

Assessment Panel Recommendations 31.10.2023

Linton Hotspur Football Club

The Club is applying for a grant of £3671.99 towards the purchase of a new set of goals which are sufficiently mobile to move between pitches and training areas to facilitate more than one group playing 11-a-side matches at a time. The total cost of the project is £4079.99 and the balance will be paid for by the club. A supplier's quotation for the goals has been submitted. The Panel feel that this is a worthwhile project which will build on the active work that the Club has been doing in West Linton to make football more accessible. **Approval is recommended.**

Conservation without Borders

This is the re-submission of an application for funding a high quality documentary film about the groups past successes with breeding ospreys. The applicant was unsuccessful at the August 22nd Area Partnership meeting as the project was Borders wide and not specific to Tweeddale. They were advised that any new application would have to be Tweeddale specific, but there was nothing to prevent them from putting in separate applications to other localities Neighbourhood Support Funds if they wished to do so.

The Panel has carefully considered the new application, which is for £7,500 towards a total project cost of £15,332, but still feels that the project is not Tweeddale specific. It is envisaged that the film will become available internationally (a small part of the cost being for translations) and that it has the potential to boost tourism. It is said that it will inspire children and adults and promote the Region's environmental success and features. A local osprey and public engagement expert will show it in 30 minute sessions at primary schools and to other audiences in the Region such as retirement homes and community centres. The group were unable to provide assurances that these arrangements had been made. The expected number of showings in Tweeddale has not been stated. It is also proposed that showings will take place around the Borders, not just in Tweeddale, and it therefore appears inappropriate for the Neighbourhood Support Fund to support more than Tweeddales share of the cost. The project seems to the Panel to be more designed as a celebration of the applicant's past successes than as a well thought out educational tool supported by schools.

The Panel recommend that this application should NOT be funded, because

- ❑ the benefits are insufficiently Tweeddale-specific;
- ❑ the difference the project will make to people's lives in Tweeddale is unclear;
- ❑ no applications have been made to the other localities Neighbourhood Support Funds which would have reduced the cost for which the applicant needed to apply to Tweeddale;

- no letters of support from local schools have been provided.