

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	17 November 2011
Title of Report	Area Board Projects

Purpose of Report

To consider 2 Area Board Project applications:

1. Councillor Tom James – Seymour TARA Hub Equipment - £5,640.50 requested
2. Councillor John Knight – Trowbridge Town Hall Feasibility Study - £8,000 requested

Total Requested = £13,640.50

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 Trowbridge Area Board has a 2011/2012 budget of £81,446 for community area grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. TCAF has been awarded £15,556 for 2011/12 and 5 x Community Area Grants totalling £12,463 have been allocated so far in 2011/12:

This gives a current remaining total of £53,427 available to allocate prior to any Community Area Grant applications being awarded at this meeting

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

2.1. Councillors will need to consider whether the applications meet 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 budget allocated to the Trowbridge 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

8.1 The Seymour TARA bid could be submitted by the relevant community group as a Community Area Grant application at a subsequent Area Board meeting with the relevant match funding contributed by the group although this would affect the timescale of the project.

8.2 If funds for the Trowbridge Town Hall Feasibility study are ring fenced by the Board conditions should be set that will need to be met before the funds are released including a timescale for how long the funds will be ring fenced for.

9. Recommendation

9.1 The Area Board considers the Area Board Project applications to determine whether to allocate funding from the Area Board budget.

Appendices:	Appendix 1: Seymour TARA Hub Equipment Application Appendix 2: Trowbridge Town Hall Feasibility Study Application
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