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Forum: Mid Essex Area Forum

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AREA FORUM BUDGET 2009/10

Report by: Councillor Joe Pike, Chairman, Mid Essex Area Forum

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1. Purpose of Report

To inform members of the Forum about the arrangements for allocating the Area Forum Budget for 2009/10.

2. Area Forum Budget

The funding available for the Area Forum this year is £50,000. As in previous years, members and partners of the Area Forum are invited to bring forward projects for consideration of funding.

Members are reminded that the fund is intended to achieve tangible improvements to people's lives within local communities. Matched funding is desirable, but not essential, but applicants should demonstrate community support, for example engagement with local residents, young people or particular groups, or participation of volunteers. Successful applicants will also be asked to participate in publicity, in order to promote the scheme within the local community.

Applications can contain any supporting information, but should include as a minimum:

- Description of the proposal.
- Amount of funding required – any matched funding if available.
- What are the expected outcomes?
- Geographical locality covered by the proposal.
- How will local residents benefit?
- Contact details.

Proposals should be sent to the Area Co-ordinator, John Symonds at:
Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford CM1 1LX or by email to:
john.symonds@essex.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is 9 October 2009.

3. Recommendation

That the Area Forum Chairman and Area Co-ordinator implement the process outlined above, consider all proposals received and present recommendations to the Area Forum at its meeting on 12 November 2009.