

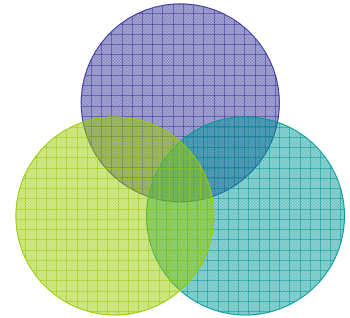
## **Sustainability Checklist for Community Grant Applicants**

Sustainable development is about making choices which balance economic, social and environmental needs.

We all have economic needs in terms of a good job, employment and a steady income. We also have social needs in terms of a good education, good health provision and leisure time. And we also needs for the environment of clean air to breath, pleasant parks to enjoy and access to pleasant countryside.

Sustainable development can be expressed as three overlapping circles representing the three issues.

Sustainable development is simply making choices and decisions which balance these issues and do not meet one issue at the expense of the other two. This checklist will help applicants to consider the wider sustainability issues that may have been overlooked when developing the project proposal.



### **Guidance**

The aim of the Sustainability Checklist is to ensure that applicants fully consider all the issues of sustainable development when developing a project.

There are no right and wrong answers for the checklist. It is designed to flag up sustainability issues that may have been overlooked when developing your project.

Some areas of the checklist will not be relevant to some projects. However there maybe certain areas which applicants have not considered that could easily be incorporated into a proposed project.

The questions within the checklist are based upon Charnwood Borough Council's corporate aims and the Charnwood Borough Community Strategy

### **Completing the checklist**

Please complete the above checklist before submitting your application.

Please answer each question as far as you can. Where your proposed project meets aims of the question please tick 'Yes', where it doesn't please tick 'No' and if you're unsure please tick the '?' box. Where the question is not applicable to your project please tick 'n/a'.

When the checklist has been completed assess how many answers are 'Yes', 'No' and '?'. Where possible, try to incorporate those areas which have received a 'No' and '?' answer into your project. This will ensure that your project helps to

If this has been possible redo the checklist a final time including the new areas that have been included. Submit this final checklist with your application.

## Sustainability Checklist

	Does or could your project.....	Yes	No	?	n/a
An Economically Prosperous Environment	Improve access to training and self development opportunities for all?				
	Improve quality of access to information by communicating in different ways e.g. different languages and different formats?				
	Link local production with local consumption by buying local goods and local services?				
	Contribute towards local employment / vocational training?				
	Help local community based businesses set up and grow e.g. community enterprises, credit unions etc?				
	Encourage local businesses to improve competitiveness through environmental good practice e.g. saving energy and reducing waste?				
Clean, Safe and Healthy Environment	Help to reduce occurrence of crime, anti-social behaviour and/or the fear of crime?				
	Help to deliver targets set in the Crime & Disorder Reduction Strategy?				
	Reduce factors that contribute to ill health?				
	Improving facilities and choice in the provision of health care?				
	Encourage waste reduction, recycling, composting and the use of recycled materials?				
A Sustainable Environment	Minimise the use of energy, water and other natural resources?				
	Use and/or encourage the use of renewable energy e.g. wind, water, biomass, solar water heating and photovoltaic panels?				
	Promote and encourage the use of public transport, cycling and walking?				
	Encourage schools and businesses to adopt Green Travel Plans?				
	Improve awareness of sustainable development and the environment?				
	Have a Fairtrade purchasing policy or support ethical trading schemes?				
	Use timber from sustainable sources e.g. FSC?				
Decent Homes and Neighbourhoods	Create and preserve quality open spaces and/or wildlife areas for community use?				
	Provide improved local amenities and facilities for local people?				
	Improve access for people with disabilities?				
	Encourage and/or promote energy efficiency?				
	Encourage local action and decision-making e.g. involving local people in developing this project?				
	Provide access to housing appropriate to need?				

	Reuse / conserve existing buildings?				
Leisure and Cultural Opportunities for all	Take into account under represented groups?				
	Encourage partnership working and working between groups?				
	Increase enjoyment of and participation in arts, local culture and heritage?				
	Preserve and help to enhance local heritage, landscaping quality, local distinctiveness and local diversity?				
	Encourage and promote the interaction and understanding of different cultures?				