

<b>REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE</b>		Report No. 11		
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2008			
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Applications to the Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme</b>			
<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Customers and Partners</b>			
Link to Corporate Priorities				
Key Decision	No			
Executive Workplan Ref	B384			
Public Report	Yes			
<p><b>Summary of Report</b></p> <p>This report seeks approval of 2 applications from the Executive Capital Partnership Funding scheme (attached appendix 1 &amp; 2). The first applicant is Box Parish Council for <b>£55,000</b> as a contribution towards the Box Sports Pavilion Project.</p> <p>The project is to replace the existing pavilion with a new facility, which will enable the community to access a wide range of sporting and leisure opportunities in Box and form the base for the developing youth club.</p> <p>The second application is from Life Education Wiltshire for a contribution towards the Healthy Living and Drug Education Programme, which provides a mobile classroom that visits local primary and special schools. The project is district wide and is open to all primary and special schools across the district. It is proposed that an award of <b>£5,040</b> be made as a contribution to this project.</p> <p>The Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme currently has a balance of <b>£145,650</b> of this amount £10,000 is ring fenced for the Council's contribution to the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme, which provides funding for local projects.</p>				
<p><b>Officer Recommendations</b></p> <p><b>That the Executive:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Approve funding the Box Pavilion project £55,000 from the Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme, conditional on:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <b>The balance of funding being in place ; and</b></li> <li>ii) <b>Appropriate recognition of the Councils funding contribution.</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <b>Approve funding the Life Education Wiltshire project £5,040 from the Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme, conditional on:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <b>The balance of funding being in place ; and</b></li> <li>ii) <b>Appropriate recognition of the Councils funding contribution.</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol>				
Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.				
Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	YES
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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report seeks approval of two applications from the Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme (attached in appendix 1 and 2).
- 1.2 The first application is from Box Parish Council for **£55,000** as a contribution towards the Box Pavilion Project.
- 1.3 The second application is from Life Education Wiltshire for a contribution towards the Healthy Living and Drug Education Programme mobile classroom.
- 1.4 The Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme currently has a balance of **£145,650**. Of this amount £10,000 is ring fenced for the Council's contribution to the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme, which provides funding for local projects.
- 1.5 The Executive Capital Partnership Funding scheme can currently be applied to for both area specific and district wide projects. If an application is for an area specific scheme then the current criteria requires a minimum of £15,000 to be awarded by the relevant Area Committee and for the committee to refer the award to the Executive. In the case of Box Pavilion, Area 4 Committee has awarded funding and agreed to refer the project to the Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme.

## 2. Recommendations and Options Appraisal

### Recommendation 1:

Applicant	Proposal	Type of award	Funding Recommended
Box Parish Council	Provision of a new sports pavilion	Area 4	<b>£55,000</b>

### 2.1 Recommendation 1 / Option 1: It is recommended that Members approve funding the Box Pavilion project £55,000 from the Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme, conditional on:

- **The balance of funding being in place**
- **Appropriate recognition of the Councils funding contribution**

- 2.1.1 The project is to replace the existing pavilion with a new facility, which will enable the community to access a wide range of sporting and leisure opportunities in Box and form the base for the developing youth club.
- 2.1.2 The total cost of the project is estimated at £322,000.
- 2.1.3 The application meets the essential criteria for the Executive Capital Partnership Funding scheme and demonstrates direct links to the Corsham Area Community Plan: "Lack of places for young people to meet" and "lack of facilities for young people, particularly in the villages". The application fits with the Councils current corporate plan, which highlights healthy lifestyles and "encouraging people of all ages to get involved in leisure activities".
- 2.1.4 Awarding £55,000 from the Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme will be a key factor in enabling the project to come to fruition. The total amount of funding

provided by the Council to this project will not exceed 50% of the total cost of the project as required by the criteria of the scheme.

- 2.1.5 The balance of funding will be in place following the sale of a property, which is currently on the market for £240,000 and is owned by Box Parish Council. At a meeting of the Parish Council on the 31<sup>st</sup> January it was resolved that **“the Parish Council will commit monies from the sale of Hillside to meet the shortfall in the cost of the project.”**
- 2.1.6 Officers are confident that with this assurance the project will be able to proceed in the coming year and the balance of funding will be in place.
- 2.1.7 The original recommendation from Area 4 was for the Executive to match the area award of £30,000.
- 2.1.8 During 2007 an indication was made by the Council to Box Parish Council that a donation of £25,000 would also be forthcoming towards the public toilets next to the pavilion. Given that a suitable budget within the Council has not been identified to honour this, it is proposed that this funding is included in the award made by the Executive. The pavilions’ ground staff will maintain them and the toilets will be available throughout the week.
- 2.1.9 Planning permission for the replacement building is in place and although there are minor amendments to be made to the original plans the applicant has been advised that these should not cause any objections.
- 2.1.10 Box Parish Council has agreed to underwrite any shortfall in running costs and the detailed business plan indicates that the facility will be self-supporting after two years.
- 2.1.11 The applicant previously made an approach to the Executive Capital Partnership Funding scheme in March 2006. At this time the Executive declined the application on the basis that it was to premature but advised Box Parish Council to resubmit once the majority of funding was in place.

**2.2 Option 2: Members outline an alternative option to option 1**

**Recommendation 2:**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Type of award</b>	<b>Funding Recommended</b>
Life Education Wiltshire	Provision of a new mobile classroom, which visits primary and special schools promoting awareness on dangers of substance and alcohol misuse.	District wide	<b>£5,040</b>

**2.3 Recommendation 2 / Option 1: Members approve funding the Life Education Wiltshire project £5,040 from the Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme, conditional on:**

- **The balance of funding being in place**
- **Appropriate recognition of the Councils funding contribution**

2.3.1 This is the first district wide application, which the Executive Capital Partnership Scheme has received.

- 2.3.2 Life Education Wiltshire provides a mobile programme of healthy living and drug and alcohol awareness to children in primary and special schools across the county. The application is for a contribution towards the purchase of a new mobile classroom, as the existing one now needs replacing following eleven years of wear and tear.
- 2.3.3 The total cost for the purchase of the new mobile classroom including VAT is £67,680
- 2.3.4 The application meets the essential criteria for the Executive Capital Partnership Funding scheme and links with the Councils current corporate plan, which highlights healthy lifestyles as a key priority.
- 2.3.5 In 2007 fifteen schools across North Wiltshire were visited by the project with some 2087 children directly benefiting from the scheme. Each school had the classroom on their premises for an average period of 1-3 days.
- 2.3.6 Overall the project visited 72 schools in Wiltshire meaning that the mobile classroom spent around a quarter of its time in the North Wiltshire District. Given the benefits to children in the District and the time spent by the project in this area, officers feel that a contribution of around £5,040 to the VAT cost is appropriate.
- 2.3.7 If the Executive awards £5,040 this will enable the project to come to fruition immediately. The contribution will be a support towards the VAT costs as an original commitment by a third party has fallen through. Life Education Wiltshire has in place the full amount of funding but in order to pay all of the VAT cost will require them to use a significant amount of their reserves. A contribution towards this will not only support the purchase of a new classroom but also support the organisation as a whole.

## **2.4 Option 2: Members outline an alternative option**

### **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 If Members approve both awards the remaining balance of the Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme available for grants will be **£75,610**.
- 3.2 Members should note that included in the figure detailed above is a further contribution towards the Landfill Tax Credits Scheme, which the Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme must ring, fence £10,000.
- 3.3 The original application from Box Parish Council was for £30,000. An indication was made by the Council to Box Parish Council that a donation of £25,000 would also be forthcoming towards the toilets next to the pavilion. Given that a suitable budget within the Council has not been identified to honour this, it is proposed that this funding is included in the award made by the Executive. This means a total of £55,000 to be awarded. Once the sale of the toilets in Box has taken place then £25,000 is to be put back into the Executive Capital Partnership scheme.

### **4. Community & Environmental Implications**

- 4.1 Both schemes are excellent examples of the Council helping to support partnership projects and activities. Awards made by the Executive will enable applicants to contribute to the continuance and or improvement of cultural, social and community activity across the district.

## 5. Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 5.1 An equality impact assessment has been undertaken for the Community Planning, Community Area Awards and Partnership working service area, which this scheme comes under. The assessment can be accessed via the Community Partnership Team.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Appendix 1 – Box Pavilion Application</b></li><li>• <b>Appendix 2 – Life Education Wiltshire Application</b></li></ul>
<b>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Corsham Community Area Plan</b></li><li>• <b>NWDC Transitional Corporate Plan</b></li></ul>

### Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

<b>Report</b>	<b>Committee &amp; Date</b>	<b>Minute Reference</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme</b></li><li>• <b>Area 4 Community Area Funding Distribution 05/06</b></li></ul>	Executive: 09/03/06 Area 4 Committee: 17/01/06	E200 CO25