

Wiltshire Council

Warminster Area Board

19 May 2011

Warminster & Village Community Partnership (WVCP) Claim for Core Funding 2011/2012

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek the Board's approval to core funding to WVCP covering the financial year 2011/12.

2. Background

- 2.1. Warminster Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £47,714 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 2.2. Community Area Partnerships have been invited to apply for up to 20% of the area board budget. 20% of the Warminster Area Board budget 2011/12 is £9,543.
- 2.3. There will be 2 tranches of funding to community partnerships during 2011/12 (up to 50% of their total projected costs in each tranche). The first is contained within this report the second tranche can be requested at the 10 November 2011 Board meeting when evidence is received of how the first tranche has been spent.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that core costs awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 3.2. WVCP were awarded £6,718 in 2010/2011. The balance of WVCP funds as at March, 2011 was £13,271.77 including project funds of £2,426 and reserves of £4,000. This level of reserve is perfectly acceptable to the Partnership Development Officer given that WVCP employ staff. WVCP will be rolling forward £6,845 into 2011/12 to be spent on activities in this coming financial year in addition to the funding received from the area board. The

figure being rolled forward into 2011/12 represents all of WVCP funds, once the project funding and reserve have been accounted for.

- 3.3. All partnerships funded by Area Boards are required to sign a Community Area Partnership Agreement (CAPA), which will be countersigned by the Chair of the Area Board. The CAPA is to be signed by both parties at this meeting if WVCP's core funding is awarded.
- 3.4. In order to show how the community area partnership aims to meet the commitments set out in the CAPA, WVCP are required to complete a work plan. This work plan has been reviewed and endorsed by Wiltshire Council's Partnership Development Officer as a workable document. The Partnership Development Officer's questions regarding the workplan have all been answered satisfactorily.
- 3.5. Warminster & Villages Community Partnership has submitted a 2011/12 claim for £9,505 total core costs. This level of funding is within the 20% allocation from Warminster Area Board's budget. 50% of the sum awarded can be considered as the 1st tranche. The area board can therefore award up to £4,752.50 at this meeting to be paid immediately.

4. Implications

4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 4.1.2 The community partnership contributes to the continuance and improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon individual projects.

4.2. Financial Implications

- 4.2.1 Core costs awarded to the community partnership must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Warminster Area Board.

4.3. Legal Implications

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

4.4. HR Implications

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

4.5. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 4.5.1 Community partnerships have agreed to the terms of the Community Area Partnership Agreement, which requires them to be fully inclusive.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 To approve the whole year's core funding of £9,505
- 5.2 To release the 1st tranche of £4,752.50 immediately
- 5.3 To agree the following conditions to be met before the 2nd tranche should be released:

Warminster and Villages Community Partnership will:

- a. provide a list of the community groups that have been fostered and supported (as per Workplan commitment: Partnership Development);
 - b. have carried out the planned Health and Housing Consultation and to be working towards developing 'model' practice for future consultations (as per Workplan commitment: Consultation);
 - c. have engaged the services of a Partnership Administrator (as per Workplan commitment: Communication);
 - d. have begun to re-establish a quarterly newsletter promoting activities and news from WVCP (as per Workplan commitment: Communication);
 - e. provide a 6-month report at the 10th November area board meeting detailing the activities of WVCP over the first half of 2011/12.
- 5.4 To consider the release of the 2nd tranche at the November Area Board meeting providing that the conditions set by the Partnership Development Officer and agreed by the Board have been met.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1	WVCP Annual Workplan, 2011/12
Appendix 2	WVCP Budget Form, 2011/12
Appendix 3	WVCP budget proposal 24/04/2011
Appendix 4	Community Area Partnership Agreement