

## **Community Area Grants**

### **Purpose of Report**

To ask councillors to consider applications seeking the following funding from 2012/13 Area Board Grants:

1. Bratton Parish Council application for £1000 towards Jubilee celebrations for the village community
2. Area board led grant for £100 for Jubilee celebrations in Westbury

### **1. Background**

1.1 Area boards have authority to approve grants under powers delegated to the area boards by the leader of Wiltshire Council (13 May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation area boards must operate within the policies set by the leader and/or the council. Wiltshire Council has adopted an Area Grants Policy, with funding criteria, to which the area boards must adhere.

1.2 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an area board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the leader, the appropriate cabinet member or the Cabinet.

1.3 In 2012/13 the Westbury Area Board has been allocated a budget of £40,447. Following agreement of grants at the 19 April area board meeting, there is £33,947 left in the Westbury area board budget for 2012/13.

### **2. Main Considerations**

2.1 Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before 31 March 2013.

2.2 Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting until 31 March 2013.

### **3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals**

3.1 Community Area Grants 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 Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Westbury area board.

4.2 If the grant applications are approved as per officer recommendations, there will be £32,847 left in the area board budget for 2012/13.

## 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 Inclusion Implications

7.1 Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

7.2 Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – Officer recommendations.

## 8. Officer recommendations

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
<b>Bratton Parish Council</b>	The funding of Diamond Jubilee celebrations for the community	£ 1,000

8.1.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.2 . The village of Bratton is planning a packed programme of events to celebrate the Jubilee with events for all ages. The project demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Building Resilient Communities".

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
<b>Area board led grant</b>	The funding of Diamond Jubilee celebrations for the community	£ 100

8.2.1  
See separate report