

Rental Grant Subsidy Scoring Matrix – Lingfield Nature Reserves

SCORE	4	3	2	1	0	Total	Comments
SCORING CRITERIA	Excellent/Very Good	Good	Acceptable	Marginal	Undesirable		
Intensity of use	Over 100 members or over 30 hours of use per week	Over 75 members or over 25 hours of use per week	Over 50 members or over 20 hours of use per week	Over 25 members or over 15 hours of use per week	Less than 25 members or less than 15 hours of use per week	4	Operated by volunteers, currently 58 on mailing list. It is estimated that over the last five years approximately 579 hours of volunteer time and a further 132 hours of paid contractor time have been utilised in maintaining and managing the reserves.
Affordability	Free membership or free use	Membership rates or use/hire rates less than 60% of market rates and/or discounts available on grounds of financial hardship	Membership or use/hire rates at less than 75% of market rates	Membership or use/hire rates at less than 90% of market rates	No discount on market equivalents	3	Free access.
Benefit to the wider community / diversity of users/extent of outreach work	Very wide variety of user groups and/or staff/volunteers carrying out outreach	Wide variety of user groups and/or staff/volunteers carrying out	Some variety of user groups and/or staff volunteers carrying out	Limited variety of user groups and/or staff volunteers carrying out	Only one user group and no outreach work	4	Wide community use from all ages and backgrounds. Organisations accessing tours and

	work. Multiple letters of support.	outreach work. Several letters of support.	outreach work. A few letters of support.	outreach work. One or two letters of support.			presentations at the reserves Lingfield Horticultural Society, Dormansland "Pro Us", East Grinstead Natural History Society, Butterfly Conservation Surrey. Local groups using the reserve also include Little Chums preschool, Lingfield Primary School, Lingfield Brownies, Lingfield Rainbows, Dormansland Primary and Lingfield College. The council has received a large number of testimonials and is supported current and former councillors. The project is also supported by Claire Coutinho MP.
Are revenue/funding raising opportunities maximised? E.g. grant funding sought,	Opportunities are maximised wherever possible	Opportunities are often maximised	Opportunities are sometimes taken	Opportunities are occasionally taken	Opportunities are not taken	3	There is no active fundraising although guided tours and presentations often

<p>fund-raiser events undertaken, commercial opportunities maximised where possible e.g. bar income, hire of facilities when not in use.</p>							<p>attract donations. The amount of funding, grants and donations secured by the Lingfield Nature Reserves and invested in the reserves over the last 27 years is approximately £250,000. The Nature Reserves have applied top Your Fund Surrey for £90,000 for improvements including gate and footpath accessibility, new raised beds and benches. Security of tenure from the granting of a 15-year lease from TDC will assist with these and other future funding applications.</p>
<p>To what extent do the group's activities align with TDC corporate priorities?</p>	<p>Very strong alignment with one or more priorities or strong alignment with more than one priority</p>	<p>Strong alignment with one priority or good alignment</p>	<p>Good alignment</p>	<p>Some alignment</p>	<p>Limited or no alignment</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Strong alignment with Priority Outcome 1.5, 4.1 and Objectives 1,3 and 5</p>

<p>Does the group reduce TDC revenue costs e.g. by maintaining/repairing the asset and contributing to insurance</p>	<p>Yes, the group take full responsibility</p>	<p>with more than one priority Yes, the group pay the majority of costs associated with the asset</p>	<p>The group pay some of the costs associated with the asset</p>	<p>The group only pay a small percentage of the costs associated with the asset</p>	<p>The group do not pay any of the costs associated with the asset</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>of the Open Space Strategy Under the terms of the lease, the Nature Reserves will take on full maintenance responsibility.</p>
<p>Does the group have financial reserves or fundraising targets? If so, are these earmarked for improvements to the facilities including environmental performance, flood resilience and/or biodiversity?</p>	<p>A high percentage (75 to 100%) of reserves are earmarked for improvements</p>	<p>A percentage (50-75%) of reserves are earmarked for improvements</p>	<p>A percentage (25-50%) of reserves are earmarked for improvements</p>	<p>A percentage (up to 25%) of reserves are earmarked for improvements</p>	<p>No reserves earmarked for improvements</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>The Reserves Association sets aside reserves for the repairs of the hardstanding footpaths, repair and replacement of benches and the maintenance of any other infrastructure each year.</p>

Total score for Lingfield Nature Reserve - 25

Total possible score – 28

89%