or that the monies are recovered.
- The reason for this is to ensure accountability for funding and that it is utilised to have the greatest impact within our communities.

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Member Ward Grants

Aims

The aims of the Member's Ward Budget are:

- To increase levels of **community engagement** at a very local level across the district
- To allow flexible and timely funding of very **small initiatives** within communities which provide flexible solutions
- **To help communities to help themselves**
- To **enhance** the social, economic or environmental **wellbeing** of the community.

Key things to remember

- £1,000 per member
- The minimum grant payment is £100
- Members can fund projects jointly
- Funding to groups, not individuals
- The funding must benefit the residents of South Norfolk.
- Applications cannot be made retrospectively
- Applications cannot be made if the activity has received any other member led funding from South Norfolk Council in the past two years.

Keep these questions in mind

- Has the group received SNC funding in the past two years?
- Can it be easily funded from somewhere else?
- Is this something the precepting authority could/should be paying for from its own funds?
- How much does the group need?
- Has it already taken place/been bought?
- Will the funds be spent within a year?
- Who is the project lead and their contact details?
- Is this a self-sustaining project?

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Community Action Fund

Aims

The aim of the funding is to:

- build capacity within communities so that groups are enabled to be self-sustaining without ongoing practical and financial support from the Council,
- stimulate local economic growth, and
- facilitate creative partnership approaches to helping people in need at the earliest opportunity.

Key things to remember

- The Community Action Fund (CAF) is in place to support groups who require a larger amount of funding than the Members Ward Fund can support.
- District Councillors are responsible for receiving, considering and proposing applications for funding between £500 and £15,000
- The panel meets up to twice per year to spend the £50,000: next meeting is on 20th September. Applications close on 20th

August

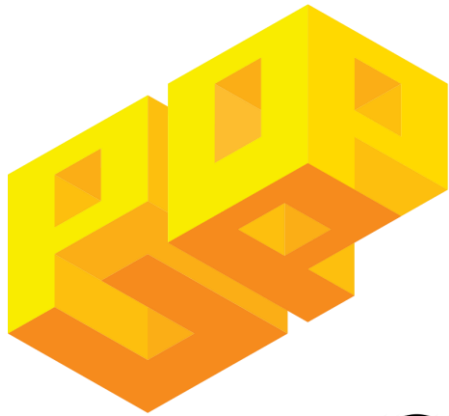
The CAF panel meeting

- 2019/20 panel meeting is 20th September, applications in by 20th August
- Only Members to attend on behalf of the application
- Representatives of the funding recipients are not able to attend
- Limited time to put the case forward – use of timer
- Members are invited to be present whilst the panel deliberates at the discretion of the Chairman

Other things to think about

- Planning:
 - projects which have not yet got planning permission could easily take more than a year to get going.
 - CAF panel rarely accepts applications from projects where planning permission hasn't already been granted
- Match-funding
 - particularly with CAF, match funding is favourable
 - shows that the group is looking at ways to be sustainable and self sufficient

Other funding sources



Go For It Grants



Thank You

Do you have
any
Questions?

