

## APPENDIX 1

# Everyone Active Policy

## Draft policy changes summary

Please find below a summary of proposed changes to the Everyone Active policy and the rationale for these.

The main changes are to provide further alignment to the Active Communities Strategy. Along with encouraging applicants to consider accessibility, inclusion, climate, and ecological implications within their projects, address process improvements for applicants and reduce the burden of decision making on senior management.

Section	Change	Rationale (where needed)
<b>Basic rules of the scheme</b>	Introducing a maximum project cost of £5,000 (currently no maximum)	To encourage smaller projects that can be quickly completed. Larger projects can apply to our Councillor Community Grants Scheme or Capital Grant Scheme.
<b>Who is eligible</b>	Simplified some language such as removing reference to constituted /non constituted groups and highlighted that sports clubs can apply.	As any groups can apply.
	Provided clarity that whilst the scheme can fund Preschools, PTA's etc, we cannot fund projects that are already funded through school budgets. Projects should be operational out of school hours provision.	To ensure we are not funding projects that are already funded through school budgets and to encourage these projects to enhance the core school programme.
<b>Who is not eligible</b>	Removing that we can ' <i>fund individuals who are supporting their community to become active or sustain activity</i> '	During the past two years we have not passed any eligible applications as we are unable to fund the supplier of a service i.e., coaches. It didn't appear to leave many other scenarios that would fit, which resulted in applicants spending time completing their application and then not passing eligibility. There are other options for individuals such as 'Move together' (long term health conditions), exercise on referral, disability memberships/disability support groups through our leisure centres.
<b>What type of projects can we fund?</b>	Expanding the list of examples that could help the council to deliver our Active Communities Strategy. Promoting other demographic groups the projects could support, tackling rural deprivation,	To give applicants increased ideas of projects we can fund.

	projects that support blue and green objectives.	
<b>What we will not fund</b>	Made clearer we will not fund food and drink	The lack of provision of food and drink is unlikely to prevent people taking part in an activity/project.
<b>Opening and closing dates</b>	Not publicising opening and closing dates in the policy as these can change, therefore included generic statement.	We will publicise dates on our website, newsletter and in social media to raise awareness of the scheme.
<b>Application/award process</b>	Clarifying applications are assessed on first come first serve basis.	To encourage applicants not to wait until just before the scheme closes to submit their application and increase the likelihood of award.
	Provided clarity on not being able to double fund projects or pay more than the total project costs.	Transformation project – longer term we will explore how the grant system can help monitor funding to individual applicants and avoid duplicate funding.
	The Community Wellbeing Manager will approve the awards via the online grants system, grant term extensions and removing the maximum of a 12-month extension, when authorised to act on behalf of the head of service.	Due to the low-level of grants being awarded, it is felt appropriate that the service manager can approve the award decisions and grant extensions rather than the head of service.
	Applicants will be able to accept their award through an online declaration, rather than downloading the grant acceptance, signing and returning the form and conditions of award.	This will improve the process for applicants and speed up the when the payment can be made.
<b>Standard Conditions</b>	Added a standard condition relating to Minimal financial Assistance (MFA) in line with the Subsidy Control Act 2022, as currently the policy is silent on this.	To seek a declaration from applicants that they will not exceed the £315,000 threshold for receiving a subsidy/MFA if they accept the grant award.
	Added a standard condition relating to the organisation having the 'necessary consents in place such as planning permission, listed building consent, etc.' for the project	To ensure that all relevant permissions have been sought by the organisation, enabling the project to take place successfully.