

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM X

DEVIZES AREA BOARD
23 May, 2011

**Devizes Community Area Partnership (DCAP) Claim for Core Funding
2011/2012**

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek the Board's approval to core funding to DCAP covering the financial year 2011/12 to be agreed at this meeting, 23 May, 2011 so that it can be paid into DCAP's bank account immediately.

2. Background

- 2.1. Officers are required to provide recommendations in a report, however the decision to support the community partnership and to what level, is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 2.2. 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, and the Partnership Development Officer will advise DCAP that the second tranche can be requested at the 28 November, 2011 Board when evidence is received of how the first tranche has been spent.
- 2.3. Devizes Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £58,196 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 2.4. Community Area Partnerships have been invited to apply for up to 20% of the area board budget. 20% of the Devizes Area Board budget 2011/12 is £11,638.

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. DCAP were awarded £7,856 in 2010/2011. The balance of DCAP funds as at March, 2011 was £9,271.91. DCAP will be rolling forward £2,000 into 2011/12 to be spent on activities in this coming financial year.

- 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 DCAP'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, DCAP 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.
- 3.5. Devizes Community Area Partnership submitted a 2011/12 claim for £11,638 total core costs. 50% of this can be considered in the 1st tranche. The area board can therefore award up to £5,819 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 Devizes 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. Membership of DCAP is open to anyone with an interest in the community area.

5. Recommendation

The Partnership Development Officer recommends that the area board:

- approve the whole year's core funding of £11,638 with an agreement to release the 1st tranche of £5,819 immediately

- agree to the release of the 2nd tranche in November 2011 as long as conditions set by the Partnership Development Officer and agreed by the Board, have been met

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 DCAP Annual Workplan, 2011/12

Appendix 2 DCAP Budget Form 17_05_11 2011/12