

Report to	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	3rd October 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants (Additional paper)

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 20011/12 Community Area Grant Funding

- 1. Devizes Development Partnership** – Funding towards the Christmas festival in Devizes. They are seeking £2,250. **Recommended for consideration for approval. If awarded the funding will be taken from the money ring fenced to support festivals.**

1. Financial Implications

- 1.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Devizes Area Board.
- 1.2. Should the applications in this agenda be awarded as well as the other two applications also being considered at this ,meeting, Devizes Area Board will have a balance of £37,963 or £32,144 assuming DCAP are awarded their full running costs

2. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3 (Grant Register ref no)	Devizes Development Partnership	Funding to further expand the Devizes Christmas festival	£2,250 towards a project costing £8,200

- 2.1.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.
- 2.1.2. The grants criteria does not allow for the funding of running costs. Festivals that are held annually, such as this one, can find it difficult to demonstrate that their request for funding does not fall into this category. Earlier in the year, a Member Initiative was brought to the Board where it was agreed that £5,000 would be ring fenced to support festivals regardless of whether they are looking for running costs. If a grant is awarded, the funding will come from this source.
- 2.1.3. The Christmas festival has proved to be a very successful and enjoyable event for those of all ages within the Devizes area. The funding will allow an increased number of people to get involved with the workshops and celebrations. The events are free and special attention is given to reach out to those who are more marginalised within the community.
- 2.1.4. Match funding is being provided including donations from Sarsem Housing and local businesses.
- 2.1.5. The application meets grant criteria 2011/12.
- 2.1.6. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan helping create more resilient communities.

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