

Annex A – Sustainability Impact Assessment Outcome



Project Brief		
In November 2025, the Executive agreed to commission a further three-year Community Grants Programme. This decision reflects the recognised value of providing multi-year funding to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations that deliver against the Council's priorities. The programme will seek to award grants to new partner organisations that successfully meet the procurement criteria, as set out and agreed within this report for the period 2027-2030.		
Criteria	Score	Justification
Energy Use	2	The Council currently funds a project focused on delivering retrofit measures to support the use of renewable energy sources. It is anticipated that similar projects may come forward as part of this funding round, however, this cannot be guaranteed.
GHGs	4	Half of the current 3 year Service Agreement partners are leading projects tackling the climate and environmental emergencies. Whilst it is difficult to predict what will come forward in the future, the project funding specific amounts to 3 'lots', 2 of which are focused on nature recovery and climate change. I have selected 'slightly reduce' as this sets a reasonable expectation.
Air quality	2	Unclear what funding will be available in the future, but funding for this next cohort will be dedicated to projects which address climate change and nature recovery, both of which are likely to have a natural outcome of reducing air pollution in some way.
Land use change	2	Again difficult to predict but expect, based on previous experience, a proportion of projects delivering improvements to land use so have selected some slight impacts. Criteria will certainly encourage projects which make a positive impact on the environment.
Soil and waterway health	2	We currently fund a project focused on improving river health through partnership working. It is anticipated that similar projects may come forward as part of this funding round, however, this cannot be guaranteed.
Waste	2	As previously mentioned we cannot guarantee what projects will come forward but we supported projects which recycle and reuse in the past and would expect to support in the future given the existing criteria
Sustainable Transport	2	Again it is difficult to predict what future funds will be available and which projects will be successful so have estimated 'slightly'. Criteria currently strongly advocate for support to projects tackling climate and environmental crises.
Biodiversity	2	Again it has been difficult to predict the impact but we have measures in place to encourage projects which make a positive impact.
Climate Change Adaptation	2	We currently fund a project focused on reducing carbon. It is anticipated that similar projects may come forward as part of this funding round, however, this cannot be guaranteed.
Sustainable Materials	2	As above it is difficult to predict but we would be encouraging the use of sustainable materials and would expect some projects coming forward where this is relevant. Not all projects will have an element of capital but may have some materials costs.
Food	2	We may have organisations come forward that directly address this issue, or do so in a way through schemes or side projects they are running such as Homestart, and Chipping Norton Theatre 2 of our current SLA partners.
Health	4	Current SLA partner projects seek to improve health outcomes for residents either directly or indirectly and would anticipate seeing the same from future applicants.
Housing	0	I do not think that the scheme would provide any change in this area
Education	2	Current SLA partner projects seek to improve education for residents either directly or indirectly and would anticipate seeing the same from future applicants.
Built Community	2	We may see projects come through that address this but no guarantees can be made.
Cultural Community	2	Current SLA partner projects seek to improve education for residents either directly or indirectly and would anticipate seeing the same from future applicants.
Accessibility	4	Successful projects with address barriers mentioned above
Local Economy and Jobs	0	Unlikely to receive projects addressing this based on the lot specifications
Safety	0	Unlikely to receive projects addressing this based on the lot specifications
Democratic Voice	0	No obvious impact in this area
Equality	2	Positive impact on groups with protected characteristics.