

Clyde Extension Wind Farm Fund Community Consultation.

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation? If so, which organisation?

Delete are appropriate: Individual / Organisation: Symington Community Council

1. What differences would you like to see between the new Extension Fund and the existing fund managed by South Lanarkshire Council? How can we ensure that the money reaches the best projects for the communities? To note: there will be less money available annually than in the existing fund, and it cannot replace funding for statutory things like roads, schools, etc.

- **Administrators of Fund provide increased facilitation in applications to encourage more legacy projects.**
- **Increased frequency of meetings of an advisory or decision making panel to ensure full input/discussion of applications.**

2. The fund will be worth around £300,000 annually. Would you prefer the fund to open once, twice or four times per year?

~~Once per year~~

~~Six monthly~~

Quarterly

- 2a. What are the ranges of awards you would suggest? Choose one lower and one upper.

~~Lower threshold~~

~~Upper threshold~~

~~£300~~

~~£10,000~~

~~£500~~

~~£15,000~~

£1,000

£20,000

~~£5,000~~

~~£50,000~~

~~£10,000~~

~~No threshold~~

3. Who should make decisions on funding awards?

~~a) Same Panel as existing fund. Made up of two community councillors per area.~~

b) New Panel. Made up of representatives of each community. Not necessarily Community Councillors. [Recommend minimum of 1 member of the Community Council (CC) plus 1 who would not necessarily be a CC member. It is recognised the identification of the latter may be challenging to avoid specific interest areas. Therefore a suitable process to assess applicants may be required]

~~c) Other. Please use the space in Q6 to detail.~~

4. SSE will generally allow applications of up to 100% of project funding, with the panel making the final decision on the size of award. Should the new fund have a cap on what % of the overall project costs an applicant can ask for? If so, what should that cap be?

~~No cap.~~

90%

80%

75%

50%

5. SSE is keen to make sure that as many people as possible participate in the fund in some way - whether this is applying for projects, making people aware of it or sitting on the decision-making panel. What do you think the best way of including people in your community is?

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- **Employment of a staff member by SSE (1WTE) to cover the Communities involved to liaise/consult with local community organisations (including Community Councils), identify and agree community benefits the fund could address and facilitate the application process.**
- **Leaflet drops through local Post Offices and shops to ensure publicity re the availability of the fund.**
- **Well designed and easy to use application form and application process.**

6. Finally, if there is anything else that you would like to add that has not been covered elsewhere, then please use the space provided below or attach a separate note.

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- **The Micro Grant funds, operated by a number of wind farm community funds through the Community Councils, is a very effective mechanism for funding small local projects and has the potential to significantly enhance interest in community participation through the local CC.**
- **A facilitator/planner as mentioned in 5 above could enhance cooperation/collaboration between Community Councils where a large project benefiting the wide area was envisaged.**

