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Performance Reward Grant Scheme

APPLICATION FORM

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Name of initiative	Changing Places Toilet Facilities - Devizes	
Brief Description of Initiative	<p><i>Max 100 words – this is a summary only</i></p> <p>Adding value to the town of Devizes, as part of the refurbishment of Hillworth Park, a toilet that meets the needs of people with complex disabilities and their carers has been identified.</p> <p>A new Park Centre provides the hub that will encourage excluded individuals and groups within the community to access the opportunities that the Park has to offer by the provision of good quality facilities.</p> <p>Just a short distance from the town centre, the addition of a Changing Places Toilet extends benefits beyond the Park's boundaries giving opportunities for everyone to participate in all that Devizes has to offer.</p>	
Please put a cross against the ambition(s) that this initiative will support	Building resilient communities	X
	Improving affordable housing	
	Lives not services	X
	Supporting economic growth	
	Safer communities	
	Protecting the environment	
	Action for Wiltshire – combating the recession	
Amount of funding sought	££ 20,000	

<p>What will this money be spent on? (please show split between capital and revenue. For capital expenditure guidance – see Appendix 1 in the Bid Pack)</p>	<p>Capital money will be used towards the provision of a Changing Places Toilet facility, which will allow people with profound and multiple learning disabilities, as well as other serious impairments such as spinal injuries, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis or an acquired brain injury, to be able to access the Park and the wider opportunities that Devizes has to offer with the security of knowing that there are suitable facilities.</p> <p>People with these kinds of conditions often need extra facilities to allow them to use the toilet comfortably</p> <p>Changing Places toilets are different to standard disabled toilets with extra features and more space to meet these needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a height adjustable adult-sized changing bench • a tracking hoist system, or mobile hoist if this is not possible. • adequate space in the changing area for the disabled person and up to two carers • a centrally placed toilet with room either side for the carers • a large waste bin for disposable pads • a non-slip floor.
<p>Please describe how your initiative will support the ambition(s) indicated above, and summarise the action that will be taken</p>	<p><u>The Project</u></p> <p>The Park Centre is a key feature of the development and refurbishment of Hillworth Park and will play a key role in developing new audiences for the Park. The project has been very widely consulted upon and is a real community based scheme that has been influenced and shaped by the community. Details of the consultation process is contained in the document ‘Hillworth Park – Shaped By Our Community’</p> <p>Not only will this facility open up access to the Park, it would also be the only facility of this nature within the Devizes Community Area. The location just a few minutes from the town centre will unlock the door to Devizes as a whole – the Thursday market, the Carnival and Festival, and many other highlights that make Devizes so special.</p> <p>The Hillworth Park project has been developed through active community consultation and participation over the last three years and has been successful in attracting substantial Heritage and Big Lottery funding through the Parks For People programme.</p> <p>The Changing Places Toilet facility will add value to a well developed community project that will provide benefits beyond the boundaries of its specific location.</p>

Building Resilient Communities

The ambition to build resilient communities is based on the premise that 'everybody matters'.

It is now accepted and expected that everyone has a right to live in the community, to move around within it and access all its facilities. Government policy promotes the idea of 'community participation' and 'active citizenship', but for some people with disabilities the lack of a fully accessible toilet is denying them this right.

An inclusive community where everyone benefits from having an equal opportunity to use services and play a full part in their communities must include access to both indoor space and outdoor space. The Hillworth Park project is about providing great community facilities for local people, schools and other organisations that has facilities fit for purpose and providing access to all.

Create stronger and more inclusive communities

Good quality, appropriate community facilities provide the foundations for providing stimulating and challenging community opportunities – opportunities for learning, recreation, sport, relaxation, culture, health; the list is endless.

The addition of a Changing Places Toilet facility provides the gateway for the community to take part in sporting and cultural activities across the town that brings people of all ages and abilities together.

It will give Hillworth Park the platform to develop its sporting, play and cultural activities to encourage and inspire people to come together, forging more inclusive and cohesive communities.

Help young people to succeed at school and take part in positive activities

Building self confidence and aspiration comes with being able to take part and for some sectors of our community taking part is difficult because of a lack of appropriate facilities.

In encouraging more young people to take part in a wide range of positive activities and play, it is essential not to exclude those with disabilities. The Changing Places Toilet will allow young disabled people to access the Park and to use a range of play equipment suitable for their needs. A number of community participation activities are planned for Hillworth Park, which will provide a chance for people who traditionally lack confidence and aspiration to take part in positive activities that will give ownership and a sense of achievement.

Increasing children and young people's access to facilities and activities must be an inclusive exercise and people should not be marginalised because the safety net of appropriate facilities is not in place to support them. Being able to take part, having confidence and aspirations are dependent on the foundations of the provision of facilities that allow people who are otherwise excluded to develop and grow.

Lives Not Services

'Lives Not Services' is a commitment to helping people stay in control of their lives with good health and wellbeing a key to success. The Changing Places Toilet facility will help to deliver on the ambition of enabling people to improve their long term health and wellbeing, by allowing people access to the opportunities that the town of Devizes, Hillworth Park and the Park Centre can provide.

Provide the strong foundations for children and young people's development

The park will become a venue for practical and inspired activities and learning. As well as sporting and recreational activities there will also be practical workshops based around horticulture and gardening. The 'Grow Your Own' campaign makes the connections between understanding where our food comes from and healthy eating. The Changing Places Toilet makes this programme accessible to disabled people and their carers. Being able to tackle obesity and improve healthy eating by practical understanding, as well as taking part in physical activities has a greater chance of lessons becoming life habits.

Enable people to improve their long term health and wellbeing

It is often the case that the needs of people caring for others is not recognised, but they provide the cornerstone for people being able to live active and independent lives. Many carers do not consider themselves to be a carer, they are doing what anyone would do – taking care of a relative or friend. But taking on a caring role can mean facing a life of poverty, isolation, frustration, ill health and depression.

By providing services that can be accessed by those that are being cared for gives the care providers options and opportunities, which can improve their own health and wellbeing.

Being able to access all the facilities that are planned for Hillworth Park, including cultural events, sports activities and the provision of a low cost community venue means that people with complex disabilities and their carers can have greater control over their lives and be able to take part activities that will help them learn skills and develop confidence that will allow them to live healthier more independent lives, whilst encouraging those around them to do also.

<p>What makes this initiative a local priority (eg evidence from research and local support)</p>	<p>The Hillworth Park project has been a true community project and all the initiatives are based on consultation and good practice. The consultation process is detailed in the document 'Hillworth Park – Shaped By Our Community'</p> <p>One of the challenges through our consultation was to seek the views of groups who feel excluded and have difficulties in accessing services. We wanted to make sure these people had a voice. Although not easy to reach these groups, we were lucky enough to be able to work with groups and individuals representing disabled people and their carers who have positively helped us to develop our project further.</p> <p>Carers and disabled people themselves have told us that they would love to be able to come to Devizes more often and to use the Park more, but they need the security of knowing that there is a facility that meets their needs that will allow them to be away from their home, with confidence, for reasonable periods of time.</p> <p>Evidence of specialist and community support is contained in the document 'Hillworth Park – Evidence of Community and Specialist Support'</p>
<p>How will you know you have been successful?</p>	<p>Our measurements of success are contained in the document 'Hillworth Park - Audience Development Plan'. The primary measurement for success is an increase in both the number of people who visit Hillworth Park and the diversity of its audience.</p> <p>This data will be captured by the use of gate counters plus on and off site Greenstat surveys which uses the recognised industry standard questionnaire for parks. These include detailed information on audience profile including age, gender, ethnicity and disability.</p> <p>Annually, the Town Council undertakes qualitative and quantitative consultation on a range of services, which includes testing the accessibility of services.</p> <p>Targeted consultation with specific user groups will test the success of the project for people represented by those user groups.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you measure the impact? (may have more than one measure) 	<p>Our Improvement Targets are contained in the document 'Measuring the Impact'</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your improvement target (s), and when do you expect to achieve this/these? 	<p>Our Improvement Targets are contained in the document 'Measuring the Impact'</p> <p>Information has been reviewed from the Neighbourhood and Super Output Areas Statistics and this will inform the targets ongoing</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will you ensure that the improvement continues after the end of the initiative? 	<p>The project has a 10 year Management and Maintenance plan, which will ensure the proactive ongoing management of the Park and ensure that it meets and continues to meet its objectives.</p> <p>Devizes Town Council has agreed to meet all the financial commitments set out in the plan.</p>
<p>Who will benefit from this initiative?</p>	<p>The provision of a Changing Places Toilet facility will benefit people with complex and other disabilities, and their carers. It will benefit those within the catchment area of the Park, but the benefits will extend beyond the boundaries of the Park providing a gateway for people to visit Devizes safe in the knowledge that there is a facility close by.</p>
<p>Confirm no unfunded commitments from this initiative</p>	<p>I can confirm that there will be no under funded financial commitments arising from this initiative.</p> <p>Ongoing revenue expenditure will be met from Devizes Town Council's own funds.</p>
<p>What are the key risks to success and how will these be managed?</p>	<p>A detailed risk assessment had been carried out for the project and is attached as supplementary information. The risk assessments have considered areas such as financial, project delivery, standards of work and failure to meet objectives.</p>
<p>Who will manage the initiative</p>	<p>This initiative will be undertaken as part of the wider refurbishment of Hillworth Park.</p> <p>We are in the process of appointing a suitably qualified project manager for the duration of the whole project.</p>

Signed:

Chairman of Area Board

Dated: