SIB Applications Item 5 Annex 1

Point of Contact: ELCAP £23,420

Following a period of challenging issues to tackle, ELCAP is now in a stronger position to take forward the development of activities and initiatives, supported by a strong team of volunteers and a Transport/ Environment Manager.

The centre currently offers Community Transport, Village Vintage shop, Snooker, community access to IT facilities, local job club, Slimming World, Heritage museum and Crèche facilities with a large garden area and outdoor play area. It also offers room hire facilities to other organisations offering training and information sessions and is the regular venue for the VCS Network. The hall is regularly used by a variety of groups including senior citizens group, Elemore ladies club, disabled group, Houghton Brass Band, local popmatic band Dennis, and exercise and dancing classes.

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The Board of Trustees, along with the Transport Manager, has identified the need for a Project Coordinator to oversee and co-ordinate the activities and development of ELCAP and to work with local partners and residents to provide additional services to meet the needs of the local community. The vision of ELCAP is to further develop the range of support and activities delivered from the centre for the benefit of local residents. The current community transport service has opened up many opportunities to diversify their offer and with an additional member of staff would increase capacity and would help them to further achieve their goals.

The outcomes achieved by the project would include

- A more resilient and sustainable organisation
- More services/activities for local people
- Additional networking opportunities
- Cohesive approach to events and safety aspects

SIB funding would allow ELCAP to employ a project co-ordinator. It would cost £23,420 to employ a part time co-ordinator for two years (15 hours per week) including NI, pension contribution, training, overheads etc.. ELCAP will seek support from the SNCBC Community and Volunteer project with regard to recruitment.

CCTV Column £751

Ongoing issues with motorcycles have recently increased around Elemore Golf Club where off road bikes are damaging the greens and impacting on the lives of local residents. This issue has been causing a problem for around 4 years and has cost both the council and police thousands of pounds in resources. Councillors and the Police have regular complaints from residents who are impacted by the nuisance caused.

Locating a 3G camera on Pimlico Road will assist with prevention and detection. It will have an excellent view of the course and mineral line. LMAPS has agreed to fund half of the cost to extend a pole in the area to allow the deployment of a camera. It is requested that Area Committee agree to provide the other 50% (£751) from SIB.