



Round 2

Expression of Interest Stage

Frequently Asked Questions June 2009

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Section 1: About *myplace*

Q1. What is *myplace*?

Aiming high for young people: a ten year strategy for positive activities set out the Government's vision for improving youth facilities in response to clear ongoing demand from young people, parents and communities for more and better places for young people to go. It set an ambition for new and improved places to go in all areas of the country over the next ten years.

myplace is kick starting this process by delivering £272m of Government capital investment over three years through grants of between £1m and £5m. This is driving both a major *change* in the level of ambition across the country and a transformation in the way facilities for young people are planned and delivered – particularly with regard to the role and influence of young people and the level of genuine cross-sector partnership working.

Q2. What is the aim of *myplace*?

The aim of *myplace* is to deliver world class youth facilities driven by the active participation of young people and their views and needs.

Q3. Why is it important to invest in facilities for young people?

We know there is a clear demand from young people, parents and communities for more and better places for young people to go.

We want all young people to have access to high quality, attractive and safe places to go – offering a wide range of exciting positive activities and onward access to integrated support services as and when they are needed. This is crucial for all young people, but particularly for the life chances of disadvantaged young.

Exciting, good quality places to go, coupled with support and activities, can signal to young people that they are valued members of the community and in doing so can help to raise their aspirations and the longer term fulfillment of their potential

Q4. What are the *myplace* programme outcomes?

myplace will only fund projects that can demonstrate that they will lead to the following four *outcomes*:

- more young people, parents and communities feeling that young people have attractive and safe places to go in their leisure time where they can get involved in a wide range of exciting activities;
- more young people, particularly the most disadvantaged, participating in positive leisure time activities that support their personal and social development;

- more young people having access to information, advice and support services from within places they feel comfortable; and
- stronger partnership working between Local Authorities and their third, private and public sector partners to plan, deliver and operate financially sustainable facilities with and for young people.

myplace will only fund projects that will deliver on **all** four of these outcomes **and** demonstrate evidence of the real participation of young people, particularly disadvantaged young people, in the development, design and future running of the project.

Q5. What are the principles underpinning the programme?

myplace will focus on supporting the delivery of ambitious world class facilities for young people that are reflect the following principles:

- **Young people's outcomes:** impacting on young people's lives, particularly those living within deprived communities and those who would not otherwise participate in positive activities;
- **Young people's active participation:** empowering young people and putting them in the lead to drive decisions about the design, use and ongoing running of places for them to go;
- **Accessibility:** responding to local needs and overcoming barriers to enable all young people to access positive activities and support services;
- **Community cohesion:** providing opportunities for young people to build relationships with others from different backgrounds and encouraging and improving intergenerational relationships;
- **Community leadership:** engaging with and encouraging the buy-in and active involvement of parents and the wider community;
- **Partnership:** actively ensuring genuine cross-sector partnership working between local authority, third, private and other public sector partners in developing and delivering the project;
- **Long-term viability:** ensuring financial sustainability through robust management, community engagement and ongoing revenue planning;
- **Co-financing:** encouraging capital co-financing and ongoing revenue co-financing as an indicator of the depth of genuine partnership and the project's long term viability;
- **Sustainable development:** fostering a commitment to outstanding quality design and sustainable development; and
- **Strategic context:** responding to local needs and priorities within the context of a wider strategy for improving places for young people to go.

Q6. How much funding is available through *myplace*?

myplace is delivering £272m of Government capital investment through two funding Rounds:

- The first round opened to applications on 6 May 2008 and made £240m of grants to 62 world class projects in England. Round 1 included a Fast-track, which enabled early investment in projects that were already well developed, and a standard track that made investment decisions in February 2009. Over 200 projects applied in Round 1 and we were unable to support all of the good applications we received.
- ***myplace*** Round 2 was launched on 5 June 2009 to invest a further £30m plus the surplus funding from Round 1, which currently stands at £1.6m.

Section 2: About *myplace* Round 2

Funding available

Q7. How much money is available through *myplace* Round 2?

myplace Round 2 will deliver £31.6m of Government capital investment through grants of between £1m and £5m.

Q8. What if our proposed project costs more than £5 million or less than £1 million?

myplace Round 2 can only accept grant requests of between £1 and £5 million. Your total project costs may be higher than this amount but you would need to identify alternative sources of funding to bring your grant request within £5 million.

Q9. Is there any indication on what the balance will be between 31 grants of £1m versus 6 grants of £5m? And will we have a better chance of success if we go for bigger or smaller amounts?

We will assess all bids on their merits against the criteria set out in our guidance. This includes an assessment on the extent to which the project provides good value for money. Final investment decisions will also take into account the extent to which projects have secured additional capital funding from other sources. Even with this greater emphasis on capital funding from other sources, we do not expect to make more than 10 grants with the funding available for Round 2.

Changes since earlier rounds

Q10. Why have changes been made since earlier rounds?

myplace Round 2 builds firmly on the success of Round 1. We anticipate that demand for funding through Round 2 will be high and have therefore reviewed the *myplace* application process and eligibility and assessment criteria to see how we can reduce the time and resources spent by organisations and young people developing applications that are unlikely to be successful.

As a result, there are a number of **significant** changes from Round 1. **All** projects considering applying to Round 2 should read the guidance notes to confirm they meet the criteria for Round 2.

Q11. What are the main changes since Round 1?

The main changes since Round 1, as set out in the guidance notes, are:

- Only projects located within the one third most deprived areas of England will be eligible to apply to **myplace** Round 2. Projects located within one of the one third most deprived areas of England that have already received **myplace** funding will only be eligible to put forward additional projects if they have a large youth population. A full list of eligible areas can be found on our website.
- We will use an Expression of Interest stage to identify a limited number of projects that we would like to submit a full application.
- Round 2 will focus on projects that have already invested significant energy in developing plans for a world class youth facility driven by the active participation of young people and their views and needs. Only those who can clearly demonstrate this will be invited to submit a full application.
- When making our decisions there will be a greater emphasis on whether some capital funding has already been secured from other sources.
- There will be a greater emphasis on the use of the facility throughout the week - including Friday and Saturday nights and during the school day through appropriately targeted services and activities.
- There will continue to be a strong focus on the project's relationship with their local authority. However, in response to feedback from previous rounds, we are removing the need for all applications to be formally endorsed by their top tier local authority. Instead, we will expect to see robust evidence of the level of support secured from the local authority, including long term financial commitments and whether the project is integral to local strategies and plans for youth provision.

Eligible areas

Q12. Why have you defined eligible areas for Round 2?

Due to the limited funding available, Round 2 will be targeted at the most deprived areas of England yet to receive **myplace** funding. This will ensure that the funding available benefits those that need it most.

Q13. How have eligible areas been identified?

95 Local Area Districts (LADs) are eligible for Round 2. The list of 95 is made up of the most deprived one third of all LADs in England (a total of 109 LADS), excluding 14 LADs which are already in receipt of a **myplace** award and have a relatively small youth population (less than 15,000 13 to 19 year olds based on the Office of National

Statistics mid-2007 estimates) and so are unlikely to be able to sustain a second **myplace** facility in the local area.

We have identified the most deprived third of all Local Area Districts by ranking LADs according to the proportion of their populations (2005 all age estimates) residing amongst the 20% most deprived small areas in England. Deprivation is measured according to the Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2007, published by the Department of Communities and Local Government taking into account the new unitary authorities from April 2009.

Q14. How are Local Area Districts defined?

Local Area Districts are the smallest local unit of local government, including Unitary Authorities (Borough, County and City Unitary Authorities) and District Authorities. Unitary Authorities count as both a top tier authority and a Local Area District. In contrast, county councils for example are top tier authorities that may be made up of a number of Local Area Districts.

Q15. How do I know if my project falls within one of the eligible areas?

We will be judging projects' eligibility according to the Local Area District in which the proposed centre will actually be located. Only projects located within one of the areas in the list published on our website are eligible for **myplace** Round 2. If you are unsure which LAD your project is located within, please contact your local authority.

Q16. I have already spent considerable effort preparing an application and now appear to be ineligible – is there any flexibility for you to consider my application?

We appreciate that many potential applicants may have been anticipating **myplace** Round 2 for some time. However, we have been very clear that projects should make no assumptions that the criteria Round 2 would remain the same as for Round 1. We appreciate the disappointment that the eligibility criteria for Round 2 may cause. Projects should note that the current funding available through **myplace** is the start of the Government's wider 10 year strategy to improve youth facilities in all areas of the country.

Other changes

Q17. Why are you introducing an expression of interest stage?

Given the likely high level of demand for Round 2, and the funding available the expression of interest stage will reduce the time and resources spent by organisations and young people developing applications that are unlikely to be successful.

Q18. Why are you focusing Round 2 on those that already have well developed plans?

Demand for funding through earlier rounds was very high and we were not able to fund all of the good applications we received. The limited funding available for **myplace** Round 2 will reward more of those who have already invested significant energy in working with young people and their partners to develop plans for a world class youth facility.

Q19. Why are you placing greater emphasis on projects securing capital funding focusing from other sources, particularly in this financial climate?

myplace Round 2 will fund all or part of the capital cost of a project. However, given the limited funding available, investment decisions will favour those who have been able to secure additional funding from other sources to deliver an ambitious world class facility – enabling **myplace** funding to go further.

Q20. Why are you placing greater emphasis on how the facility is used throughout the week?

It is important that capital projects of this scale are used to their full potential. This applies both during young people's leisure time when they most need somewhere to go and something to do – for example on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as during the school day for appropriately targeted activities.

Q21. Why are you removing the need for projects to be endorsed by their top tier local authority?

We will assess applications on the extent to which they have secured the genuine and strategic support of their local authority. This may be evidenced by specific decisions made by senior officials or elected members, or commitments to support the project through financial or in-kind support.

Given this explicit focus in assessment on projects' relationship with their local authority, and in response to feedback to date from third sector organisations, we are therefore removing the need for all applications to be formally endorsed by the top tier local authority.

myplace Round 2 decision making

Q22. When will Round 2 investment decisions be made?

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 5pm on 29 June 2009.

By the end of July we expect to invite up to 40 projects to complete a full application form. The deadline for full application forms is 30 September 2009.

In-principle investment decisions will be announced by the end of December 2009. Successful organisations will then have up to 6 months to develop their detailed capital and business plans, on the basis of which all final non-competitive investment decisions will be made by November 2010.

Q23. How many grants do you expect to make through Round 2?

Even with a greater emphasis on whether projects have already secured some capital funding from other sources, we do not expect to make more than 10 grants with the funding available for Round 2.

Section 3: Applying to *myplace* Round 2

Applicants

Q24. Who can apply?

Applications to *myplace* Round 2 must be from cross-sector partnerships that include at least one public body and at least one organisation from the third or private sectors. In most cases we expect the public sector partner will be a local authority.

However, it may be that a health authority, school, further education college or other public sector organisation from within the children's trust (children's trusts bring together all services for children and young people in an area) will be the public sector partner where they have a key role to play in delivering local youth provision.

Q25. Does there need to be a lead partner?

Yes. Each partnership must have a named lead applicant that will be responsible for the project and its funding. This may be a public body, a third sector organisation or a private sector organisation. Private sector leads will need to account for the grant funding separately and demonstrate that any profit is used for social, not private, gain.

Q26. Can a third sector organisation lead a project but the Local Authority manage the grant?

No, the lead applicant has to be the grant holder and as such is legally responsible for any grant awarded and the subsequent delivery of the project. This includes making sure that the partners involved can deliver the outcomes of the project, and adhere to the *myplace* terms and conditions of grant.

Q27. Can an organisation lead more than one bid?

Yes, the lead organisation can submit more than one bid. They can also be involved as a partner in other bids. We will consider applicants capacity and ability to deliver their projects as part of the assessment process.

Q28. Can faith organisations apply to *myplace*?

Yes, however any bid must be in line with BIG's equalities policies. *myplace* will not fund projects that will actively support or promote a particular religious faith or religious activities.

Q29. As a private sector organisation can we apply to *myplace*?

We welcome applications led by, or in partnership with, private sector organisations. We recognise that the private sector has a lot to offer the programme in terms of business experience, expertise in partnership working, and through both financial and other resources. Private sector leads will need to account for the grant funding separately and demonstrate that any profit is used for social, not private, gain.

Q30. Given that timescales are tight, if a third sector organisation is not yet in a position to lead on a *myplace* project, could the Local Authority take the lead initially with the intention of passing it on to the third sector partner later on?

Yes, this would be acceptable. We would assess the application from the Local Authority and then, when the partner organisation is ready, they would apply for a transfer and we would assess their ability to take over and deliver the project. Remember, Round 2 will focus on projects that have already invested significant energy in developing plans, driven by the active participation of young people and their views and needs. Only those who can clearly demonstrate this will be invited to submit a full application.

Q31. Round 2 guidance states you expect local partners to work together to identify the projects that best meet local priorities and the *myplace* Round 2 eligibility and assessment criteria. Is it the role of top-tier local authorities to prioritise bids?

Given the value of funding available, we are looking for local areas to develop and submit a small number of high quality proposals. Local authorities have a key role to play in coordinating the local dialogue between partners about which projects are most in need and suitable for *myplace* funding, given local needs and priorities and the existing strategies for addressing them. We expect this to be a genuine and open dialogue, in which Local Authorities engage third sector organisations as equal partners in this process.

However, most importantly we would expect young people to be at the heart of every decision, ideally selecting themselves which projects are the highest priority locally for *myplace* funding.

Projects do not need the formal endorsement of their top-tier authority to express interest or make a full application to *myplace* Round 2.

Eligibility criteria

Q32. Must projects be located in England?

Yes, projects must be located within one of the one third most deprived areas of England to be eligible to apply to **myplace** Round 2. Projects located within one of the one third most deprived areas of England that have already received **myplace** funding will only be eligible to put forward additional projects if they have a large youth population. Beneficiaries must be resident in England.

Q33. Do we need to have secured funding from other sources to apply to *myplace*?

We can fund all or some of your capital project costs and BIG will act as 'first funder' committing funding prior to other funds being secured, enabling projects to more easily secure co-financing. However, given the limited funding available for **myplace** Round 2, your application will be more favourably considered if you have been able to secure some funding from other sources – as this will enable myplace funding to go further.

We will also take secured co-funding and in-kind commitments into account as an indicator of the strength of partners' long term strategic commitment to your project.

Q34. We've been rejected by BIG on another programme, can we submit the same project to *myplace*?

Yes, but only if the project fits the aim, outcomes and criteria for **myplace** Round 2. You should look at the reasons given as to why your project was originally rejected and make sure those issues are addressed. Please do not try and squeeze your project to "fit" **myplace** Round 2.

Q35. We've previously been unsuccessful for a *myplace* grant from the fast or standard tracks of Round 1. Can we reapply to Round 2?

Yes, provided your project is eligible under the revised criteria for Round 2. This includes being located within the one third most deprived areas of England. Projects located within one of the one third most deprived areas of England that have already received **myplace** funding will only be eligible to put forward additional projects if they have a large youth population. See a list of the eligible areas.

Q36. Won't religious groups be put off applying the programme as it is being delivered by a Lottery distributor?

It is for individual groups to decide if **myplace** is the right programme for their needs, but it is important to remember that **myplace** is NOT funded by Lottery money and is accounted for separately by BIG.

The application process

Q37. How can we apply to **myplace Round 2?**

Projects interested in applying to **myplace** Round 2 should read the Expression of Interest Guidance Notes that can be found on the Big Lottery Fund website. If you consider yourself to be eligible for Round 2, you should submit an Expression of Interest Form which can also be downloaded from our website.

Q38. What is the deadline for submitting an Expression of Interest?

All completed Expression of Interest forms must be received no later than 5pm on Monday 29 June 2009. If you miss this deadline we will not assess your Expression of Interest.

Q39. How can we get hold of an Expression of Interest form in hard copy?

Hard copies of the Expression of Interest form are available by calling the BIG Advice line 0845 4 10 20 30

Q40. We've previously been unsuccessful for a **myplace grant and our project is located within one of the eligible areas for Round 2. Do we need to submit an Expression of Interest form?**

As the criteria have changed, all projects wishing to apply to **myplace** Round 2 have to submit an Expression of Interest form. You will also need to complete a new Round 2 full application form if, following the Expression of Interest stage, you are invited to submit a full application.

Q41. What happens after we submit an Expression of Interest?

We will acknowledge all Expressions of Interest forms we receive, either electronically or by post. After acknowledging your Expression of Interest we will not contact you again until the end of July, when we will let you know the decision we make on whether we would like you to submit a full application. There will be no opportunity for you to submit additional information to us once you have submitted this form.

Q42. What criteria will you use to assess Expressions of Interest?

The assessment of Expressions of Interests will look for excellent evidence:

- that the project meets with the aims of *myplace*;
- that young people from different backgrounds have already had significant and genuine action participation in shaping the project; and
- of well developed partnerships and commitment from partners to support the project.

We will assess and rank expressions of interest on these criteria. In deciding those we would like to invite to submit a full application we will also take into account the relative deprivation of projects' locality, the extent to which projects will leverage *myplace* investment through capital co-financing, and projects' proximity to previously funded myplace projects.

Q43. If we are invited to submit a full application form, what happens next?

If you are invited to submit a full application it does not mean we have decided to offer you a grant. You must submit your full application form to us by 30 September 2009. We will inform you whether you have been awarded a *myplace* grant by the end of December 2009.

Q44. How long after decisions are made will the project need to be built?

Round 2 in-principle decisions will be made in December 2009. Successful applicants will then have six months from the date they return their in-principle offer letter to submit their capital delivery and business plans.

We will review the completed plans within four months. Once we have approved these plans we will confirm your grant award, and you will then have 6 months to start the building work. You will then have two years to complete the building work (to practical completion).

Q45. Why is the timetable for applying to *myplace* Round 2 so tight?

Round 2 will focus on projects that have already invested significant energy in developing plans for a world class youth facility driven by the active participation of young people and their views and needs. Only those who can clearly demonstrate this will be invited to submit a full application.

Remember, the development of the business plan and capital plan is only required once you've received an in-principle grant offer, meaning that you can stagger the work required for a successful *myplace* application.

Section 4: Facilities suitable for *myplace* funding

Q46. What type of facilities is *myplace* aiming to fund?

myplace aims to fund world class youth facilities driven by the active participation of young people and their views and needs. Investment will be focused on places that are dedicated to young people that:

- engage young people from a diverse range of backgrounds as active participants in the design, use and ongoing running of the new facility;
- offer young people a place to enjoy their leisure time and the widest possible choice of high quality sports, arts, music, cultural or youth work based activities;
- connect young people with people, services and opportunities that they want and need – ranging for example from sexual health advice, support to launch a social enterprise, or employability skills training;
- are open at times that suit them - in their leisure time throughout the week particularly on Friday and Saturday nights, at weekends and in school holidays, and also maximising utilisation of the facility during the school day through appropriately targeted services and activities; and
- are clearly affordable for all young people, with any profit used for social, not private, gain.

Q47. How do you define world class?

DCSF's ambition is that *myplace* drives a transformation in the way places for young people to go are planned and delivered, including:

- A radically improved offer to young people;
 - greater ownership and active participation in the development, design and ongoing running of the project
 - the widest possible choice of high quality activities available at times that suit young people including Friday and Saturday nights, weekends and school holidays and also maximising use of the facility during the school day through appropriately targeted services and activities;
 - Access to co-located support services and opportunities.
- Much greater cross sector partnership and co-financing:
 - Leadership from within the community, harnessing the sector's drive, reach and ability to draw in co-financing
 - Strategic involvement and funding from local authorities to underpin sustainability and ensure project fit with Children & Young People's Plans and Local Area Agreement priorities.
 - Financial, in-kind and volunteer backing from the private sector.

- Landmark buildings that through their location and quality of design send a clear signal about the value placed on local young people and their place at the heart of the community.

Q48. Will *myplace* only fund projects that are exclusively for young people?

Dedicated youth facilities are the primary focus for the *myplace* investment. However a youth component within a multi-purpose or community project may be funded where this contributes to community cohesion. In particular where it encourages and improves intergenerational relationships and enhances the range of high quality opportunities and experiences available to young people.

We want all projects to help build relationships between young people and adults from other generations in the community – who we will expect to take an active part in shaping provision – including through volunteering to work directly with young people.

Q49. How much flexibility is there in respect of the target age-range?

The primary focus of all *myplace* projects should be young people aged 13-19 years, or aged up to and including 24 years where such individuals have learning disabilities. This in line with the Government's definition of young people and the focus of integrated youth support services. We will consider applications that will also benefit people outside of this age range, where this does not detract from the offer made to the core target group.

Q50. What about a project that supports a specific beneficiary group?

Projects may target specific groups but should evidence robustly the need they are responding to, and demonstrate how the project will meet all of the *myplace* aims and outcomes.

We will expect to see robust evidence of the level of support secured from the local authority, including whether the project is integral to local strategies and plans for youth provision.

Q51. Will *myplace* Round 2 fund refurbishments or new builds?

myplace investment may fund new builds or the refurbishment or redevelopment of existing assets. Applications can also include investment in modular or mobile facilities where this is part of an integrated strategy for improving provision across a given area.

Q52. Will *myplace* Round 2 fund portfolios of projects?

We will not fund portfolios of unrelated projects. By portfolio we mean a number of construction or refurbishment schemes at separate locations. We will only fund projects located at more than one site that directly relate to each other. For example, in a rural project it might be more appropriate for a large facility to have several smaller 'satellite' outreach services in surrounding areas. The application would have to clearly show the relationship between the facilities.

Q53. What about projects based on multiple sites?

We will not fund projects involving facilities on two or more sites unless there is clear evidence that the split site arrangement enhances the offer to local young people, for example through an effective hub and spoke arrangement. However we may consider projects that aim to deliver a coherent offer and service to young people from a number of linked sites.

Q54. What about funding residential centres?

myplace Round 2 will not fund purely residential activity centres as these do not provide young people with a place to go in their local community and are therefore unlikely to meet all four of the programme outcomes.

myplace Round 2 aims to create places for young people to go during their leisure time where they can access activities, opportunities and services in a place they feel comfortable. This includes their weekday evenings, weekends and holidays. We would therefore expect the majority of these young people to be local to the project and ultimately wish to be regular users of the facility.

Q55. *myplace* appears to be biased towards funding large projects in urban areas – how will you make sure that rural areas don't miss out?

myplace is a competitive programme that will reward innovative and ambitious projects in any locality as long as they will deliver the programme outcomes. *myplace* may therefore fund both rural and urban projects that meet the programme outcomes and criteria. In addition, projects may include investment in modular or mobile facilities where this is part of an integrated strategy for improving provision across a given area. Round 1 has already funded projects in a range of locations from city centres to small rural towns.

Q56. What about environmental sustainability?

As part of the full assessment process and scrutiny of detailed capital plans, BIG will look for outstanding building design including commitment to the principle of environmental sustainability.

Section 5: Partnership working

Q57. Does my local authority have to be a partner in my project?

Applications must be from cross-sector partnerships that include at least one public body and at least one organisation from the third or private sectors. In most cases we expect the public sector partner will be a Local authority. However, it may be that a health authority, school, further education college or other public sector organisation from within the children's trust will be the public sector partner where they have a key role to play in delivering local youth provision.

Local Authorities will, however, often have revenue and or capital funding to contribute to the project and should be involved (as a partner or not) from the start. The Local authority can also help with longer-term sustainability plans and can act as a broker for projects – ensuring that projects are viable and partners work well together.

Q58. What role do Children's Trusts have to play in this programme?

Children's Trusts bring together all services for children and young people in an area. Children's Trust partners have a key role to play in planning and delivering local services for young people. We would expect a genuine dialogue to take place between these partners to determine how best to respond to the opportunities presented by *myplace* Round 2 in the light of local needs and priorities.

Q59. Will we need to submit a partnership agreement with our full application?

You do not need to submit a copy of your partnership agreement with either your Expression of Interest or full application.

If you are offered an in-principle grant you will need to submit your draft partnership agreement as part of your delivery plans.

Section 6: Young people's participation

Q60. Why is it so important that young people are involved in the design, delivery and ongoing management of the facility?

Giving young people genuine influence is a crucial first step to increasing their participation in activities and access to wider public services.

Putting young people in the lead will ensure that projects respond genuinely to what they want and need, and that there will be ongoing demand from young people for the facility and services it provides. This is true for all aspects of a project, but particularly for core features such as the range and nature of the activities and services to be provided and the times and places in which these will be available.

myplace will only fund projects that demonstrate evidence of the real participation of young people, particularly disadvantaged young people, in the development, design and future running of the project.

Q61. Will young people have a genuine and significant role in assessing applications and making investment decisions?

Listening to young people and their views and needs is key to the success of **myplace**. Our decision making committees for **myplace** Round 1 involved young people as full members. While the detailed assessment of applications for Round 2 will be undertaken by our expert grant officers, young people will once again be fully involved as full members of the investment decision making committee.

Section 7: Long term viability

Q62. What about revenue funding?

myplace does not offer revenue funding, so we will expect all projects to demonstrate long term viability through robust management, community engagement and robust revenue sustainability plans. Ongoing revenue co-financing will also be considered as an indicator of the depth of genuine partnership and the project's long term viability at both the Expression of Interest and full application stages.

Q63. What about projects led by third sector organisations that find it most difficult to secure ongoing funding?

In recognition of the challenge faced by many third sector organisations to develop a sustainable delivery model, a fixed £50,000 sustainability grant will be given to each successful third sector led project for planning and development work to ensure its long term viability.

Section 8: The *myplace* Support Team

Q64. What is the *myplace* Support Team?

The *myplace* Support Team is appointed by the DCSF and BIG. We recognise that delivering a multi-million pound project can be a significant challenge. We want to ensure that every project we fund receives the expert support and advice it needs to succeed. This includes helping projects which receive in principle grant offers prepare their capital and business plans. It also means providing all funded projects with help on a range of issues including providing financial, management and design support.

Q65. What help can they provide to applicants to Round 2?

The *myplace* Support Team will work with The Big Lottery Fund to run two seminars in August to support those projects completing a full application. They also have a website containing downloadable guides on essential and good practice in practical issues faced by projects, see www.myplacesupport.co.uk