

**Funding Application**

<b>Application to be completed by Organisation/Group/Individual applying for funding</b>	
Neighbourhood Area: Martins Wood	Name of Councillor: Ralph Raynor
Name of Organisation: Stevenage Borough Council	Name of Applicant: Sarah Walker
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<p><b>I would like my local Councillor to consider the following request for funding:</b> <i>(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)</i></p> <p><b>Community improvement to the Oval shopping precinct. Following a meeting of council officers and local business owners in June 2011, an action plan was drawn up to improve the neglected Oval shopping area; including painting existing steel beams, introducing new litter bins, a new sign and potential improvements we applied for G.A.F funding for new benching to be installed replacing existing tired seating and introducing further seating. The G.A.F funding awarded £2,143 and councillor contributions will add a further £1000 to cover the total cost of four new benches and a relocation of an existing bench.</b></p> <p><b>The extra benching follows observations at the precinct during busy shopping times when elderly people have little opportunity to take a rest before returning home, people who wish to eat their fish and chips like to sit down.</b></p> <p><b>The venture is supporting local business as well as improving the facilities and impression of this area which is in need of a facelift. The benches will be fully transferable to any regeneration project that may go ahead at a later date and therefore I consider this purchase to be an investment for this area.</b></p>	
<p>I have requested other funding for this project from: <i>(name other funding bodies being approached and amounts applied for)</i></p> <p><i>£250 each from my community budget and each from Cllrs Ralph Raynor ,Richard Henry,Carol Latif</i></p>	<p>If you have requested funding for this project from other councillors please tick.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If you have ticked yes how many councillors in total are you applying to? ...4.....</p>
Total cost of project:	£ 3143
Other funds already raised <i>(if any)</i>	£ 2143
Amount of funding required:	£ 1000
<p><b>Declaration:</b> I declare that the information supplied in this request is true and that any grant money received from Stevenage Borough Council will be used for the purposes described in this form</p>	

**Individual Councillor Decision**

**Local Community Budget 2011/2012**

<b>Councillor: Ralph Raynor</b>		<b>Ward: St Nicholas</b>
Decision taken	<i>To fund £250.00</i>	
<b><i>This information is for Internal Use Only</i></b>		
Reason for decision	<i>The new benching will help give the shopping area a facelift. St Nicholas residents shop at the Oval shops.</i>	
Other options considered	<i>(Has the applicant sought advice/guidance on other funding for the project/activity/organisation)</i>	
Consultations	<i>(Has the project/activity been discussed with anyone else)</i>	
Outcome of consultations	<i>(Consultation result if any)</i>	
Financial implications	<i>Sufficient funds are available from Councillor's Local Community Budget</i>	
Legal implications		
Other implications		
Declaration of interests		
Signed by Councillor	Ralph Raynor	Date: 29 September 2011
If Call-in is to be waived give reason for urgency		
Waiver of Call-in agreed by		Date:
Officer confirmation <i>(signature) C. Murphy</i>		
Date: 29/11/09		
Officer Ref:		
Date of publication	To be completed by Constitutional Services 30 September 2011	
Deadline for Call-in	To be completed by Constitutional Services 7 October 2011	
Implementation date	Subject to the decision not being Called-in this decision may take affect from 10 October 2011	