

<b>Report to</b>	Chippenham Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant Funding

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Friends Of Ivy Lane School (FOILS)  <b>Project Title:</b> Community Running Track at Ivy Lane School</p> <p><a href="#">View full application 2480</a></p>	£5000

**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](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

**2. Main Considerations**

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 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.

**3. Environmental & Community Implications**

Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

**4. Financial Implications**

4.1 Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

4.2 Applications will be considered at each Area Board meeting of the year while funding remains. Deadline for applications in 2017/18 are as follows:

26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	for consideration on	26 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
4 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	for consideration on	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	for consideration on	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	for consideration on	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	for consideration on	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2018

4.3 For 2017/18 Chippenham Area Board has been allocated a budget of **£67,043 capital funding**. Following the awards made at the Area Board meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 the balance was **£53,683**.

4.4 If Councillors approve the application contained in this report, the balance of Chippenham Area Board funding will be **£48,683**.

### 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.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

### 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 ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2480</a>	Friends Of Ivy Lane School (FOILS)	Community Running Track at Ivy Lane School	£5000

#### 9.1 Project Description:

The running track will provide a vital resource for the local community. Although the school field is large it is often inaccessible because it gets too wet and muddy to use. The development of the track will provide an all year round facility for the local community to use to improve their physical health and mental well-being. Friends of Ivy Lane School FOILS have already raised a significant amount of funding for the project and if successful this grant will

enable the project to be commenced as soon as possible.

9.2 This application meets the 2017/18 funding criteria.

9.3 This application demonstrates a link to key issues highlighted in the Chippenham Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) February 2017 “Positive Leisure time Activities” “Childhood Obesity” for Children and Young People & Healthy Lifestyles for Health, Wellbeing & Leisure

9.4 This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council Business Plan “work with schools to implement the Healthy Schools Programme for improved physical and emotional health”.

9.5 This project also embraces the governments Change for Life initiative by providing children with the opportunity and facility to be regularly active and supports the Healthy Schools initiative.

9.6 Ivy Lane School has a large outdoor space that cannot currently be used throughout the year as it currently becomes too wet and muddy. The introduction of a community running track around the perimeter of the school field will enhance access and opportunity for the community to improve their physical health and mental wellbeing.

9.7 Officers understand that Ivy Lane School has strong and established wider community links. This project aims to further enhance their provision and the opportunities available to the growing school population and the communities they serve. Community groups include the pre-school, after school club, holiday clubs and parents who could enjoy use of the planned extended facilities beyond the school day and term time.

9.8 The applicant has been put in touch with the Wiltshire Council Sport Development Team for further support and advice.

9.9 Officers understand that Teachers find that children are much more receptive to learning when they have had the opportunity to undertake some physical activity. Not only does physical activity build healthy exercise habits and improve cardiovascular fitness it also sharpens co-ordination improves confidence is fun and provides other psychological benefits.

9.10 Staff and governors at the school were inspired by similar projects in other primary schools who have installed running tracks and seen the benefits from improved concentration from pupils who run a daily mile. This project will enhance their overall learning experience and improve their social and motor skills whilst engaging with others on fresh challenges.

9.11 Officers are of the opinion that this project would introduce a valuable facility that would be an asset for both the school and local community.

<b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application.

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

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