

Wiltshire Council

Leader of the Council

Subject: Determination of application for Area Board funding

Cabinet member: Cllr Jane Scott OBE – Leader of the Council

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary

The Marlborough Area Board is unable to determine two applications for funding from Marlborough Town Council, as 2 of the 4 Area Board Councillors are also Town Councillors, and have declared prejudicial interests, leaving the Area Board inquorate. As such, the two applications are referred to the Leader of the Council for determination.

Proposal

That the Leader of the Council approves the applications for funding from Marlborough Town Council as set out at 8 and 9 in the attached report (see appendix 1), following consideration of the recommendations from the Area Board.

Reason for Proposal

As the Area Board is unable to take the decision.

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Purpose of Report

1. To seek a decision on two applications for Area Board funding.

Background

2. At its meeting on 1 November 2011, the Marlborough Area Board earmarked £12,000 from its budget, for a fund to be made available for Parish Councils who wish to apply for financial assistance to stage celebrations/events to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and/or the 2012 London Olympics.
3. Two applications to this fund have been received from Marlborough Town Council.
4. The Area Board is unable to determine, these applications, as 2 of the 4 Area Board Councillors are also Town Councillors, and have declared prejudicial interests, leaving the Area Board inquorate. It is not possible to apply to the Standards Committee for dispensations, as this requires *more than 50%* of Councillors on a committee to have an interest.

Main Considerations for the Council

5. The attached report and application forms set out the applications and the officer's recommendations.
6. A decision is required before the end of the financial year as the funding has been allocated from the Area Board's 2011/12 budget.
7. The Area Board will consider the applications at its meeting on 27 March, and its recommendations will be forwarded as an appendix to this report.

Environmental and climate change considerations

8. See report attached at appendix 1.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

9. See report attached at appendix 1.

Financial Implications

10. See report attached at appendix 1.

Legal Implications

11. See report attached at appendix 1.

Options Considered

12. To approve or to refuse the applications.

Conclusions

13. The Leader is asked to consider the recommendations from the Area Board, and to determine the applications.

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Background Papers

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report: None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Report to Marlborough Area Board 27 March 2012

Appendix 2 – Application form

Appendix 3 – Application form

Appendix 4 – Minute extract from Marlborough Area Board 27 March (to follow)