

**North Yorkshire County Council**

**Business and Environmental Services**

**Executive Members**

**22 February 2019**

**Allerton Waste Recovery Park Landscape and Cultural Heritage Fund**

**Report of the Assistant Director - Transport, Waste and Countryside Services**

**1.0 Purpose of Report:**

- 1.1 To report to the Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services (BES) and to the BES Executive Members on the expenditure profile for the Allerton Waste Recovery Park (AWRP) Landscape and Cultural Heritage Fund (LCHF).
- 1.2 To seek approval from the Corporate Director (BES) for release of funding for the project highlighted in Appendix A of this report.

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Section 106 Agreement for AWRP was signed on 14 February 2013 and included the requirement for the Council to establish a Landscape and Cultural Heritage Fund (LCHF).
- 2.2 The LCHF is to be used towards reducing the visual and landscape impacts of the development and the delivery of enhancement and strengthening of the local landscape character, biodiversity and/or features of cultural heritage prioritised within a 3.5km radius of the Site. It is informed by the Landscape Management Strategy developed by Amey and approved by the Planning Authority which includes a Conservation Management Plan and Outline Habitat Management Plan. The value of the LCHF is £839,500
- 2.3 On 18 September 2015, a report was approved by BES Executive Members to enter into a contract with Two Ridings Community Foundation (TRCF) to manage distribution of the LCHF on behalf of the County Council. The contract began on 23 November 2015 and ends on 22 November 2019, although there is the option of a one year extension to the contract.
- 2.4 The small grants fund (£100 to £1,000) was launched in October 2015, the large grants fund (£10,001 to £50,000) was opened in December 2015 and the medium grants fund (£1,001 to £10,000) was opened in early 2017.
- 2.5 The large grant element of the fund has been over-subscribed and the fund has consequently been suspended for large grants. The large grant fund could be reopened depending upon the small and medium fund future take up.
- 2.6 Funding for small grants can be released by TRCF providing that the projects meet the necessary requirements set out in the guidance information and application process.

- 2.7 Applications for the medium grant fund are normally assessed at an independent panel meeting. The panel is made up of NYCC and HBC Councillors, the local community, technical advisors and TRCF. Two meetings are held per year to maximise scope for delivery of projects taking into account planting and seasonal activities.
- 2.8 Authority was delegated by the Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services (BES) in consultation with the BES Executive Members on 27 January 2017 to enable TRCF to decide some medium grant fund applications through a fast track process.

### 3.0 Outcome of Panel Meeting (Medium Grants)

- 3.1 The seventh panel meeting took place on 31 January 2019 and considered three projects. One of the three projects was awarded funding. The other two projects were deferred. Details of the projects and Panel recommendations are summarised in the table below. More detailed information on the project awarded funding under the medium grants scheme can be found in the Panel sheet in appendix B.

Applicant	Project	Amount recommended	Panel comments and amount awarded
Knareborough Round Access Project	Funding to improve access on the Knareborough Round walk by replacing stiles which are in a state of disrepair with gates and also undertaking essential repairs to wooden walkways.	£5,000	<b>£0 Deferred</b> - Panel are supportive of the project aims but agreed to defer the application to be reconsidered at the next meeting when some issues have been resolved.
Whixley Heritage Project (in association with Whixley with Green Hammerton PCC)	Funding for the restoration of heritage stained glass windows in the church as part of a wider community heritage project.	£10,000	<b>£10,000 Awarded</b> - Discussion held around the merits of the project and the panel particularly liked the engagement of the wider community and especially the local school children.
Ferrensby Parish Meeting	Funding for works to improve the pond area and village green in Ferrensby	£20,000	<b>£0 Deferred</b> - Panel felt that this was a good fit with the aims of the fund and are keen to support the project however wanted to take the advice of the NYCC ecologist in terms of developing an ecological management plan before undertaking the pond works.

Total amount bid for to the Panel £35,000

Total amount awarded by the Panel £10,000

Total amount not awarded by the Panel £25,000 (two projects were deferred)

## 4.0 Small Grants Update

- 4.1 The small project grants (£100 to £1,000) are being managed by Two Ridings. Since the launch of the fund in October 2015, thirty three awards have been made. Below summarises the awards made since the last update to BES Executive Members on 17 August 2018:

Applicant	Date awarded	Amount	Project Description
Private individual	Sep 18	£1,000	Planting trees to create a screen.
Private individual	Jun 18	£1,000	Planting of native trees, provision of stock fencing and natural hedgerows
Private individual	Nov 18	£984	Removal of unsightly non-native conifers and magnolia. Regenerate the area with fruit trees and native shrubs and bulbs.
Parish of the Dunsforths	Mar 18	£274	Purchasing and planting trees in Upper Dunsforth Village Green spaces to replace those chopped down.
Private individual	Oct 18	£1,000	Establish a wildflower meadow within the orchard of the paddock adjoining Orchard House
Staveley Primary School	Nov 18	£821	Class 2 garden wildlife area
Private individual	Feb 18	£994.50	New hedges and fill and existing Hawthorne hedgerow which has several gaps. Also, to plant trees.

## 5.0 Progress update

- 5.1 Appendix A provides details of project spend to date and a progress update on the various projects. End of grant reports have been received for the majority of the completed projects.
- 5.2 Uptake of small and medium sized grants has remained relatively low, and the Panel have agreed they would support the re-opening of the large grant scheme with a suggested upper limit of £25k.
- 5.3 A number of new methods are being used in an attempt to increase the number of small grant applications to the fund, including:
- 500 promotional seed packets have been distributed to the local community to encourage take up, this will continue throughout the coming year.
  - An initiative is being developed with five local primary schools to give all children access to a free bird box or bug hotel. This initiative is due to be launched soon to coincide with the new nesting/planting season.
  - TRCF have brought in an additional worker to do some more outreach work in an attempt to increase the number of small grant applications to the fund.
  - An information board has been produced for display in the visitor centre at the Allerton Waste Recovery Park
- 5.4 A press release relating to the Kirk Hammerton Outdoor Wildlife School Project, which received over £8,766, was issued in November 2018 to promote the success of the fund so far. This generated media coverage in the Harrogate Advertiser. TRCF will be arranging further photo opportunities which will be issued with a press release to promote the success of the fund.

5.5 An annual report produced by TRCF has been drafted and will be submitted shortly to the NYCC Waste Planning Authority outlining the progress made towards fulfilling the purposes of the LCHF. This is the third annual report produced to date.

## **6.0 Legal Implications**

6.1 In accordance with the previous report, funding release for large and medium projects will be subject to the standard NYCC Terms and Conditions.

6.2 Claw back provisions are included as part of the grant agreements which will protect the longevity of the funds impacts and projects undertaken.

## **7.0 Financial Implications**

7.1 The fund was launched in October 2015 and to date 59 projects have received funding comprising of 33 small grants (£29,743), 11 medium grants (£86,083) and 15 large grants (£476,809). A total of £592,634. If the funds are approved for release at this meeting then the total funding for projects awarded will be £602,634. Allowing for fees paid to TRCF to administer the fund, there remains £136,066 available to be allocated.

7.2 NYCC has a contract with TRCF to deliver the fund for four years (until 23 November 2019) with an option to extend for one further year (until 23 November 2020). A budget has been allocated for the LCHF and no additional funding will be required.

7.3 Discussions are taking place regarding extending the contract by one year. If the contract is extended formal approval will be required from David Bowe, Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services and Michael Leah, Assistant Director Strategic Resources.

## **8.0 Equalities Implications**

8.1 TRCF has a robust equalities policy in place which is used as part of the fund assessment process. The equalities information is collected through the application forms for the medium and large grants fund and proportional information is collected in relation to the small grants fund. Information about funding awards to date is used to inform specific targeted marketing/outreach activities to ensure that the LCHF process is accessible to the widest audience given the parameters on the fund set by the planning process.

8.2 During the annual contract review meetings it has been identified that TRCF should focus promotion in the west of the fund area as less spending has taken place there. To address this TRCF are targeting the west of the fund area with the bespoke seed packets and school wildlife box promotion.

8.3 Following the annual contract review meeting an Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) has been completed by TRCF on the LCHF. The outcome is no adverse impact and therefore no change needed. Information on the TRCF equalities policy has also been provided to NYCC.

8.4 An Equality Impact Assessment screening form has been completed by NYCC and it concludes a full EIA is not relevant or proportionate. The completed form is in appendix C.

**9.0 Recommendations**

- 9.1 That the Corporate Director (BES) approve the release of funding for the project highlighted in appendix A – LCHF project spend to date.
- 9.2 Subject to such approval, that the AD TWACs releases project funding to Two Ridings Community Foundation to manage the award to this successful project in line with the conditions set by the panel.

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Assistant Director – Transport, Waste and Countryside Services

Author of Report: Suzanne Williamson

Background Documents: None

## LCHF project spend to date and progress update

Date	Amount awarded	Narrative	Status	Progress
Jan 16	957	45 Bird boxes - Marton cum Grafton Woodlands Group	Awarded	Complete
Feb 16	1000	Landscaping works around Whixley cricket club	Awarded	Complete
Mar 16	1000	Repair work to the Estate boundary wall	Awarded	Complete
Mar 16	5389	To develop and improve a range of wildlife habitats on the site and install an additional outdoor classroom.	Awarded	Complete
May 16	1000	To create a seating area and floral display on the entrance to the village (Little Ouseburn)	Awarded	Complete
Jun 16	1000	Funding for initial consultancy work for the development of landscape and ecological enhancements in Great Ouseburn.	Awarded	Complete
Sep16	23,058.62	Clareton Lane Residents planting projects in and around residential properties	Awarded	Complete
Sep 16	30,131.28	Provision of new footpath in churchyard, creation of a community garden, communal seating area and improvements around the churchyard boundaries	Awarded	Complete
Sep 16	25,668.44	Survey work to inform scoping for a tree planting and landscaping project and refurbishment of Arkendale phone box	Awarded	Complete
Sep 16	35,717.32	New woodland and pond area in the paddock near Clareton Manor Barn and hedgerow planting	Awarded	Complete
Sep 16	44,984	Creation of woodland paths and controlling the spread of Himalayan Balsam	Awarded	Complete.

Appendix A

Date	Amount awarded	Narrative	Status	Progress
Sep 16	50,000	Repair to section of the Allerton Park boundary wall	Awarded	Not yet started – conditions to be met
Sep 16	50,000	Works to the Temple of Victory	Awarded	Slight delays, due to complete June 18, requested update July 18.
Oct 16	996	Funding for the costs of carrying out isotope testing on a Roman skeleton found at Grafton	Awarded	Complete
Oct 16	600	Funding to pay for landscape architects fees to prepare a planting scheme to provide screening.	Awarded	Complete
Feb 17	996	To remove a leylandii hedge and replace with native beech.	Awarded	Complete
Feb 17	1000	Project to help promote improved for hedgehogs and other species.	Awarded	Complete
February 2017	47,000	Funding towards a project to replace and extend a decayed wooden boardwalk and fencing at Upper Dunsforth Carr nature reserve.	Awarded	Complete
Feb 17	8,961	Funding to purchase trees and protective fencing to provide screening, make visual improvements to the local landscape and increase local biodiversity by creating new habitats.	Awarded	Complete

Appendix A

Date	Amount awarded	Narrative	Status	Progress
Feb 17	19,715	Funding is required to provide a large scale planting project to provide screening and also create a length of new hedgerow to support wildlife and increase biodiversity.	Awarded	Hedgerow complete April 18, tree planting delayed
Feb 17	4,110	Funding is required to undertake the next stage of the Fishpond Bridge conservation area project to include ecological surveys and full technical drawings to be produced	Awarded	Complete
Mar 17	900	Marton School – Connecting to our Woodland Classroom	Awarded	Complete
Jun 17	1000	Wildlife pond and related planting	Awarded	Complete
Jun 17	950	Green wall fencing	Awarded	Awaiting end of grant report
Jun 17	1000	Mass planting of Daffodil bulbs in the grass verges around Marton cum Grafton	Awarded	Complete
June 2017	990	Replacement of Leylandi hedging with Portuguese Laurel	Awarded	Complete
Aug 17	9,527	Funding is required to purchase and plant trees to provide screening and increase biodiversity by extending an existing area of woodland and introducing understory planting.	<del>Not</del> awarded	N/A
Aug 17	10,000	Funding to regenerate the schools wildlife area and pond to remove overgrown vegetation, provide a pond dipping platform, new seating and refurbished pathways to provide a safe and accessible outdoor classroom resource	Not awarded	N/A

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Date	Amount awarded	Narrative	Status	Progress
Aug 17	9,999	Funding for the restoration of a heritage building in the village of Arkendale.	Awarded	Complete
Aug 17	8,766	Funding to create a wildlife area within the school grounds to improve habitats and support children's learning about the environment. £9,566 was awarded at the panel but other funding was secured from elsewhere so £8,766 was awarded.	Awarded	Complete
Aug 17	9,931	Funding to purchase equipment for use by the volunteers of the Harrogate Support Group in supporting the work of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust at the Staveley nature reserve and also to site a shipping container to store the equipment on site.	Awarded	Complete
Aug 17	6,750	Funding to make improvements to the local school playground including a bespoke sculpture to celebrate their 150th anniversary year, visual improvements to the surface of the playground, installation of bird, bat and hedgehog boxes and bug hotel benches.	Not awarded	N/A
Oct 17	1,000	Removal of leylandii hedge. Planting of new orchard / soft fruit trees.	Awarded	In progress – planting to take place Autumn 18
Sep 17	996	Funding to replace rotten fencing with a native species hedge along with planting native shrubs and trees to encourage more wildlife	Awarded	Complete
August 2017	730	Funding for a disused telephone box to house a defibrillator.	Awarded	Complete
Nov 17	939	Funding to supply and plant new native hedging.	Awarded	In progress
Nov 17	1,000	Funding to supply and plant new native hedgerow	Awarded	In progress

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount awarded</b>	<b>Narrative</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Nov 17	1,000	Removal of nuisance species and supply and planting of native hedgerow	Awarded	In progress
Jan 18	715	Funding to restore a wall and gate post which is a heritage asset in the local community.	Awarded	In progress
Feb 18	41,253	Funding for a large scale planting & environmental improvement project, gapping 1.05km of hedgerows, providing additional trees for screening and restoration work at the Mar, an important local wetland habitat	Awarded	In progress
Feb 18	11,790	Funding to provide planting for screening and to improve local biodiversity	Awarded	In progress
Feb 18	5,000	Funding to enhance common land area's within the parish including purchasing of equipment to assist volunteers in managing the land to encourage biodiversity and also install information boards about the flora and fauna in the area	Awarded	In progress
Feb 18	10,000	A project to undertake coppicing in woodland near Goldsborough to increase biodiversity using volunteers as part of a woodland wellbeing programme	Awarded	In progress
Feb 18	34,984	Funding to improve the footpaths through the woodland in the parish which form part of the Knaresborough round walk.	Awarded	Conditions to be met
Feb 18	20,000	Funding to undertake a programme of hedgerow restoration work on the Ribston estate in Goldsborough parish	Awarded	In progress
Feb 18	39,947	Funding to create a wildlife area at the school and also to purchase a strip of land which will link the school to the community woodland and plant native hedgerow along the boundary	Awarded	To commence Sept 18
Feb 18	49,988	Funding to enhance Fishpond Bridge area in Great Ouseburn by installing a seat, replacing the timber bridge and re-surfacing paths to improve access	Not awarded	N/A

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Date	Amount awarded	Narrative	Status	Progress
Feb 18	24,058	Funding to improve access at the Stavely nature reserve including improvements to the car park, resurfacing of pathways and renovation of the bird hide to make it accessible to the public	Not awarded	N/A
Feb 18	30,000	Funding to remove leylandii hedging and plant 300 metres of native hedgerow and create new wildlife habitat	Not awarded	N/A
Feb 18	10,000	Funding to replace the asbestos roof of a farm outbuilding with clay pantiles in keeping with other buildings in the area	Not awarded	N/A
Feb 18	1,000	Creation of 30m hedgerow and natural pond	Awarded	In progress
Jul 17	1,000	Landscaping a garden to benefit wildlife - enhancement of orchard, creation of wildflower meadow, infill planting of hedgerows, native shrub planting, installation of bird and bat boxes.	Awarded	In progress
Mar 18	500	Children's kitchen garden development	Awarded	In progress
Feb 18	400	Creation of a mini apple orchard	Awarded	Planting to take place Autumn 18
Jun 18	5,050	£1050 to be spent on 500 seed packets. £4000 to be allocated for bird / bat / hedgehog / bug box (£15 voucher for each primary school child in catchment).	Awarded	Seed purchase complete, bird boxes in progress
Aug 18	10,000	Funding to resurface a well used public footpath	Not awarded	N/A
Aug 18	1,000	Funding to create a wildflower meadow with grass mown paths for recreation at the Fishpond Bridge area of Ousegill Beck.	Awarded	In progress

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount awarded</b>	<b>Narrative</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Aug 18	4,479	Funding to install electrical equipment to power the clock and chimes.	Awarded	In progress
Aug 18	8,870	Funding to create an outdoors classroom and sensory area at a school playground.	Awarded	In progress
Aug 18	1,675	Funding to research and publish historical information relating to Hay a Park	Not Awarded	N/A
Aug 18	8,087.50	Funding to support the Ouse Beck Wetland Himalayan Balsam Removal Project	Awarded	In progress
Sep 18	1,000	Planting trees to create a screen	Awarded	In progress
Jun 18	1,000	Planting of native trees, provision of stock fence and natural hedgerows	Awarded	In progress
Nov 18	984	Removal of unsightly non-native conifers and magnolia. Regenerate the area with fruit trees and native shrubs and bulbs	Awarded	In progress
Mar 18	274	Purchasing and planting trees in Upper Dunsforth Village Green spaces to replace those chopped down	Awarded	In progress
Oct 18	1000	Establish a wildflower meadow within the orchard of the paddock adjoining Orchard House	Awarded	In progress
Nov 18	821	Class 2 garden wildlife area	Awarded	In progress
Feb 18	994.50	New hedges and fill existing Hawthorne hedgerow which has several gaps. Also, to plant trees	Awarded	In progress
Jan 19	5000	Funding to improve access on the Knareborough Round walk by replacing stiles which are in a state of disrepair with gates and also undertaking essential repairs to wooden walkways	Deferred	N/A

Appendix A

Date	Amount awarded	Narrative	Status	Progress
Jan 19	10,000	Funding for the restoration of two stained glass windows in the Whixley church as part of a wider community heritage project	Awarded	Approval required from Corporate Director (BES) for release of funding
Jan 19	20,000	Funding for works to improve the pond area and village green in Ferrensby	Deferred	N/A

Indicates the four projects where part of the funding has been returned.

Total awarded to date £592,634

Name of Group: Whixley Heritage Project (In Association  
With Whixley With Green Hammerton Pcc)

Date Established: 1950

Main Contact: [REDACTED]

Total Project Cost:	£32,936.00	Start : 01/07/2019	District: Harrogate YO26 8AP	Org Size
Amount Requested:	£10,000.00	End: 30/09/2019	IMD Rank: 24053 of 32,844 (1 is worst)	F/T Staff: 0 P/T Staff: 0 Volunteers: 40

No. of beneficiaries: 5000

Primary issue: Stronger communities/Community support and development

Primary age group: Adults (26 – 65)

Primary beneficiaries: Local residents

#### Organisation aims & main activities:

We aim to interest and enthuse the whole community of Whixley in our local heritage and social history.

#### Brief description of project:

Funding for the restoration of two stained glass windows at the local church as part of a wider community heritage project.

#### Breakdown of project costs:

Capital	North aisle stained glass window; remove, restore, replace existing outer glass with new outer plate glass to give total protection against weather £7895 South aisle stained glass window, remove, restore, replace outer glass with new outer plate glass to give total protection against weather as per Architect's specifications £10,275 Replacement of stonework and restoration of stone mullions £7444	£25,614.00
Operational	Architect's/Professional fees	£1,000.00
Overhead	Stationery/publicity material	£500.00
Publicity	Printing and publicity	£500.00
Other	non-recoverable VAT	£5,322.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£32,936.00</b>

Amount Raised so far: £10,000.00

#### Application Information

Remarkably few residents can tell the village story before 1940, yet there are records to be researched which will reveal much about how the villagers lived in previous centuries by consulting local church- registers of births, deaths and marriages that go back to the early 1500's. These registers give a fascinating record of the number of inhabitants, the nature of their work family sizes, life-expectancy, and status. The community at large is behind this project, and its outworking will bring the community closer together in so many ways, as we individually and collectively research our heritage and as we fundraise together in a wide variety of ways to bring our project to fruition.

#### Grants Officer Comments:

The majority of the costs in this funding request relate to the straightforward refurbishment of two of the stained glass windows in the church under the cultural heritage aspect of the Allerton Park LCHF. The windows are in a state of significant disrepair, an inspection report has been produced, quotes have been obtained, a faculty (permission) obtained from the diocese and much fundraising has been planned or already undertaken by both the PCC and the Whixley heritage group. There is however an additional aspect to this project as there is an appetite within the village to use the refurbishment fundraising to galvanise the interest shown by the community in their local heritage. As a result the Whixley Heritage group have developed a wider project around the window refurbishment which will involve community research into various aspects of local interest to be published on the village website and they also hope that this will result in the publication of a book. The group are very passionate about their project and feel that the window refurbishment will provide a great start to this work. They have already engaged with the local school in Green Hammerton which is where the majority of Whixley children go and the children have been undertaking an arts project around the windows, drawing and researching each depiction. They have a young volunteer, recently graduated from university with a degree in ancient history who will be collecting and recording stories and photos from villagers. They have also offered an innovative sponsorship opportunity, inviting residents to examine the windows and choose one of the many characters and animals in the pictures to sponsor and have their family or business name recorded in perpetuity in the 'Whixley story'. They have a number of funding applications in progress to help them meet the balance in addition to their own fundraising, one of which is to the Heritage Lottery fund under their sharing heritage programme. They would like to undertake the work on both windows at the same time and if this application is successful they are confident that they can raise the balance needed by July which will enable them to complete both windows.

If funding is offered it should be subject to the following conditions:

Confirmation to be provided that the balance of funding is in place to fully complete the window refurbishment element of the project prior to draw down of funds.

<p><b>Initial equality impact assessment screening form</b> (As of October 2015 this form replaces 'Record of decision not to carry out an EIA')</p> <p><b>This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.</b></p>	
<b>Directorate</b>	BES
<b>Service area</b>	Transport, Waste and Countryside Services
<b>Proposal being screened</b>	Releasing funds from the Allerton Waste Recovery Park, Landscape and Cultural Heritage Fund
<b>Officer(s) carrying out screening</b>	<b>Suzanne Williamson</b>
<b>What are you proposing to do?</b>	Implement the Landscape and Cultural Heritage Fund for Allerton Waste Recovery Park (AWRP) (as set out in the section 106 planning agreement). The Fund is being managed and delivered through a third party organisation (Two Ridings Community Foundation) who have set up an independent panel to make recommendations on projects to receive funding through the LCHF.
<b>Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?</b>	The purpose of the LCHF is to assist with mitigating the impacts of the AWRP development by using the fund to deliver projects to enhance and strengthen the local landscape character, biodiversity and/or features of cultural heritage prioritised within a 3.5km radius of the Site. The priority areas and types of projects which could be delivered through the LCHF are set out in two separate planning documents – the Landscape Management Strategy and Outline Habitat Management Plan.
<b>Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.</b>	No – the total fund amount £839,500 was made available in 2014, with a view to the fund being spent within five years. This decision is to release funding for approved projects from the fund as per the recommendations from the independent panel
<p><b>Is there likely to be an adverse impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYCC's additional agreed characteristics?</b></p> <p>As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics?</li> <li>• Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important?</li> <li>• Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to?</li> </ul> <p><b>If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be a significant adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your <u>Equality rep</u> for advice if you are in any doubt.</b></p>	

## Appendix C

Protected characteristic	Yes	No	Don't know/No info available
Age		✓	
Disability		✓	
Sex (Gender)		✓	
Race		✓	
Sexual orientation		✓	
Gender reassignment		✓	
Religion or belief		✓	
Pregnancy or maternity		✓	
Marriage or civil partnership		✓	
<b>NYCC additional characteristic</b>			
People in rural areas		✓	
People on a low income		✓	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		✓	
<b>Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts</b> (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	<b>No</b>		
<b>Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate?</b> (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.	<b>No</b>		
<b>Decision (Please tick one option)</b>	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	✓	Continue to full EIA:
<b>Reason for decision</b>	Release of the project funding from the LCHF does not have adverse impacts on people with protected characteristics.  Two Ridings have a robust equalities policy in place which is used as part of the fund assessment process. Information about funding awards to date is used to inform specific targeted marketing and outreach activities to ensure that the LCHF process is accessible to the widest audience given the parameters on the fund set by the planning process.		
<b>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</b>	<i>Ian Fielding</i>		
<b>Date</b>	12.02.2019		