Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP)

Eligibility Criteria

As agreed by the Executive Councillor (Environment) on the 18th March 2003 with amendments agreed on the 22nd March 2005.

Essential Criteria:
• Schemes should have a direct, lasting and noticeable improvement to the appearance of a street or area.
• Schemes should be publicly visible and accessible.
• Should the scheme be on private land, the owners’ permission must be granted – unless there are exceptional circumstances by which the Area Committee may wish to act unilaterally, with full knowledge and responsibility for the implication of such action.
• Schemes must provide low future maintenance costs.

Desirable criteria:
• Active involvement of local people.
• The project will benefit a large number of local people.
• Additional ‘partnership’ funding available.
• The potential for inclusion of employment training opportunities.
• Ease and simplicity of implementation.
• Potential for meeting key policy objectives (e.g. improving community safety or contributing to equal opportunities).

Ineligible for funding:
• Where a readily available alternative source of funding is available.
• Revenue projects (i.e. management and maintenance of existing facilities).
• Schemes that have already received Council funding (unless it can be clearly demonstrated that this would not be ‘top up’ funding).
• Works that the City or County Council are under an immediate obligation to carry out (e.g. repair of dangerous footways)
• Play areas (S106 funding should pay for these facilities)

Other Information:
The following categories of work were agreed as being eligible for funding by the Area Committees:
• Works in areas of predominately council owned housing
• Works to construct lay-by’s where a comprehensive scheme can be carried out which not only relieves parking problems but achieves environmental improvements.