

**TO: EXECUTIVE - 13TH JANUARY 2003**

**SUBJECT: RURAL INITIATIVES SCHEME - RACING AHEAD**

**FROM: POLICY SERVICES**

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1. **RECOMMENDATION**

1.1 That a grant of £3,000 be awarded to the Racing Ahead project from the Rural Initiatives Scheme.

2. **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 To provide some of the funding needed for the scheme.

3 **POLICY AND BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

3.1 The approved capital programme includes £295,000 for rural initiatives schemes. This includes £20,000 per annum from the Community Plan budget. To date, £262,000 has been allocated to various schemes. After taking account of minor underspendings on some schemes, there remains about £39,000 in the budget. Another item on the agenda may account for almost £13,000, leaving £26,000 unallocated.

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Strategic Director.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Letter from Racing Club Warwick

<b>Areas in District Affected:</b>	Barford, Sherbourne, Hampton on the Hill, Budbrooke and Hampton Magna
<b>Executive Portfolio Area and Holder:</b>	David Kohler
<b>Scrutiny Committee(s):</b>	Community
<b>Key Decision:</b>	No
<b>Included in Forward Plan:</b>	No
<b>If Yes, method of consultation:</b>	N/A

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## 4 BACKGROUND

4.1 The provision in the Capital Programme is designed to assist schemes of capital expenditure in the rural area. A number of criteria are to be taken into account in considering applications:

- ◆ The ability to provide part-funding from within the parish would be an advantage;
- ◆ In order to be equitable to all parishes, the Council will have regard to the number and value of applications from each parish council area;
- ◆ All schemes will need to be formally supported by the parish council;
- ◆ Parish councils are required to put a priority order on schemes when more than one application is submitted;
- ◆ Proposals are to be open to examination by the Council's officers and advisers, including the right to monitor works during their progress.

## 4.2 THE APPLICATION

4.2.1 Racing Club Warwick have developed a project to run a dial a ride system providing a means of access to and from villages to the west of Warwick. The Business Plan is attached at Appendix 1.

4.2.2 The scheme has been awarded £67,000 from the Countryside Commission, a shortfall of £3,000 from the original bid of £70,000. The District Council is being asked to make good the shortfall.

4.2.3 The scheme would appear to meet the objectives of the Rural Initiatives Scheme.