

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	20 September 2011
Title of Report	Area Board Projects

Purpose of Report

To consider the following Area Board Project Bids:

- **Cllr Seed** has applied for **£200** towards a promotional DVD for Melksham organised by Melksham Trust.
- **Cllr Petty** has applied for **£5464.82** to install an additional street light in King George V Playing Field near the Adventure Centre.

1. Background

1.1 In addition to the Community Area Grant Scheme, Area Boards may wish to use a proportion of their funding for projects which fall outside the criteria of the Community Area Grant Scheme. These projects would be initiated by Area Board members for consideration and approval by the Area Board.

1.2 As stated in the Cabinet report:

In considering requests the Area Board will need to bear in mind the impact this will have on the amount of funding available to support applications from local community groups and organisations.

1.3 The Cabinet Report stated that any project initiated by a Councillor outside of the Community Grants system must have the approval of the Area Board and should clearly set out one or more of the following:

- Evidence of community need
- Clear links to the community plan
- Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System

1.4 If the community grants and CAP core funding are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Melksham Area Board will have a balance of **£35,641**. This means there is sufficient funding to grant all of these area board projects with a remaining total of **£29,976**.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft Melksham Community Plan
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2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to consider whether the application meets one or more of the following:

- Evidence of community need
- Clear links to the community plan
- Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

3.1. Area Board Project bids 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. Funds allocated must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Melksham Area Board.

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 Diversity Implications

7.1 Implications relating to individual grant applications, if applicable, are outlined within section 8 "Officer Comments".

8. Officer Comments

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Cllr Seed	Toward a promotional DVD for Melksham organised by Melksham Trust	£200

8.2 Outcome: Promoting Melksham as place to live and invest will increased trade to local businesses and create new employment as investors are attracted to the area.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.1	Cllr Petty	Installation of an additional street light in King George V Playing Field near the Adventure Centre	£5464.82

9.2 Outcome: New lighting will improve the safety of the area, addressing the concerns for several different groups of residents..

Appendices:	Appendix 1: Application from Cllr Seed
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	Appendix 3: Application from Cllr Petty
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