



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Letchworth Area Committee**2. Date: **7 Sep 2016**

3. Summary of application:

New disability entrance system and insurance access for flooring following floodName of organisation: **Howard Garden Social & Day Care Centre**Sum requested: **£4,500**Total project cost: **£55,000**

Brief details:

The Howard Garden Social Centre has been the victim of flooding twice in the last year. Although the flooring was repaired under the centre's insurance, it was damaged again by further recent flooding and the insurers require the first £2,500 towards the cost of replacement vinyl flooring.

At present the floor in the main hall has been taken up and is bare concrete. This is not ideal from a health and safety perspective and also not cosmetically appealing. This is also having an effect on hirers who have cancelled bookings consequently effecting necessary revenue income.

In addition, the automatic entrance door to the Centre is no longer fully functional. This is necessary for visitors with limited mobility and effects the DDA compliance (Disability Discrimination Act 1995) of the building.

Matched / linked funding: **£**Funder: **Donation from organisations reserves**Matched /linked funding : **£0**

Funder:

or DRR

Funding in place:

Comments from Development Officer:

The Howard Garden Day Care & Social Centre is run entirely by volunteers and they own the building. The centre previously in receipt of a Memorandum of Understanding, 3 year grant funding of just under £5,000. The centre has reduced its running costs by not replacing staff and covering day to day running of the centre with volunteer time.

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: **£4,500**