



From: Sam Heynes

**Sent:** 17 January 2020 11:37

**To:** CPC - Council

**Subject:** FW: Joint report for circulation

FYI

Thanks to Andrew and Jill for attending and providing this feedback.

Kind regards

Samantha Heynes

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From: Andrew Symonds

**Sent:** 15 January 2020 18:03

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Dear Sam

Please could you circulate this to all the councillors.

**Thanks** 

Andrew

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Sent from my iPad

Report on meeting organised by Rural West Sussex Partnership 10 January 2020 at Village Hall Balcombe.

The purpose of the meeting was to present two grant making bodies who were able to fund a variety of projects locally. Cuckfield Parish Council interest was to discover if these could assist with their own funding requirements.



Councillors Jill Butler and Andrew Symonds attended.



The two funds presented were:

- 1. Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE)
- 2. Coast to Capital Growth Programme.

The second can be ignored as it provides 40% of capital investment to improve productivity, enhance innovation and stimulate capital investment. It will only pay out after the money has been spent. It has been used for breweries, vineyards and farmers wanting to diversify etc. Not relevant to the Parish Council in our opinion.

The RDPE looks more promising. It is EU money and about to run out. Expressions of interest must be submitted before 16 Feb 2020. There is about 6 weeks for approval before the next stage which could take another 4-6 months. No other funding would be allowed and no commencement until full approval. Again 40% of the total cost is available. We clarified that if preliminary works took place this would not count, but such costs could not be included in the application.

The final application is straight forward but time consuming.

An expression of interest within the time scale would be prudent even if we were accepted but then decided not to proceed further.

Our own assessment is that this does not really help us much as the time scale is too extended and the amount available is not enough.

Happy to answer any other questions to aid clarification.

Jill Butler and Andrew Symonds