

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	18 November 2010
Title of Report	Area Board Project Bid

Purpose of Report

To consider an Area Board Project Bid (Appendix 1) from Councillor Peter Fuller seeking £638.93 for provision of a bench outside the Registry Office, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge.

1. Background

1.1 In addition to the Community Area Grant Scheme, Area Boards may wish to use a proportion of their funding for projects which fall outside the criteria of the Community Area Grant Scheme. These projects would be initiated by Area Board members for consideration and approval by the Area Board.

1.2 As stated in the Cabinet report:

In considering requests the Area Board will need to bear in mind the impact this will have on the amount of funding available to support applications from local community groups and organisations.

1.3 The Cabinet Report stated that any project initiated by a Councillor outside of the Community Grants system must have the approval of the Area Board and should clearly set out one or more of the following:

- Evidence of community need
- Clear links to the community plan
- Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System

1.4 Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £77,592 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. To date £39,964 has been allocated from this budget. £1,050 has been returned to the Area Board from an under spend in a 2009/10 grant to West Ashton Village Hall, plus a £257 community grants under spend (2009/10) has now been added. **This gives a current remaining total of £38,935 available to allocate.**

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trowbridge Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to consider whether the application meets one or more of the following:

- Evidence of community need
- Clear links to the community plan
- Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System

2.2 It should be noted that the Registry Office is due to be relocated either in 2012 or 2013 into the newly refurbished County Hall. Once this happens the current Registry

Office will be closed so the bench will be surplus to requirements.

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 3.1. Area Board Project bids will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Funds allocated must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Trowbridge Area Board.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 7.1 Implications relating to individual grant applications, if applicable, are outlined within section 8 "Officer Comments".

8. Officer Comments

- 8.1 An application for the bench was originally submitted by Trowbridge Town Council as a Community Area Grant application to the 9th September 2010 Area Board meeting.
- 8.2 Trowbridge Town Council would project manage the initiative and their original quote for the supply and installation of the bench stands.
- 8.3 The application demonstrates indirect links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 1 Economy, including Tourism & Employment.
- 8.4 Wiltshire Council's Neighbourhood Services states that it is likely that the bench can be added to the maintenance schedule for English Landscapes for little cost, but this would not cover it if it was completely destroyed.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Project Bid
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