

Report to Marlborough Area Board
Date of meeting 23 May 2017
Title of report Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider a councillor-led initiative requesting funding from the Area Board.

Applicant	Amount requested
Cllr Nick Fogg	Up to £20,000.00

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2017/2018 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria and practice papers for [councillor-led initiatives](#)
- 2.4. Best practice advises that applications relating to young people or highways and transport should be considered by, and seek a recommendation from, the Local Youth Network or Community Area Transport Group.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Councillor led-projects are designed to enable councillors to tackle issues in their area, including projects and initiatives which have been initiated by the community e.g. a community issue. Councillor-led projects should not be used to fill gaps where there are service shortfalls or where it is possible for the matter to be resolved through the use of the Community Area Grants scheme.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure. The Community Area Grants scheme which funds Councillor-led initiatives can only provide capital funding. In considering this application, members need to bear in mind that the sum requested amounts to just over half of Marlborough Area Board's capital funding for 2017/18.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council’s Public Sector Equality Duty.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

9. Applications for consideration

Application Name	Provider	Project Proposal	Requested
New interactive whiteboards	Marlborough St Mary’s School	New interactive whiteboards for classrooms	Up to £20,000.00
<p>Project description</p> <p>The new Marlborough St Mary's School combines the two former infant and junior schools onto one site. This new school opens in September '17 taking pupils from the four wards of the community area and from neighbouring community areas.</p> <p>The new whiteboards will provide the latest technology to help the pupils learn in a creative and interactive way. This is especially important for the 19 pupils with SEN who come to St Mary's Resource Base. Their complex needs makes them visual learners and they have poor auditory skills. They are very interactive learners and struggle with communication. These interactive boards will give them another avenue for communication.</p> <p>See Community Grant Application for in-depth reasons for needing these whiteboards.</p>			
<p>Proposal</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from Cllr Fogg for up to £20,000.00</p>			

Background documents used in the publication of this report:
Quotes/estimates for this proposal are contained within attached grant application from Marlborough St Mary’s School.

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