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Task	
1	Indicative content
	 General guidance on letters: response set out with attention to letter layout opens and closes letter clearly uses paragraphing and other organisational features attempts to use appropriate tone in the letter to Lynn Burton
	 Be prepared to award marks for responses which are fit for purpose although they may not address all of the bullets below fully or may contain ideas not in the bullets below. The letter should include: why they are writing why their group should receive the grant how the money will be spent – note: do not penalise learners if they have unrealistic ideas of what £1000 could achieve, eg a building extension
	(15 marks)

Mark	A: Form, communication and purpose
0	No rewardable material.
1-3	 Presents appropriate information and develops ideas logically to a limited extent. Basic ability to present complex ideas/information evident. Uses language for specific purpose to a limited extent. Uses a limited range of sentence structures with limited accuracy. Makes limited use of paragraphing and other organisational features with basic accuracy. Limited use of appropriate layout of a letter (address, date, open and close conventions).
4-6	 Presents appropriate information and develops ideas logically for some of the response. Able to present complex ideas/information clearly and concisely with some lapses. Uses language for specific purpose for some of the response. Uses a range of sentence structures with some accuracy. Makes some use of paragraphing and other organisational features with some accuracy. Some use of appropriate layout of a letter (address, date, open and close conventions), though there may be omissions or inconsistencies.
7-9	 Presents appropriate information and develops ideas logically for most of the response. Able to present complex ideas/information clearly and concisely, with occasional lapses. Uses language for specific purpose throughout the response. Uses a range of sentence structures accurately. Makes consistent use of appropriate paragraphing and other organisational features with accuracy. Appropriate use of layout of a letter (address, date, open and close conventions), any omissions do not detract from the overall quality of the response.

Mark	B: Spelling, punctuation and grammar
0	No rewardable material.
1-2	 Uses spelling and grammar with limited accuracy, supporting meaning at a basic level.
	 Uses basic punctuation, eg commas, apostrophes and inverted commas with limited accuracy.
3-4	 Uses spelling and grammar with some accuracy, supporting meaning some of the time.
5-4	 Uses some punctuation, eg commas, apostrophes and inverted commas correctly and appropriately.
5-6	 Use of spelling and grammar is mostly accurate, supporting meaning most of the time.
	 Uses a range of punctuation, eg commas, apostrophes and inverted commas correctly and appropriately most of the time.

Task	
2	Indicative content
	NOTE: As there is no set format for an internet discussion forum, if the response to a task fulfils the requirements and is functional, use the mark scheme to reward accordingly.
	 In the response, learner: presents views clearly uses appropriate tone/standard English when writing the contribution to the internet discussion forum uses relevant organisational features, such as a range of sentence structures and paragraphing
	NOTE: Learners may choose to write about the argument for, the argument against or to cover both sides of the argument. All of these responses could gain full marks if they are fit for purpose.
	(10 marks)

Mark	A: Form, communication and purpose
0	No rewardable material.
1-2	 Presents appropriate information, developing ideas logically to a limited extent. Basic ability to present complex ideas/information evident. Uses language for the specific purpose, to a limited extent. Makes use of a limited range of sentence structures with limited accuracy. Makes limited use of paragraphing and other organisational features with basic accuracy.
3-4	 Presents appropriate information, developing ideas logically for some of the response. Able to present complex ideas/information clearly and concisely with some lapses. Uses language for the specific purpose, for some of the response. Uses a range of sentence structures with some accuracy. Makes some use of paragraphing and other organisational features with some accuracy.
5-6	 Presents appropriate information, developing ideas logically for most of the response. Able to present complex ideas/information clearly and concisely with occasional lapses. Uses language for the specific purpose throughout the response. Uses a range of sentence structures accurately. Makes consistent use of appropriate paragraphing and other organisational features.

Mark	B: Spelling, punctuation and grammar
0	No rewardable material.
1.0	 Uses spelling and grammar with limited accuracy, supporting meaning at a basic level.
1-2	 Uses basic punctuation, eg commas, apostrophes and inverted commas with limited accuracy.
	• Use of spelling and grammar is mostly accurate, supporting meaning
3-4	most of the time.
5-4	 Uses some punctuation, eg commas, apostrophes and inverted
	commas correctly and appropriately most of the time.

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