

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> September 2008</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Corsham Area (4) Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/2009</b>
Link to Corporate Priorities	Partnership Working
Public Report	YES
<p><b>Summary of Report</b></p> <p><b>To ask Members to consider 10 applications with recommendations for funding from the 2008/09 Community Area Award Scheme.</b></p>	
<p><b>Officer Recommendations</b></p> <p><b>To agree funding distribution of the Corsham Area (4) Community Area Awards Scheme budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/09:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Leafy Lane Playing Fields - Award £2,500 from the capital budget towards a path from the clubhouse and changing rooms to the all weather pitch, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</b></li> <li><b>2. Corsham Poetry Society – Award £510 from the project budget for establishing a performance group to promote the reading, writing and performance of poetry, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</b></li> <li><b>3. Colerne Panthers – Award £2,500 from the project budget towards the development of a junior section of the village rugby club, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</b></li> <li><b>4. Corsham Amateur Swimming Club –Award £2,500 from the project budget towards providing a course for 10 people, leading to the ASA level 1 teaching qualification, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</b></li> <li><b>5. Friends of Broadwood Site – Award £2,000 from the revenue budget towards a community arts project, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</b></li> <li><b>6. Colerne Sea Scouts – Award £2,158 from the capital budget for the replacement of the main doors, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</b></li> <li><b>7. Corsham Community Centre – Award £2,938 from the capital budget towards replacing the current glazing with uPVC double glazed units, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</b></li> </ol>	

<p><b>8. Lacock Youth Club – Award £1490 from the revenue budget to Lacock Youth Club for the purchase of arts and crafts supplies, sports equipment and coaching, and to fund an ice skating trip, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</b></p> <p><b>9. Corsham Town Council – Award £23,025 from the capital budget towards the creation of a perimeter path to improve accessibility and use of Springfield Recreation Ground, phase III, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</b></p> <p><b>10. Box Parish Council – Award £10,272 from the Streetscene budget towards the resurfacing of Valens Terrace Car Park in Box, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</b></p>				
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 10 applications for 2008/2009 Community Area Award funding and, where appropriate, links them to issues and priorities identified in the Corsham Area Community Plan. The Area Committee has insufficient funds to make the requested awards to each applicant. Members will need to decide on the relative merits and benefits to the community for each project and prioritise which project to fund.
- 1.2 Appendix 11 provides details of the distribution of awards so far in 2008/9 to assist Members when distributing grants across the whole community area.

## 2. Funding Levels

- 2.1 The 2008/09 budget made provision for Cash for Communities. An element of that budget was for each of the Area Committees to award funds to local projects. Each Area Committee was allocated a budget of £40,000 for capital projects and £12,000 for revenue projects.
- 2.2 Members of the Executive have agreed that the £50,000 budget set aside for Streetscene and physical environment improvements in 2008/09 can be distributed by the Area Committees through the Community Awards scheme. This budget has historically been managed by the Assets Design and Estates Team in consultation with the Area Committees.
- 2.3 Each Area Committee now has an allocation of £10,000 to be spent on projects that improve the physical environment or streetscene.
- 2.4 On 4 September the Executive considered a report that recommended that each Area Committee is allocated £10,000 from under spending in year budgets. Members resolved to award each Area Committee £10,000. As this is in year underspend the additional £10,000 can be spent on either capital or revenue projects at the discretion and priority of this Committee.

2.5 Members should note that application 10 on this agenda revisits an award made to Box Parish Council at the July funding round. The Parish Council wish to recind their original award of £6,471 towards the resurfacing of the car park at Box recreation ground and have asked that Members consider a revised proposal at application 10.

2.6 Adding the previously awarded sum of £6,471 to the capital balance the Corsham Area 4 Committee has the following budgets from which to award funds.

Capital £33,164  
 Revenue £3,813  
 Streetscene £10,000  
 Project Budget £10,000 (this can be used for projects that are capital or revenue)

2.7 The recommendations on this agenda have total requested funding as follows

Projects from the Capital budget £30,621  
 Projects from the Streetscene budget £10,272  
 Projects from the Revenue budget £3,490  
 Projects from the Project budget £4,490

### 3. Options and Options Appraisal

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
2.1	Leafy Lane Playing Fields Appendix 1	To construct a path from the club house to the all weather pitch	Capital	£2,500

3.1.1 **Leafy Lane Playing Fields – Award £2,500 from the capital budget towards construction of a path between the club house and the all weather pitch, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

3.1.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria, and demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan on page 21 "Lack of places for young people to meet" and "Lack of facilities for young people, particularly in the villages".

3.1.3 Leafy Lane is the home of AFC Corsham and provides dedicated facilities for youth 11 a side and junior mini soccer. Leafy Lane Playing Fields allow free use of the all weather training facility to all members of AFC Corsham (approx 150 members aged 6-16) as well as groups from the surrounding area resulting in approx 300 users per week throughout the year.

3.1.4 During the winter, when the facility is most in demand, the lack of a path means a large amount of mud is generated and transferred onto to all weather playing surface, causing significant damage to the surface. The path will prevent expense being incurred in the future by damage to the all weather facility, and ensure the surface is maintained in excellent condition. It will also improve access to the facility for the disabled or mothers with prams/pushchairs, allowing them to watch and collect their children safely.

3.1.5 AFC Corsham is an FA chartered club, and as such meets their very high standards. In addition, events such as an annual 6 a side tournament is held at Leafy Lane Playing Fields. This event has, this year, attracted over 270 teams from all over the country. Further details are set out at Appendix 1.

3.1.6 The total cost of this project is £2,750. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of approx 91% of the whole project.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
3.2	<b>Corsham Poetry Society</b> See Appendix 2	Establishing a poetry performance group to perform in for schools and community groups, in conjunction with The Pound.	Revenue	£ 510

**3.2.1 Corsham Poetry Society - Award £510 from the project budget to Corsham Poetry Society to establish a poetry performance group.**

3.2.2 This application meets the essential funding criteria for 2008/09 and demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan “Lack of facilities for young people, particularly in the villages”. It also has associations with Education and Lifelong Learning, although not within the Community Priorities as stated in the Community Plan.

3.2.3 Corsham Poetry Society has been invited to perform at The New Corsham Literature Festival in September 2008, to be run in conjunction with The Pound Arts Centre, where there is currently no provision for local community poetry. To this end, members of Corsham Poetry Society have formed a performance group under the name “Write Turn”. Write Turn anticipate performing to schools and community groups, increasing their membership, and inspiring local artists and performers to showcase their work within the community, and raising the profile of poetry in the Corsham area.

3.2.4 Members of Corsham Poetry Society, and Write Turn, have already started making enquiries into arranging performances and workshops for schools and community groups.

3.2.5 Corsham Poetry Society is self supporting for its core activities, this project will provide and extension to their core activities with minimal running costs, which Corsham Poetry Society will be able to cover.

3.2.6 A decision to fund this project would result in the Corsham Poetry Society being able to visit community groups and schools. It would be a real opportunity for the provision of local community poetry, encouraging reading, writing and performance of poetry by all. Further details are set out at Appendix 2.

3.2.7 The total cost of this project is £510. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of 100% of the whole project.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Colerne Panthers</b> Appendix 3	<b>Development of Junior Section of Village Rugby Club</b>	Revenue	£2,500

**3.3.1 Colerne Panthers – Award £2,500 from the project budget towards the development of a junior section of the village rugby club, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

3.3.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and demonstrates a specific link to the Corsham Area Community Plan on page 21 under “Lack of places for young people to meet” and “Lack of facilities for young people.”

- 3.3.3 This project is to run alongside but separately from Colerne Rugby Club. Colerne Rugby Club are committed to introducing young people to the sport, and this project will enable a new mini-rugby club to be set up, encouraging participation through the local primary schools, and providing a fun and enjoyable activity in a safe environment, and the opportunity for children to take part in a team sport that they may not have otherwise experienced.
- 3.3.4 The application is for set up costs, the club will become self financing for running costs through parental contributions and the equipment purchased will last for many years. For the first year, the level of expected parental contributions are minimal to attract as much interest as possible
- 3.3.5 A decision to fund this project will provide an opportunity for children to take part in team sport, in a safe environment.
- 3.3.6 Further details are set out in Appendix 3. The total cost of this project is £2,672. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of approx 94% of the whole project.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
3.4	<b>Corsham Amateur Swimming Club</b> Appendix 4	To run a course for 10 people which will lead to the Amateur Swimming Association Level 1 teaching qualification	Revenue	£2500

- 3.4.1 Corsham Amateur Swimming Club –Award £2,500 from the project budget towards providing a course for 10 people, leading to the ASA level 1 teaching qualification, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient by 31st March 2009.**
- 3.4.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria for the Area 4 Committee. Although, these require that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget be allocated to applications that demonstrate links to the Plan, the remaining 25% will be available for those projects that fall outside of this but remain important for local people. A scheme such as this clearly demonstrates a community-identified need.
- 3.4.3 There is currently an acute shortage of qualified swimming teachers in the North Wiltshire area. This means whilst primary schools have swimming as a part of the National Curriculum, they are often unable to access qualified teachers. The cost of the Level 1 teacher's course has more than doubled in the past year, leading to fewer applications for the course, and preventing those on low incomes from applying.
- 3.4.4 The course will be sponsored, managed and mentored by Corsham Swimming Club, who has successfully run level 1 teaching courses for the past 4 years, using the best ASA teacher available. Corsham Swimming Club will invite applications for the course from across the North Wilts area, and participants will then be able to spread their skills across the community. With 10 extra swimming teachers, schools across North Wilts will benefit from increased availability, and as the success of recent free adult swimming lessons proved, more ventures of this nature are needed. As the central Government initiative on providing free swimming for the over 60s by 2012 starts to take effect, the demand for swimming teachers can only increase.
- 3.4.5 Corsham Swimming Club are keen for the whole North Wilts area to benefit from this project, so while the course will be held in Corsham, the course will be advertised, and applications invited from, across the North Wilts area. Full use will be made of local facilities for delivery of the course, using the Springfield Leisure Centre, and the Community Centre. The project will be run in close cooperation with both the ASA and DC Leisure.

- 3.4.6 A decision to fund this project would result in Corsham Swimming Club being able to fund the subsidised course, and anyone wishing to become a qualified swimming teacher not having to find the entire £370 fee themselves. This would allow application for the course from those who might otherwise have been discouraged by cost, and look to redress the current shortage of qualified swimming teachers. Further details are set out at Appendix 4.
- 3.4.7 The total cost of this project is £3,700. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of approx 68% of the whole project.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
3.5	<b>Friends of Broadwood Site (Corsham Primary School)</b> See Appendix 5	<b>An intergenerational community arts project to celebrate the first year of Corsham Primary School at the Broadwood site</b>	Revenue	£2,000

- 3.5.1 Friends of Broadwood Site (Corsham Primary School) – Award £2,000 from the revenue budget towards an intergenerational community arts project to celebrate the first year of Corsham Primary School at the Broadwood site, conditional on the balance of funding being in place, and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**
- 3.5.2 This application meets the 2007/08 funding criteria, and demonstrates an indirect link to the Corsham Area Community Plan. Page 44 refers to valuing a sense of community, and at page 32 “Establish the aspirations of young people and give them voice”.
- 3.5.3 The Rudloe community is disjointed and isolated. The geographic location has no identifiable centre, and links to the MOD makes the composition transient. There are a lot of issues around identity and social isolation. The primary school forms one of the few identifiable common places.
- 3.5.4 The school, based in Rudloe, has undergone great change over the past 12 months, from uncertainty under special measures, to a vibrant happy place. The catchment area for the school is made up from a collection of separate housing estates, and as such has difficulty identifying social commonalities. The school has acted as a common interest for families living in the area, and the potential threat to its existence last year provided an impetus for community action, evident in people from outside the immediate school community turning out to support fundraising events, and this support has continued now it’s future, as part of Corsham Primary School, has been secured.
- 3.5.5 To celebrate the school and further engage the community who may not be directly linked with the school, the PTA are running an intergenerational community arts project. The PTA is running a competition encouraging people to produce a piece of artwork or writing that illustrates something good about living or going to school in Rudloe. In the autumn, this will be used as inspiration for a local artist when he comes to work with local people to create a sculpture that will stand outside the school gates to symbolise education and community.
- 3.5.6 Rudloe has a rich history linked to the stone quarries, the creation of the Box Tunnel, and to the MOD and this project will go towards encouraging a more joined up community with pride in their heritage. The PTA wants to encourage older members

of the community to share stories and experiences with younger people and to create a piece of artwork together, extending beyond the generations.

- 3.5.7 A decision to fund this project would ensure it can proceed, and not lose the meaning of celebrating the first year as part of Corsham Primary School. Further details are set out at Appendix 5.
- 3.5.8 The total cost of this project is £2,100. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of approx 95% of the whole project.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
3.6	Colerne Sea Scouts Appendix 6	Replacement of main doors to Scout Hut	Capital	£2,158

**3.6.1 Colerne Sea Scouts – Award £2,158 from the capital budget towards the replacement of the main doors into the Scout Hut, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

- 3.6.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and demonstrates a specific link 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.)
- 3.6.3 This application is the final stage of a long refurbishment project which has been taking place, removing asbestos from the walls and roof, and reinstating the Scout Hut as a community facility. The new doors will help to complete the project, and improve the energy efficiency of the Hut.
- 3.6.4 The total cost of this project is £2,158. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of 100% of the whole project. Further details are set out at Appendix 6.
- 3.6.5 To date the Sea Scouts have raised a significant amount for the work already started (the asbestos removal and replacement of the roof). They have not applied for Community Award funding, as these works have already begun, although the final cost will be in the region of £25,000.
- 3.6.6 A decision to fund this project will support the Sea Scouts in their endeavour to get their hut back into a useable and functional state.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
3.7	Corsham Community Centre Appendix 7	Replace single glazed and broken windows with uPVC double glazing	Capital	£2,938

**3.7.1 Corsham Community Centre - Award £2,938 from the capital budget towards replacement of the current windows with uPVC double glazing, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

- 3.7.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria. Although the project does not demonstrate a direct link to the Corsham Area Community Plan, it has clear benefits to the community. Current criteria allows for 25% of the overall budget to be spent on projects which do not appear in the Community Plan.

- 3.7.3 Corsham Community Centre replaced the windows at the front of the building in 2005 but was unable to extend this to the rest of the building due to cost. The window in the snooker room has holes in and needs urgent replacement.
- 3.7.4 Corsham Community Centre recently had an energy audit, and as a result is taking measures to improve the energy efficiency of the building. New heaters are soon to be installed (paid for from members funds) and the new double glazing should help to decrease heat lost and therefore increase energy efficiency.
- 3.7.5 The improvement in energy efficiency will in turn reduce their energy bill (Until recently this was £1000 per month, recent measures have dropped this to £700 per month). With the recent increases in energy prices, further savings will have to be made in order to ensure the long term sustainability of the community centre.
- 3.7.6 A decision to fund this project will allow it to go ahead before the weather becomes poor making the installation more difficult. Further details are set out in the application at Appendix 7
- 3.7.7 The total cost of the project is £4,898. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of approx 60% of the whole project.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
3.8	<b>Lacock Youth Club</b> See Appendix 8	To purchase arts and crafts supplies, sports equipment and coaching for Lacock Youth Club. To fund an ice skating trip in order to reward those who have been committed to the project throughout.	Revenue	£1490

- 3.8.1 **Lacock Youth Club – Award £1490 from the revenue budget to Lacock Youth Club for the purchase of arts and crafts supplies, sports equipment and coaching, and to fund an ice skating trip, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**
- 3.8.2 This application meets the essential funding criteria for 2008/09 and demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan Key Actions, “Establish needs/aspirations of young people and give them voice” “Train young people in leadership skills” “Extend youth centre services to villages (not just present locations)”
- 3.8.3 Lacock Youth Club runs monthly youth sessions and in holiday activities where young people in the community are engaged in positive activity. The young people are provided with opportunities for self expression and confidence building, by being given the chance to explore new activities and sports which may provide the incentive to take part at a local club on a more regular basis. Teenagers are encouraged to work with younger children to help both to gain new skills and to promote volunteering. Varying ages come together during the holidays for focussed activity, helping with social cohesion and community bonding.
- 3.8.4 This project will enable a wider range of activities and sports to be provided for all members of Lacock Youth Club, and help to maintain interest across the age range for the club. The ice skating trip will be something for the young people to look forward to, and an opportunity that many of them would not otherwise have to experience a new activity. Lacock Youth Group caters for 5-16 year olds, and young people travel from Lacock, Reybridge, Neston and the Corsham Road area. Between 60 and 100 people will directly benefit from this project.



- 3.8.5 Future cost (eg replenishment of the arts and crafts supplies) will be met by local fundraising.
- 3.8.6 A decision to fund this project would support Lacock Youth Club in their activities and enable them to provide a wider range of activities to more children than at present. Further details are set out at Appendix 8
- 3.8.7 The total cost of the project is £1,490. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of 100% of the whole project.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
3.9	Corsham Town Council Appendix 9	Creation of a perimeter path to improve accessibility and use of Springfield Recreation Ground Phase III	Capital	£23,025

- 3.9.1 Corsham Town Council – Award £23,025 from the capital budget towards the creation of a perimeter path to improve accessibility and use of Springfield Recreation Ground, phase III, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**
- 3.9.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and demonstrates a specific link to the Corsham Area Community Plan (Improve the condition and maintenance of alleyways and pavements, and improve pavements and alleyways.)
- 3.9.3 The pathway forms part of the Town Council’s aim to improve the Springfield Recreation Ground and create a “District Park” as outlined in the North Wiltshire District Council’s Open Space Study 2004.
- 3.9.4 The total cost of this project is £47,025. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of approx 49% of the whole project. Further details are set out at Appendix 9.
- 3.9.5 Members are reminded that an award of £17,445 was made to Corsham Town Council in January 2007 for phases I and II of this project.
- 3.9.6 Corsham Town Council has raised their contribution towards this project through the Town precept. The Town Clerk has advised that an award of less than the full amount would lead to the project being deferred for 12 months while funding is raised from other sources, taking it past the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 deadline.
- 3.9.7 A decision to fund this project will allow Corsham Town Council to complete the perimeter path this financial year. A map showing the project is included at Appendix 9a.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
3.10	Box Parish Council Appendix 10	Resurfacing of Valens Terrace Car Park in Box – serving Box recreation ground and the Selwyn Hall	Capital	£20,543	£10,272 50%

**3.10.1 Box Parish Council – Award £10,271.50 from the streetscene budget towards the resurfacing of Valens Terrace Car Park in Box, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

3.10.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria. Although the project does not demonstrate a direct link to the Corsham Area Community Plan, it has clear benefits to the community. Current criteria allows for 25% of the overall budget to be spent on projects which do not appear in the Community Plan.

3.10.3 This application does demonstrate a partial link to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire on page 13 “Securing appropriate infrastructure and facilities in line with development”.

3.10.4 The Valens Terrace car park is currently available for users of both the Recreation Ground and Selwyn Hall, and it is anticipated that usage will increase once the new sports/community pavilion is completed nearby. The car park is a rough gravel area which has deteriorated due to the heavy usage, and is no longer fit for purpose.

3.10.5 Members will recall that an application for this project was awarded £6,471 at the July meeting of this committee. Since that time the Parish Council has had a formal quote for the resurfacing of the car park and discussions on how best to promote safe and effective use of the new facility.

3.10.6 Members may be aware that nationally and locally there have been reported challenges where there has been irresponsible and inappropriate use of car park facilities by a minority of drivers. In an effort to prevent such occurrences in the improved car park facility the Parish Council has sought advice from Ringway Parkman on layout and kerbing of the car park. The result of this is a more involved and so more costly scheme. The Parish Council has increased their contribution to this scheme in line with the overall increase in the project costs and is now seeking a 50% contribution from the Area Committee a total of £10,272

3.10.7 This project will improve the physical environment in and around the recreation ground and Selwyn Hall in Box both used and valued community facilities and as such would be appropriate to fund from the Streetscene budget with the balance of £272 from the capital budget. Officers are of the opinion that this project will create a much more sustainable parking area, and in addition it will provide safer and cleaner access for pedestrians, and it will also be far more suitable for pushchairs and wheelchair users. Further details are set out at Appendix 10.

#### **4 Timescales**

4.1 The Deadlines for the next 2 funding rounds are as follows;

- 18 November 2008 (deadline for receipt of applications – 3 October 2008)
- 20 January 2009 (deadline for receipt of applications -19 December 2008)

4.2 Applications can be made electronically via the Council’s website, [www.northwilts.gov.uk](http://www.northwilts.gov.uk) or via a paper version. Details about the 2008/9 Community Awards Scheme can also be downloaded which includes information relating to criteria and the application process as well as advice about alternative sources of funding. All enquires should be made to [community@northwilts.gov.uk](mailto:community@northwilts.gov.uk) or 01249 706448 (requests for paper versions of the Community Area Awards Funding Pack can made via this number too).

4.3 Funding can be drawn down by successful applicants when all award criteria have been met (e.g. match funding is in place) and on confirmation that the project which funding has been awarded to will proceed in the next 3 months. **All funding awards**

**must be paid to or invoiced by the recipient prior to 31st March 2009 - it is the recipient's responsibility to ensure this condition is met. Failure to do so will result in the award being withdrawn.**

## **5 Financial Implications**

- 5.1 Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 4 Committee as set out in Section 2 of this report.
- 5.2 If Members make awards in line with the recommendations in this report the budget balances will be as follows;
- Capital £2,543  
Revenue £323  
Streetscene (£272) over can be met from the revenue budget  
Project Budget £4,490
- 5.3 Members will need to be satisfied that awards granted in the 2008/09 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before 31 March 2009. The last date that applications must be received by is 19 December 2008. This Council will not be in a position to guarantee the availability of funding after that time. With this in mind the award criteria (point 4) clearly states that;
- 5.4 Funding can be drawn down by successful applicants when all award criteria have been met (e.g. match funding is in place) and on confirmation that the project which funding has been awarded to will proceed in the next 3 months. All funding awards must be paid to or invoiced by the recipient prior to 31 March 2009 - it is the recipient's responsibility to ensure this condition is met. Failure to do so will result in the award being withdrawn.

## **6 Community and Environmental Implications**

- 6.1 All of the awards can be directly linked to priorities identified in the Corsham Area Community Area Plan.
- 6.2 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.

## **7 Equality & Diversity Implications**

- 7.1 Community Area Awards give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2 An Equality Impact Assessment for the Community Area Awards has been undertaken and copies are available on the Council's website.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appendix 1 - Funding application Leafy Lane Playing Field</li><li>• Appendix 2 - Funding application Corsham Poetry Society</li><li>• Appendix 3 - Funding application Colerne Panthers</li><li>• Appendix 4 – Funding application Corsham ASA</li><li>• Appendix 5 – Funding application Friends of Broadwood Site</li><li>• Appendix 6 – Funding application Colerne Sea Scouts</li><li>• Appendix 7 – Funding application Corsham Community Centre</li><li>• Appendix 8 – Funding application Lacock Youth Club</li><li>• Appendix 9 – Funding application Corsham Town Council</li><li>• Appendix 10 – Funding application Box Parish Council</li></ul>
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Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	Community Area Award Funding Criteria 2008/9
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Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
Corsham Area (4) Community Area Awards Community Area Awards Criteria 2008/9	Corsham Area (4) Committee - 15th Jan 2008 Executive 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2008	CO53 E182
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