

<b>REPORT TO THE CALNE AREA (5) COMMITTEE</b>		Report No. 6
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2008	
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area 5 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2007/2008</b>	
Link to Corporate Priorities	To put customers at the heart of everything we do – Support Community Area Partnerships and Community Plans	
Public Report	Yes	

### Summary of Report

This report presents recommendations relating to one funding application to the 2007/08 Community Area Award Scheme. It illustrates links between this application and the Calne Community Area Plan and sets out the implications of accepting these recommendations.

### Officer Recommendations

**To agree funding distribution of the Area 5 Community Area Awards budget, based on the agreed criteria for 2007/2008:**

- 1. Calne Town Council – Award £790 from the revenue budget, towards the cost of piloting a radio communication project among the business community in the town centre, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**

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 considers one application for 2007/2008 Community Area Award funding, this reflects issues and priorities identified in the Calne Community Area Plan.
- 1.2 Following the funding awards made at the Area 5 Committee on October 9<sup>th</sup> 2007 Area 5 Committee has no capital remaining and a revenue balance of £875.

## 2. Options and Options Appraisal

- 2.1 **Option 1: Award Calne Town Council £790 from the revenue budget towards the cost of piloting a radio communication scheme in the town centre, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Calne Town Council App 1	A 'Storenet/Nitenet' Town Centre based radio communication system.	Revenue	£790

- 2.1.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2007/2008 funding criteria and the Area 5 funding priority, which supports schemes to reduce levels of crime and fear of crime within the community.
- 2.1.2 The application also addresses the Calne Community Area Plan, which includes the reductions in levels of crime, vandalism and graffiti in the top priorities identified among adults, young people and children.
- 2.1.3 Calne Town Council has already committed a substantial sum of money towards the scheme and has also secured funding from the Safer and Stronger Communities fund.
- 2.1.4 The funding requested from this Committee will enable the project to include a temporary loan scheme, which will help to encourage all local businesses to try out the project without any initial financial commitment.
- 2.1.5 The applicant has confirmed that any award received will be committed and spent by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2008.
- 2.1.6 Calne Town Council hopes that this new scheme will eventually link up with the existing CCTV system to provide a fully effective service.
- 2.1.7 Locally based police officers have informed officers that they have been impressed by demonstrations and information provided regarding the project, however they do not have any operational experience of such a scheme.
- 2.1.8 Centrally based police officers from the Wiltshire Police Service have advised officers that they support initiatives such as this which, when run effectively, have proved successful as a resource in dealing with all kinds of community safety issues. Similar schemes currently operate in Swindon and Devizes.

- 2.1.9 A decision not to grant funding would not prevent this project from taking place but may lead to it being operated at a reduced level. This may exclude the involvement of some local businesses.

### **3. Background Information**

- 3.1 It should be noted that if Members make their decisions in line with the officer's recommendations they will be left with a revenue balance of £85.
- 3.2 Funding criteria for 2007/08 were reviewed by a working party, which included representatives of all five Area Committees. The Executive Committee subsequently approved the revised policy and procedures, on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Should Members wish to act in contravention of this policy; the matter will need to be referred to the Executive.
- 3.3 Member's attention is drawn to the fact that, the funding covered by this report, constitutes the final funding round for 2007/08 and remaining revenue budget will be lost.
- 3.4 Appendix 2 provides details of the 2007/2008 geographical distribution of awards across Area 5, in an attempt to assist Members in distributing funding across the whole of the community area.
- 3.5 The funding criteria requires that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget should be allocated to projects that demonstrate links to the Calne Community Area Plan. The remaining 25% should be available for those schemes falling outside of the plan, but demonstrating a community-identified need.

### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 5 Committee as outlined in section 3 of this report.
- 4.2 If Members make awards in line with officer recommendations, Members will have a capital balance of £0 and a revenue balance of £85.

### **5. Community and Environmental Implications**

- 5.1 This award can be directly linked to priority issues and visions identified in the Calne Community Area Plan.
- 5.2 Awards made by Area Committee to successful applicants will contribute to the continuance and /or the improvement of cultural, social and community activity and well-being in the Community Area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent on the individual project.

### **6. Equality & Diversity Implications**

- 6.1 Community Area Awards give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

6.2 An Equality Impact Assessment for the Community Area Awards has been undertaken and copies are available on the Council's website.

## 7. Risk Analysis

7.1 Failure to make awards would have a moderate impact on applicants and their associated community projects. Since this is considered to be unlikely, the overall risk is considered low.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix 1 - Application for funding from Calne Town Council</li> <li>• Appendix 2 – Financial Statement</li> </ul>
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	<p>Community Area Award Funding Criteria 2007/08          Community Area Awards Policy 2007/2008          Calne Community Area Plan 2004          Calne Community Area Plan 2006 update</p>

### Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
Community Area Awards Policy 2007/2008	Executive - 8 February 2007	E175
Area 5 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2007/2008	Area 5 Committee 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2007	CA42