

South Gipton Community Centre GIPSIL – Community Builders Fund Proposal

1. The proposal is to transfer South Gipton Community Centre on a asset transfer basis to GIPSIL. This will enable them to access the Community builders Fund (CbF). Using this funding GIPSIL proposes rebuild the centre to provide a multi-functional community centre from which they will deliver their support services and work in partnership with complimentary agencies to deliver appropriate additional support services to the local community.
2. In order to progress the funding application to CbF GIPSIL need support in principle for the transfer idea. It will then be subject to the necessary approvals through Asset Management Group and Executive Board.
3. The Community Builders Fund is a £70m investment fund which takes forward a commitment to build more cohesive, empowered and active communities. It is designed to empower citizens and communities by strengthening the resilience of multi-purpose community-led organisations across England through a mixture of financial and advisory support.
4. The type of the organisations that will be supported by the investment fund will have to have the ambition and capability to fulfill the following roles:
 - Offering a place for communities to meet.
 - Support and promote active and empowered citizens and community groups.
 - Providing and hosting community services.
 - Mobilising opportunities and resources within and into a local area
5. The application process was launched in September 2009. Key points of the fund are:
 - £70 million for neighbourhood based voluntary sector organisations
 - Bids are expected between 200k and 2 million; anticipated 80 awards
 - Mix of capital and loan 40% capital 60% loan mix.
 - Funding to be determined within 18 months -end date March 2011, but can be provided after this date.
6. Although, development of this project is still in the early stages, a number of benefits can clearly be seen. Transferring the centre to GIPSIL, will enable them to access funding streams unavailable to Local Authorities. Transfer would also produce an annual saving within the community centres budget, as GIPSIL would take on all the running costs. A Project Mandate Form, giving full details of this proposal is available at the Area Management office.

7. The community centres' working group would need to consider any possible savings to the Area Committee; incl. effects on controllable and uncontrollable costs, on transfer.

Document used in production of this appendix is the Project Mandate Form .