

<b>NAME OF COMMITTEE</b>	Executive
<b>DATE</b>	11 September 2014
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Sustainable Community Locality Fund Update 2013/14
<b>Report of</b>	Sarah Brown, Community Project & Policy Officer, Planning, Economy & Community
<b>WARDS AFFECTED</b>	All

**Summary of report:**

To provide the Executive with an update on projects supported through the Sustainable Community Locality Fund (SCLF) in 2013/14.

**Financial implications:**

None from this report. In 2013/14, the SCLF allocation per Member was £1,500. This continues for 2014/15. Currently unspent funds may be rolled forward for the four year term of the Council when the allocation re-commences.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Executive RESOLVES:

To note and review the projects that have benefitted from SCLF funding in 2013/14.

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**1. BACKGROUND TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY LOCALITY FUND & ANNUAL REPORT TO EXECUTIVE**

- 1.1 The SCLF was approved by the Executive on 5 March 2009. The Fund was devised as a light touch grant scheme, allocating £1,000 to each Member, to enable them to support community projects or activities that benefitted their Ward or the wider local community, thereby strengthening their community leadership role. The fund was increased to £1,500 per Member in 2011/12.

1.2 On 5 March 2009, the Executive resolved “That Members be in receipt of an annual report outlining how the locality fund has been used in each ward”.

1.3 Annual reports regarding the operation of the SCLF are in summary below:-

Date Reported to Executive	Year Reported on	Total Spend	Projects	Total Project Cost
22 July 2010	2009/10	£26,033.00	75	£499,990.00
14 July 2011	2010/11	£46,823.95	123	£1,325,062.95
26 April 2012	2011/12	£22,281.41	76	£464,580.55
6 June 2013	2012/13	£50,535.97	198	£623,708.47
<b>11 September 2014</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>£46,293.23</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>£753,350.37</b>

## **2. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **PROJECTS SUPPORTED THROUGH THE SCLF IN 2013/14**

2.1 Appendix A details all projects which have benefitted from the SCLF in 2013/14. Unspent balances at the end of 2012/13 (totalling just under £34,326) were rolled forward and added to the £1,500 allocation made to each Member in 2013/14.

2.2 In 2013/14, just over £46,000 was spent on 167 projects with a total project cost of just over £753,000. Appendix A shows that the SCLF has supported a wide range of community groups, including village hall committees, sports clubs and Town and Parish Councils, fully funding a variety of small scale projects and contributing to locally raised funds for larger scale projects, often acting as a catalyst to attract match funding from other agencies or grant giving bodies. At the end of 2013/14, the unspent balances totalling just over £47,932 were rolled forward and added to the £1,500 allocation made to each Member in 2014/15.

## **3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report as South Hams District Council accepts no liability for projects beyond the provision of SCLF grants.

3.2 The Council has powers to award the grants specified in the report, under the Powers of General Competence set out in the Localism Act.

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Members each receive a grant allocation of £1,500 per annum and unspent funds may be rolled over to the following year, up to the maximum four year term of each Council. At this stage any unspent funds are returned to the Council's general fund and a new cycle commences following the election.
- 4.2 Currently with 40 Members this equates to a budget allocation of £60,000 per annum, £240,000 over the four year term. A reduction in Members to 31 as proposed by the boundary review, to commence from May 2015, would reduce the annual budget commitment, assuming the same level of allocation was maintained, to £46,500 - £186,000 over four years.

#### 5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Risk Management implications are shown at the end of this report in the Strategic Risks Template.

#### 6. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

<b>Corporate priorities engaged:</b>	All
<b>Statutory powers:</b>	Localism Act 2011 (Section 1 – Powers of General Competence)
<b>Considerations of equality and human rights:</b>	SCLF grants provide funding to a wide range of community groups, therefore promoting equal opportunities
<b>Biodiversity considerations:</b>	None
<b>Sustainability considerations:</b>	SCLF grants contribute to increasing the sustainability of communities in the South Hams
<b>Crime and disorder implications:</b>	None
<b>Background papers:</b>	Sustainable Community Locality Fund Executive Report 5 Mar 2009 & Minutes (E.111/08) Sustainable Community Locality Fund Update 2009/10 Executive Report 22 Jul 2010 & Minutes (E.18/10) Sustainable Community Locality Fund Update 2010/11 Executive Report 14 Jul 2011 & Minutes (E.05/11) Sustainable Community Locality Fund Update 2011/12 Executive Report 26 Apr 2012 & Minutes (E.94/11) SCLF Guidance Notes for Ward Councillors Sustainable Community Locality Fund Update 2013/14 Executive Report 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2013 & Minutes (E.07/13)
<b>Appendices attached:</b>	Appendix A SCLF Budget Summary

## STRATEGIC RISKS TEMPLATE

No	Risk Title	Risk/Opportunity Description	Inherent risk status				Mitigating & Management actions	Ownership
			Impact of negative outcome	Chance of negative outcome	Risk score and direction of travel			
1	Delivery of Outcomes and Value for Money	Failure to deliver outcomes to the community and provide value for money for the Council's contributions	3	2	6	↔	Annual monitoring report	Community Manager

Direction of travel symbols ↓ ↑