

NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Community Hub - Redhill
Lead Organisation	Community Opportunities/SNCBC

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£14,970	£750	£15,720
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
4 Months	December 2020	March 2021

SNCBC is transferring its business operations into a not for profit limited company structure, Community Opportunities. Community Opportunities will operate to the same Constitutional aims and objectives of SNCBC and these are detailed within the Company Memorandum of Articles and Articles of Association. The Company is currently dormant and will be active shortly.

The transfer process is likely to be complete by 31/03/2021 as we cannot transfer furloughed staff without impacting their entitlement and as such, those who work in services that remain closed in part or whole would lose their jobs. We are therefore only commencing new projects through Community Opportunities until a secure transfer to the new company can be enabled for existing employees. To this end we have referenced SNCBCs appropriate experience in this application on the basis this will always be available to Community Opportunities and will ultimately transfer into the same company structure.

The Project:

SNCBC have been working closely with Sunderland City Council Officers and Councillors to develop a ward-based Community Hub in the Redhill area of Sunderland. The hub will respond to issues and ideas raised by residents through the recent Let's Talk public consultation exercise and will also contribute to achieving the priorities set out in the North Area Committee Delivery Plan and the strategic priorities set out in the Sunderland City Plan.

The most suitable location for the Community Hub in the Redhill ward has been identified as the Downhill Centre as it has extensive indoor and outdoor facilities which have proven able to engage young people in a variety of activities, can provide a range of environmental activities such as a community garden, home grown allotment ideas, children's scavenger hunts and picnics as well as offering a base for more formally support such as training, learning, employability support and introductory sports, leisure and health activities.

To maximise safe access to the Centre a number of remedial works need to be undertaken to increase safety and as a second phase of works to improve some of the facilities, such as the windows, toilets and kitchen, to meet the required standards for use.

This application seeks support for phase one of the project works. The Centre has numerous windows and funds have been previously been secured to enable 75% of these to be protected by shutters. Unfortunately, the Centre has been subject to recent acts of vandalism which has

led to most windows that are not shuttered being smashed by rocks and stones being pelted by groups of young people. The proposal is therefore to shutter the remaining unprotected areas and replace the damaged glazing. The works identified will not only increase security at the site but will also improve the appearance of the Centre, particularly for local neighbours who are situated around its boundary. It may also serve to reduce the numbers of young people gathering around the perimeter of the building who are engaging in anti-social behaviour.

Three supplier quotes have been secured for these elements of work and the lowest costs are presented in the financial information section.

Financial Information:

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Shutters and installation	£13,134		£13,134
Glazing Repairs	£ 1, 836		£ 1,836
Project Management Time	£ 750	£ 750	
Total	£15,720	£ 750	£14,970

Recommendation - Approve – The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project which delivers to the North Area Delivery Plan Priority – Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning