

Agenda item 51

Request for Funding for the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

For our submission to the District Council and then to the Planning Inspectorate we will need a Consultation Statement and a Basic Conditions Statement, neither of which were included in Open Plan's Quotation and thus our grant application.

Steve Kemp has suggested a target budget of £750. I'm hoping that this can be reduced as we skipped over one of the other stages in his quotation but I thought that I had better warn you of an overspend.

If we apply for a grant to cover the extra cost in next financial year, we are likely to have to put everything on hold for about six months - in theory we are not allowed to incur expenditure until the grant is granted and last year we couldn't even apply until June. Having said that we carried on regardless as we couldn't see how Locality would know. This time though it will be public as the work is needed to go to NSDC.