

Ryedale Grant Schemes 2017/18

Project Appraisal Form

1	Type of Grant:	Section 106 Grants			
	Ref No:	S106-014			
2	Applicant Organisation & Project title	Helmsley Recreational Charity, Open Air Pool Renovation			
3	Previous Applications to RDC				
	Ref No	Project	Successful	Amount	Date
	EC113 2016	Electric Heaters		£300	
	EC108 2015	Heaters for Sports hall/bars		£300	
	EC23 2014	Public toilets replacement		£2000	
	EC62 2014	Disabled Entrance & Access		£5000	
	Annual Grant	from RDC awarded under a Service Level Agreement			
4	Total Cost of Project	£126000.00			
5	Grant Aid Requested	£35000.00	% Intervention	28%	
6	Date site / organisation visit completed	N/A			
7	Type of scheme	Capital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Organisation				
8	Is the organisation well managed? Yes. Helmsley Open Air Swimming Pool is operated by Helmsley Town Council as the Trustee of Helmsley Recreational Charity Reg No. 523358.				
9	Is the organisation financially sound? The Helmsley Recreational Charity has provided Statements of account for the years ending 31.12.15 and 31.12.16. which demonstrate that the organisation is financially sound. The accounts show both receipts and expenditure for The Charity and The Pool. The bank balance for both was £30,741 @ 31.12.16				
10	Is the organisation reflective of the community it services? Yes. In 2016 a working group was set up and research on user profiles evidences that the whole of Ryedale benefits from the pool use and the towns of Malton, Norton, Pickering and Kirkbymoorside providing the most clientele and 75% of visitors suggest they will visit other Helmsley businesses during their visit.				
11	Can the organisation manage and deliver the project? Yes. In 2016 a working group was set up.				
12	Have the needs and aspirations of the community served been taken into account?				

Yes. A public meeting of Helmsley residents was held at the Town Hall on 15.03.17 and attracted over 100 residents who expressed a strong desire to retain the pool and to support its financial backing from the Trustee .

Project

- 13 Does the project support delivery of the Councils aims? (Please tick all that apply)

Sustainable Growth:

- Promoting a strong economy with thriving businesses and supporting infrastructure
- Capitalising on our culture, leisure and tourism opportunities
- Managing the environment of Ryedale with partners
- Enabling provision of housing that meets existing and anticipates future need
- Minimising homelessness, improving the standard and availability of rented accommodation and supporting people to live independently

Customers and Communities:

- Helping our partners to keep our communities safe and healthy
- Supporting communities to identify their needs, plan and develop local solutions and resilience

Section 106 Grants:

- Does this meet with the section 106 planning agreement description for the parish?

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- 14a Which ward or parish is affected?

Helmsley and Ryedale wide. (Helmsley Ward - Cllr J Windress/Cllr S Arnold)

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- 14b Which communities of interest are affected?

Residents and visitors Helmsley/Ryedale

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- 15 Does the project respond to a clearly defined need? How is this evidenced?

Helmsley Open Pool is one of less than 100 remaining in England and one of only two in Yorkshire. This project focuses on the modernisation of the pool which is essential for the continuation of the facility. Without it the pool will be forced to close.

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- 16 Does the project have community support? How is this evidenced?

Yes. A public meeting of Helmsley residents was held at the Town Hall on 15.03.17 and attracted over 100 residents who expressed a strong desire to retain the pool and to support its financial backing from the Trustee .

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- 17a Is a robust project plan in place?

The plan proposed to the Trustee by the Pool working group is set over a 4 year period and includes renovation of the pool structure, improvement of plant, machinery, heating and renovation of changing rooms and offices.

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- 17b Flood grants only: Is there a community resilience plan in place?

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- 18 What are the objectives of the project and what impact will it deliver?

This project focuses on the modernisation of the pool which is essential for the continuation of the facility. Without it the pool will be forced to close. The main drivers are to improve safety and to enhance the customer experience of being active. 2017 has seen increasing use of the pool which has been promoted via

a new website/social media and TV coverage. The investment will improve a viable regional attraction and enterprise and secure its future..

19 Is the project budget accurate and reasonable, with a realistic plan for securing match funding?

The Pool has secured the services of an architect, Gerry Rogerson, who has advised that an approx sum of £105,000 will be required to to secure the fabric of the pool. It is indicated that this funding will be made up of £35,000, RDC Sec106 grant funding, £30,000 of Helmsley Recreational Charities own funds, £10,000 from local fund raising and £50,000 via a Sport England Bid.

20 Is the funding package verified?

Not yet. A bid application has been made to Sports England.

Long term viability and running costs

21a Is the project expected to continue beyond the term of any funding awarded by the council

YES NO

21b For capital projects is there a clear and realistic projection of income for the future maintenance of the facility – a business plan?

If funding is acquired, then the pool could open for longer periods and generate additional income and the continuing promotion via the website and social media will attract additional service users.

22 Comments on the financial situation

The success of this project is primarily dependant on grant funding which needs to be secured.

23 Are there any outstanding planning or technical issues?

If bids for funding are successful, a full procurement exercise will be undertaken along with a schedule of work prepared by Baker Mallett Quantity Surveyors to enable a tendering exercise

24 Any other outstanding concerns or issues?

Some uncertainty remains about the amount of work to be carried out on the Pool surround as it is unclear what the total extent of the work might be.

25 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

The project will be monitored by the Pool Working Group and the Trustee

26 Do you deem this project to be viable and deliverable?

Members decision

27a Comments from Ward Member consultation

Cllr John Windress 17.08.17 email commented - he has attended meetings about the need to repair the Helmsley pool for the future, it is an absolute necessity. If the pool were to close because the repairs could not be done due to funding then I doubt it would ever open again. I think the full grant should be awarded to keep the pool open not just for Helmsley but the surrounding area. Cllr David Cussons 21.08.17 email commented that he would like to support this grant application for funding. Also, a letter of support has been received from Helmsley Town Council on 23/08/17

27b S106 Public Open Space and Flood Grants Only: Comments from Parish / Town Council consultation

Recommendation from assessing officer

28a Award the Grant Yes No Members Decision

28b Level of award £ %

28c **Conditions:**
a. Standard Grant Conditions

b. Competitive quotes

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Date: 24.08.17
