



East Dean & Friston

P a r i s h C o u n c i l

Date: 6 April 2017

Title: Report Item 8 – Local Council Award Scheme

By: Cllr Stewart Fuller

Purpose of Report: To apprise Councillors of the LCA Scheme

Recommendations: To determine if ED&F PC should pursue an award under the LCA Scheme

Attached is the guide to the Local Council Award Scheme (2016 issue). The scheme is to recognize the 'best local councils' and to show they are operating to best practices and with transparency. There are three levels of award – Foundation, Quality, Gold. The criteria for each are based on i) levels of information available via the council's website and ii) resolutions made at full council meetings confirming adopted procedures and practices.

An application for an award is reviewed by a peer group and an award made is valid for four years, and then requires a re-application.

ED&F PC meet many of the criteria for the various levels but there are some areas still to be covered if Quality or Gold levels are targeted. If the PC was to pursue an award under the Scheme, further internal reviews would be required to fully determine areas still to be addressed (and the level of resource needed) and to assess a reasonable timescale.

The Council is asked if it wishes to pursue an award under the above scheme and, if so, to set an indicative timescale (e.g. 2018).