**Local Parades Improvement Initiative 2017**

**How much can I apply for?**

Most funding will range from £500 to £20,000. In exceptional cases, funding of £25,000 can be awarded.

**The following checklist can be used as a guide to help assess whether your project meets the criteria for this initiative:**

* You are a Ward Councillor or you have consulted with your Ward Councillors and they have signed the application form (one Ward Councillor can sign on behalf of fellow Ward Councillors if consensus has been reached).
* You are applying for funding for a ‘Local Neighbourhood Centre and Shopping Parade’ as listed in document C**.**
* The project has a demonstrable beneficial impact on the local businesses, the economy and the wider community.
* The project will NOT have any future cost implications to the Council for maintenance or management.
* Local businesses and the wider community support the application and you have evidence of this? e.g a signature from the Chairman of a local business group, a letter or a petition containing names of individual businesses**.**

**The following will be beneficial:**

* The project is deliverable within a reasonably short timescale (ie 6 months).
* The project is proportionate to the expected benefit.
* The project will provide a lasting impact on the locality.
* The project will benefit a parade or location which has not previously benefitted from funding from the Local Parades Initiative Fund.
* You have matched or in kind funding in place.

**Please tick the boxes as appropriate and return this checklist with your application form.**