

## Berwickshire Community Fund – Guidance: Criteria for Assessment & Decision Making

Funding applications will be assessed using the following criteria:-

- What need/demand has been evidenced for your project/activity
- Project success and the benefits to be gained - how well your project meets the outcomes of the scheme
- Support and involvement of wider community
- If you have received a grant or funding before and if you completed the grant evaluation form
- How your group is set up and managed
- Your finances and the financial need for funding (see note below)
- Efforts to secure other sources of funding
- Your group's commitment to promoting equality for all and equality of opportunity
- How you have made use of previous grants and funding

***Note: If your group has more savings than the income your group receives in a year, you should explain what you are planning to do with this money. If you have not set aside this money for anything specific funding is unlikely to be awarded.***

Decisions

- Decisions on funding will be considered by the relevant Area Partnership and determined by consensus (i.e. widespread agreement). Where consensus is not possible, then SBC Elected Members will make the final decision, with the Chairman of the Area Partnership having a casting vote if required should there be an even split amongst the SBC Elected Members.
- Funding decisions for Borders-wide projects will be made by the Executive Committee.
- Fast Track applications will be assessed by SBC officers and a decision on funding approval made by SBC Elected members