



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Hitchin Area Committee**

2. Date: **12 Jan 2016**

3. Summary of application: **Operation of freindship club, lunch club and excersise class**

Name of organisation: **Hitchin Senior Citizens Welfare Committee** Sum requested: **£2,655**

Total project cost: **£4,299**

Brief details:

The Hitchin Senior Citizens Welfare Association currently operates a friendship and lunch club and a strength and stability class for those aged 65 and over. They use Hitchin Helping Hands mini-bus to provide transport to the Westmill Community Centre for those that need it.

They currently have 103 members who pay a small annual subscription and participants of the strength and stability class pay a donation towards the tutor fees.

The organisation is requesting £2,655 towards the £4,299 cost of room hire, transport and insurance for their activities over the coming year including £500 for a coach outing. The remainder £2,147 will be covered from the income raised by annual subscription and class fees.

Matched / linked funding: **£2,147**

Funder: **Income and group's reserves**

Matched /linked funding : **£0**
or DRR
Funding in place:

Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

The groups attract older people from across Hitchin. The activities they provide assist in improving both the physical and mental health of older residents, combating social isolation and preventing falls. The Association has been providing activities for older residents since the 1950's when it first started in Bancroft Hall but the Association has been formally in existence since 1974 entirely run by volunteers from the local community.

The applicant is not in receipt of any rate reliefs from NHDC.. The Community Development Officer has examined this application against the Authority's Area Grants Policy, the organisation's accounts and grant history, and considers it an eligible application to put before the Committee.

Amount recommended: **£1,500**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date: