

TECHNICAL OFFICERS’
WORKING PARTY REPORT

WYE VALLEY AONB
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3rd July 2017

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND (SDF)

Purpose

To inform members of the achievements of the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) in 2016/17 and forthcoming applications during 2017/18.

FOR INFORMATION

Key Issues

- The Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) of £55,000 in Wales was fully allocated in 2015/16 (see attached Table 1) leveraging in £166,222.
- The Welsh Government has confirmed that the SDF for 2017/18 will remain at £55,000.
- The SDF Assessment Panel meets on Thursday 6th July to assess the attached applications (see attached Table 2).

Reasons

The SDF provides a good opportunity for local communities, businesses and organisations within or adjacent to the AONB in Monmouthshire to establish innovative initiatives that benefit the Wye Valley AONB.

Implications

The value of projects receiving SDF in 2015/16 totalled £221,222. Eleven projects shared £55,000 of SDF (see Table 1 below), leveraging in match funding totalling £166,222:-

2015/16 SDF Match Funding (Cash)	Public sector	£15,056.32
	Private sector	£9,574.84
	Voluntary sector	£10,672.08
	Lottery	£86,300.00
	European - LEADER	£4,500.00
2015/16 SDF Match Funding (Volunteer/In Kind)	time@£50/day	£16,050.00
	time@£100/day	£3,600.00
	In Kind Value	£20,469.60
	Total	£166,222.84

The AONB Unit and other partners promote the availability of the SDF to as many sectors as possible in Monmouthshire. Members are similarly encouraged to do so, and Sarah Sawyer, AONB Community Links Officer, is available to discuss and advise on potential applications (contact community@wyevalleyaonb.org.uk).

Background

The SDF has been running successfully in Wales for 17 years and ran for 10 years in England. However the SDF no longer exists on the English side.

The delegated process allows the AONB Manager to determine an SDF application of up to £1,000 with the endorsement of the SDF Assessment Panel chairman.

Table 1	SDF Wales Summary 2016/2017						
Ref.No	Applicant	Project Name	Project total	SDF Amount	Status	Date of Decision	SDF % of total
WV00 YR16W	Wye Valley AONB unit	Administration		£5,500.00			10%
WV01 YR16W	Savoy Youth Theatre	Promenade Sensory Theatre	£4,700.00	£1,250.00	Approved - delegated	21/06/2016	8%
WV02 YR16W	Wye Valley AONB Unit	Wye Valley AONB Youth Rangers	£37,050.00	£0.00	unclaimed	16/07/2015	~
WV03 YR16W	Wye Valley AONB Unit	Wye Valley River Festival	£190,000.00	£21,500.00	Approved	16/07/2015	12%
WV04 YR16W	Wye Valley AONB Unit	Wye Valley River Festival education strand	£9,900.00	£1,700.00	Approved	16/07/2015	11%
WV05 YR16W	Deer Initiative	Deer Initiative project	£11,090.00	£245.00	Approved	16/07/2015	21%
WV06 YR16W	Gwent Wild life Trust	Cattle Project	£29,772.54	£1,028.08	Approved	16/07/2015	1%
WV07 YR16W	Bee Friendly Monmouthshire	Bee Friendly Monmouthshire Hedgerow Manifesto	£1,400.00	£700.00	Approved - delegated	28/09/2016	50%
WV08 YR16W	Wye Valley AONB Partnership	Venison Processing and Marketing Feasibility Study	£10,059.00	£3,450.00	Approved	23/11/2016	34%
WV09 YR16 W	St. Denis Church	St. Denis Churchyard Restoration Project	£3,900.00	£1,000.00	Approved	23/11/2016	25%
WV10 YR16W	Wye Valley AONB Partnership	Wye Valley River Festival 2018 Research & Development	£13,493.00	£6,511.18	Approved	23/11/2016	48%
WV11 YR16W	Wye Valley AONB Partnership	Landscape and Biodiversity Enhancements	£16,118.34	£10,768.74	Approved	23/11/2016	66%
WV12 YR16W	Friends of Llandogo School	Llandogo school pond project	£2,510.00	£1,347.00	Approved	23/11/2016	53%
		Sub total		£55,000.00		average	27%

Table 2	SDF Wales Summary 2017/18 & 2018/19					
Ref.No	Applicant	Project Name		SDF Amount	Status	Date of Decision
2017/18						
WV00 YR17W	Wye Valley AONB	Admin		£5,000.00		
WV01 YR17W	Monmouthshire Meadows	Enhancement Wet Meadow Trellech		£2,227.46	Approved	26/04/2017
WV02 YR17W	Sylvia Rimat	Tree		£1,000.00	Approved	26/04/2017
WV05 YR17W	Drew Moore	Drystone wall		£1,000.00	Approved - Delegated	01/06/2017
WV03 YR17W	Jon Dunkelman	Fungi booklet		£1,000.00	application	6/7/17
WV04 YR17W	AONB Partnership	Wye Valley River Festival 2018		£25,000.00	application	6/7/17
WV06 YR17W	Nelson Garden Preservation Trust	Nelson Heritage Triangle Leaflet		£500.00	application	6/7/17
WV07 YR17W	Wye Woods Partnership	Wye Woodland Interpretation		£3,000.00	application	6/7/17
WV08 YR17W	Cadw & AONB partnership	Tintern Abbey Beacon Technology		£3,000.00	application	6/7/17
WV09 YR17 W	John Sterry, Old Station Tintern	Community Performance Space- Interpretative sculptures		£6,450.00	application	6/7/17
WV10 YR17W	Gwent Wildlife Trust	Livestock Trailer		£1,000.00	application	6/7/17
WV11 YR17W	Gwent Wildlife Trust	Volunteer Project		£4,000.00	application	6/7/17
		Sub total		£53,177.46		
2018/19						
WV00 YR18W	Wye Valley AONB	Admin		£5,000.00		
WV01 YR18W	Sylvia Rimat	Tree		£1,000.00	Approved	26/04/2017
WV02 YR18W	AONB Partnership	Wye Valley River Festival 2018		£25,000.00	application	6/7/17
		Sub total		£31,000.00		