

# REPORT TO THE CALNE AREA 5 COMMITTEE

Report No. 6

Date of Meeting	27 <sup>th</sup> February 2007
Title of Report	Calne Community Area (5) Funding Distribution 2006/2007
Link to Corporate Priorities	Partnership Working – also links to Healthy Lifestyles
Public Report	Yes

## Summary of Report

This report presents recommendations relating to 4 applications seeking funding from the 2006/2007 Community Area Award Scheme. It links the applications to the Calne Community Area Plan where appropriate and sets out the implications of accepting these recommendations.

## Officer Recommendations

**To agree funding distribution of the Area 5 Calne Community Area Awards budget, based on the agreed criteria for 2006/2007:**

- 1. Calne Cricket Club (Youth section) – Award £491 from the revenue budget, towards running a ‘Cricket Academy’, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 2. Cherhill and Yatesbury Parish Plan Steering Committee – Award £500 from the revenue budget, towards the preparation of a Parish Plan, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 3. Calne Development Project Trust / Priestly School – Award £2,900 from the capital budget towards a public art project at Priestly School, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 4. Hilmarton Parish Council – Award £4,000 from the capital budget towards the restoration of the Village Well House, 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 4 applications for 2006/2007 Community Area Award funding; all of which relate directly to issues and priorities identified in the Calne Community Area Plan.

## 2. Options and Options Appraisal

### 2.1 Option 1: **Calne Cricket Club (Youth section) – Award £491 from the revenue budget, towards running a ‘Cricket Academy’, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**

- 2.1.1 This application meets the 2006/2007 Community Area Award funding criteria and demonstrates specific links to the Calne Community Area Plan by providing activities for young people.

- 2.1.2 This project aims to attract young people from all social groupings. It aspires to promote physical, emotional, educational and social skills and build individual self-esteem, confidence in all participants, alongside an awareness of the opportunities of working together as a team. It aims to do this through a programme of well-considered and professionally organised coaching sessions.

- 2.1.3 The project has already run successfully for 2 months as a result of it's own fundraising endeavours and has engaged with approximately 50 young people aged between 7 and 15 years. This application represents a desire to provide another set of indoor sessions, which will take the project through to the better weather and the possibility of young people moving to outdoor sessions that are more affordable for the group.

- 2.1.4 The NWDC sports development officer is of the opinion that this Community group has a record of providing valuable opportunities for young people within the Calne Community Area.

- 2.1.5 A decision not to fund this project would result in the project being unable to run for this extra period, to the detriment of young people in the Calne Community Area.

### 2.2 Option 2: **Cherhill and Yatesbury Parish Plan Steering Committee – Award £500 from the revenue budget, towards the preparation of a Parish Plan, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**

- 2.2.1 This application meets the 2006/2007 Community Area funding criteria and demonstrates specific links to the Calne Community Area Plan, which aspires to encourage Village and Parish Plans. It also addresses all 8 of the plan themes. This will feed into the community planning process generally and will promote a sense of community cohesion and well-being.

- 2.2.2 District Council Officers are of the opinion that the production of Parish Plans is a valuable community exercise, involving local people in the identification of local needs and priorities. This will provide relevant local information, which will inform the community planning process at an area, district and county level.

- 2.2.3 The project has planned with the support of Community First and the Parish Council.

- 2.2.4 Unique to applications for funding towards the production of Parish Plans is the requirement that the total contribution from the Area Committee will not exceed

£1,000 and that a contribution has also been received from the Parish Council. This application meets both of these requirements.

2.2.5 A decision not to fund this project might deprive the Community Planning process of a valuable resource and at the same time deny the local population the opportunity to take an active involvement in informing that process.

**2.3 Option 3: Calne Development Project Trust / Priestly School – Award £2,900 from the capital budget towards a public art project at Priestly School, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**

2.3.1 This application meets the 2006/2007 Community Area funding criteria and demonstrates specific links to the Calne Community Area Plan through providing *'activities that encourage young people to take a constructive role in the community'* (Culture pages) In addition the proposal promotes a sense of community cohesion, inclusion and well being.

2.3.2 The applicant is looking for 50% of the funding required to run a project, which children and their families will be able to actively participate in. The project will produce a public art feature at the entrance of a local primary school. This will act as a community focal point and encourage greater community engagement in the school as a resource for the wider school community.

2.3.3 The area where this project is to be located has been classified as 7<sup>th</sup> most deprived in the County with regards to employment and 5<sup>th</sup> most deprived with regards to income deprived children. This project will provide opportunities for participants to become involved in creative work that may form new, exciting and inspiring experiences.

2.3.4 The Calne Development Project Trust is one of the leading partners in the Calne Community Area Partnership, working together with the school and the wider community; this project represents attempts to create links and foster greater understanding, communication and cohesion across the community. At the same time it addresses CDPT's aims 'to make the Town's environment more pleasurable and to enhance the quality of life'.

2.3.5 The project has already achieved financial support from a variety of local sources including the extended schools programme and the Parent/Teachers Association at Priestly School.

2.3.6 A decision not to fund this project would result in this project being unable to take place at this time. This could have a detrimental effect upon attempts to build a more positive profile of the area for both those people who live there and for those from the wider community area, and beyond, who may hold a negative view of this part of the town.

**2.4 Option 4: Hilmarton Parish Council – Award £4,000 from the capital budget towards the restoration of the Village Well House, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and upon receipt of confirmation that the Parish Council will maintain the buildings structure in the future.**

2.4.1 This application meets the 2006/2007 Community Area funding criteria. It also demonstrates links to the Calne Community Area Plan through addressing the vision that - *'The character of the area must be maintained, and historical buildings be preserved for future generations'* (Housing and the Built Environment) In addition the proposal promotes a sense of community identity and cohesion.

- 2.4.2 The Well House is a well-known local feature and provides the local community with a link to the history of the area. The project to restore the building represents the desire of the community to preserve a historic building and to enhance a feeling of community identity.
- 2.4.3 Hilmarton Parish Council is funding over 50% of the total cost of this project from the Parish Precept.
- 2.4.4 The Parish Council currently maintains the area surrounding the building and are also of the opinion that restoration work should last for many years. Members may wish to ensure the future care of this building by gaining confirmation that Hilmarton Parish Council will maintain the building's structure as well as it's surrounds in the future.
- 2.4.5 A decision not to fund this project would mean that the project would be unable to take place at this time.

### **3. Background Information**

- 3.1 Funding criteria for 2006/07 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 2 February 2006. Should Members wish to act in contravention of this policy, the matter will need to be referred to the Executive.
- 3.2 The funding criteria require that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget would be allocated to applications that demonstrate explicit links to the Calne Community Area Plan. The remaining 25% would be available for those schemes that fell outside the Community Plan, but remained important for local people and were able to demonstrate that they meet a community-identified need.
- 3.3 In 2006/07 all funding applications will be considered under the same Community Area Award criteria. Those schemes requesting £500 or less will not require any matched funding, while those requesting more than £500 will not be awarded more than 50% of the total cost of their project.
- 3.4 Following the funding recommendations made on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006, Area 5 Committee has a community capital balance of £52,510 and a revenue balance of £2,440.
- 3.5 Appendix 1 provides details of the 2006/07 geographical distribution of awards across Area 5. It is hoped that these will assist Members when making their decisions.
- 3.6 Member's attention is drawn to the fact that, the funding covered by this report, constitutes the final funding round for 2006/07. Currently there is no indication that remaining capital budget can be carried forward and remaining revenue budget will be lost.

### **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 £45,610 and a revenue balance of £1,449.

## 5. Community and Environmental Implications

- 5.1 All of the awards can be directly linked to visions, themes and aspirations laid out 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 upon the individual project.

## 6. Equality and 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 may be made available on request.

## 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.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appendix 1 - Area 5 2006/2007 geographical distribution of Community Area Awards</li><li>• Appendix 2 – Application - Calne Cricket Club (Youth section)</li><li>• Appendix 3 – Application - Cherhill and Yatesbury Parish Plan Steering Committee</li><li>• Appendix 4 – Application - Calne Development Project Trust / Priestly School</li><li>• Appendix 5 – Application - Hilmarton Parish Council</li></ul>
<b>Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Award Funding Criteria</li><li>• Calne Community Area Plan 2004 – 2014</li><li>• Calne Community Area Plan Update 2006</li></ul>

### Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
None		