**FUNDING LAUNCH under OBJECTIVE 5**

Objective 5 is the one of which gives small community based groups a real chance to get involved, as it provides grants to small voluntary grassroots organisations and community groups to help combat the barriers to employment, linked to Luton’s successful participatory budgeting programme – Your Say Your Way.

**What is participatory budgeting and how can you get funded?**

Participatory budgeting (PB) is a way for local people to have a direct say in how and where public funds should be used to meet local needs.

Through the life of the CLLD programme OBJECTIVE 5 will support organisations to develop and provide access to skills, learning opportunities, training courses and workshops to provide job opportunities for over 1,000 people. We expect over 2,000 people to be involved in the decision making process, as part of Your Say Your Way. Meetings will be arranged across Luton and residents will have opportunity to vote on the proposals they’d like in their area.

**We will now have two PB cycles annually – one in spring and one in autumn.**