

2023/24 Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund recommendations

The Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund base budget for 2023/24 is £46,352. It is likely there will be underspend from 2022/23 and grants that have not been drawn down from other Cheviot funds to add to the NSF total for 2023/24.

The Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund Assessment Panel has considered this and make the following recommendations for the 2023/24 NSF:

- An application limit of £5,000 is kept in place
- A limit of one application per year per community group is applied
- A limit of one application per Community Council and one application for each of the Community Council's subgroups is applied

Within the scoring matrix, the assessment panel make the following recommendations:

- Remove the Innovation category
- Add two questions to the sustainability category:
 - Is the project piloting new ways of working?
 - If successful, how could these innovations be more widely adopted?
- Increase the scoring of 'Ability to Deliver' and 'Sustainability' to 20 points each. This would create a scoring matrix with 5 categories in total, all worth 20 points.