

Area Board Project/Councillor Initiative

1. What is the project?

Provision of support for young people in the Community Area who will be enabled to undertake their own projects. facilitated by extended services and through the medium of participatory budgeting

2. Where is the project taking place?

Melksham community Area

3. When will the project take place?

Autumn 2013

4. Please outline:

- **Community benefits**
- **Evidence of need**
- **Links to Community Plan**

The Area Board has been provided with delegated funding for Youth projects that meets with priorities identified in the community plan: Maintain and enhance street based youth work.

. Support employability of young people,. Engage and give confidence to NEETS

. Encourage local support of disadvantaged young people, Ensure convenient and accessible source of advice. Provide productive outlets for young people's energy

The budget was subsequently further delegated to extended services from 2010/2011 and extended services ran a very successful event on 14th November 2012. This event utilised the participatory budgeting process within a civic award ceremony and this bid plans to run a similar event next year.

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5. What is the desired outcome/s of this project?

To provide support for young people in the community area, by providing a participatory budgeting event facilitated by the new Charity - Extended Services

6. Who will Project Manage this project?

Councillor Jon Hubbard and Extended Services

7. Please confirm costs and provide quotes

- Total project costs up to and including £5,000 - 1 quote
- ~~Total project costs over £5,000 - 3 quotes~~

£4,976 for young people in Melksham to identify their own projects and bid for them at a future participatory budgeting event.

8. Additional information in support of the project

The focus of Extended services is young people and the event held on 14th November 2012 was very successful with over 180 people voting on 9 projects and awards presented to young people.

The projects and awards were given out by key local people and included Olympic medal winners. This format was deemed to be very successful and a further event is planned for next year to build on the resilience on young people in the Melksham Community.

In addition, youth street work project will also be supported from this budget

Appendix I: Main Considerations for Area Board Projects

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. The Area Board may wish to agree to limit the amount of money used for Area Board projects in order to retain a viable grants pot. This might be a set sum or a percentage of the whole budget.

As stated in the Cabinet report/approved in 2010:

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.

2. 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
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3. The Council is committed to operating transparently so it is suggested that Councillors should provide basic information including:

- What is the initiative?
- Where will it take place?
- When will it take place?
- What are the community benefits/evidence of need/links to the community plan/logged issue etc?
- Who will project manage the initiative?
- Costs/quotes -Total cost up to £5,000 one quote 5k-25k provide 3 quotes

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4. Applications should be shared with the CAM, meeting the same deadline dates as Community Area Grants (if at all possible). This will enable the CAM to check that all the information is provided necessary to make an informed decision at the area board meeting.
5. Councillors are requested to use the special application form for Area Board Projects as this will guide them to collect all the necessary information to enable their area board to make a decision. The application form will form part of the area board agenda.