

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Devizes Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>29 November 2010</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider five applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Devizes and District Association for the Disabled, Funding for repairs to heating system and purchase of replacement dishwasher, seeking £800. **Recommended for consideration for approval.**
2. St James Church, Devizes. Funding towards rebuilding the wall of the Crammer, seeking £4,157. **Recommended for consideration for approval.**
3. Lions Club of Devizes. Sports coaching weekend. Seeking £1,500. **Recommended for refusal as the application is for running costs.**
4. Potterne Cricket Club, funding for additional practice net, seeking £5,000. **Recommended for consideration for approval.**
5. Little Cheverell Village Hall, funding for replacement door, seeking £996. **Recommended for consideration for approval.**

## 1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting (providing there is money available).
- 1.5. Devizes Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £58,117 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. Grants have been approved so far this year to the value of £30,537. Devizes Community Area Partnership have submitted a claim for £7855, which leaves a balance of £19655.
- 1.6. Should the Board approve all of the applications before it at this meeting, a balance of £7,272 will remain.
- 1.7. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.8. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2010/11</li><li>• Devizes Community Area Plan</li></ul>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

2.2. There will be six rounds of funding during 20010/11. The remaining dates are;

- 24 January 2011
- 21 March 2011

### **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

Community Area Grants 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. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Devizes Area Board.

4.2. Should the applications in this agenda be awarded, Devizes Area Board will have a balance of £7,272.

### **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 Inclusion Implications**

7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

### **8. Officer recommendations**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1 (Grant Register ref no)	Devizes and District Association for the Disabled	Funding for repairs to heating system and replacement dishwasher.	£800

8.1.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.

8.1.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (health & social care – better facilities for the disabled).
- 8.1.4. The cost of the project is £800 and therefore does not require any match funding.
- 8.1.5. The Association has various agreements with the Council as a tenant, none of which constitute double funding for the purposes of this application.
- 8.1.6. Heating is a necessity in a building used by disabled people. Previous repairs to the dishwasher cost £350 and it is now felt to be more economical to purchase a new one.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. (Grant Register ref no)	St James Church, Devizes.	Rebuilding the Crammer Wall	£4,157

- 8.2.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.
- 8.2.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (Housing and Built Environment; repairing important local buildings and promoting tourism through heritage).
- 8.2.4. The applicants have already raised over £45k towards the cost of the project.
- 8.2.5. The wall of the Crammer is part owned by the Town Council, and the works to the remaining portion owned by the Church will be co-ordinated with other Town Council works.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3. (Grant Register ref no)	Lions Club of Devizes	Annual Sports Coaching Weekend	£1,500

- 8.3.1. Officer Recommendation is that this application be refused as it is for running costs and therefore outside of the scope of the scheme.
- 8.3.2. The application does not meet the grant criteria 2010/11

8.3.3. The Sports Coaching weekends have been running for 23 years and has broad support from schools and sports clubs. The events were previously grant aided by Kennet District Council. There is no current funding from Wiltshire Council.

8.3.4. The project has a close fit with aspects of the Culture and Leisure section of the Community Area Plan and the Health & Wellbeing section, through encouraging participation in a wide range of sports.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4. (Grant Register ref no)	Potterne Cricket Club	Provision of additional practice net.	£5,000

8.4.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.

8.4.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11.

8.4.3. The application supports objectives in the Community Area Plan, through the support and expansion of sporting facilities.

8.4.4. The applicant has already received a grant from the Area Board in the previous financial year for the expansion of changing facilities.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5. (Grant Register ref no)	Little Cheverell Village Hall	Funding for replacement door.	£996

8.5.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.

8.5.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11.

8.5.3. The application supports objectives in the Community Area Plan, through the support community venues.

The applicant has already received a grant from the Area Board in the previous financial year for the expansion of changing facilities.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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