

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Calne Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>4 February 2014</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Funding</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask councillors to consider the following officer recommendations:

1. Lansdowne Hall – award a digital literacy grant of £499 to provide a digital projector.
2. Calne Springs Forward – award £1137 towards market stalls for the monthly town market, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
3. Cherhill Village Hall – award a digital literacy grant of £499 to provide a digital projector.
4. Portemarsh working group – award £1338 towards a signage improvement project, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
5. Calne Twinning Association – award £311 towards promotional banners.
6. Bus stop at Curzon Street – allocate £5,000 towards a councillor initiative to install a bus shelter outside Springfield Academy, conditional upon the agreement of Calne Town Council to undertake all future maintenance.
7. To note the release of previously agreed 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of Core funding to Calne Community Area Partnership. (£4,432.50).

## 1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Adult Care, Communities and Housing (5 April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance 2013/2014](#).
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. The area board may wish to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Local Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
- 1.5. In 2013/14 Calne Area Board was allocated a budget of **£58,112** for community area grants, digital literacy grants, community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.
- 1.6. Following decisions made at the last meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December the Calne Area Board has a balance of **£40,812**.
- 1.7. In addition to CAGs and digital literacy grants councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls.
- 1.8. Applications of up to and including £500 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which do not require matched funding. Amounts of £501 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.9. A ring-fenced budget of £1,500 has been provided specifically for Digital Literacy Grants, although the area board may spend more. Up to £500 per project is available for capital projects.
- 1.10. New for 2013/14 is a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The application process and funding criteria can be found [here](#).

- 1.11. Area boards will not consider CAG applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.12. Officers provide recommendations, however the decision to support applications is made by Calne area board councillors.
- 1.13. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.14. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete an evaluation form as soon as the project has been completed and provide receipts if requested. Groups are encouraged to up-load information and photographs about their project on to the [calne.ourcommunitymatters blogsite](http://calne.ourcommunitymatters.blogspot.com) . Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this report</b>	<p><a href="#">Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2013/14 as approved by delegated decision</a></p> <p><a href="#">Area Board Grants Scheme 2013/14 – information and criteria</a></p> <p><a href="#">Digital Literacy Grants 2013/14</a></p> <p><a href="#">Calne Area Board minutes 3rd July 2013</a></p> <p>Calne Community Area Plan 1999 - 2014</p> <p>Wiltshire Joint Strategic Assessment 2011</p>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this report.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2013/2014 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.3. This is the last funding round of the 2013/14 financial year.

### **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

- 3.1. Area Board Grants 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 Calne Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded and retained in accordance with officer recommendations Calne area board will have a balance **£32,028**

### **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 and Small Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications will be outlined in section 8, "Officer Recommendations" of the funding report.

### **8. Officer Recommendations**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill	Provision of a digital projector	£499

- 8.1.1. Officers recommend that The Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill is awarded a digital literacy grant of £499 towards the provision of a digital projector.

- 8.1.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.

- 8.1.3. The Area Board has ring fenced £1,500 for digital literacy projects in 2013/14 to help provide facilities, equipment and projects that will help to advance digital literacy in the community.
- 8.1.4. The management committee is planning to encourage a new digital literacy group to start in the Hall and this projector will be used to facilitate group sessions.
- 8.1.5. It will also be made available to other community groups and events, including the Children's film club.

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8.2.	Calne Springs Forward/Calne Town Team	Market Stalls	£1137

- 8.2.1. Officers recommend that Calne Springs Forward is awarded a grant of £1137 towards the provision of market stalls for the monthly Calne Market.
- 8.2.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.
- 8.2.3. Calne Springs Forward is a Community Interest Company (CIC); a special type of limited company which exists to benefit the community rather than private shareholders. Any monies raised as a result of their initiatives are reinvested back into the community.
- 8.2.4. The main aim of the CIC is to enhance, promote and support the local economy of the Calne Community Area.
- 8.2.5. Together with the Calne Town Team the applicant is committed to a growing range of initiatives to reinvigorate the town centre and enhance the day and night-time economies.
- 8.2.6. The application relates to the Calne Community Area Plan through assisting to operate regular, successful markets in the town.
- 8.2.7. The market is targeted towards the promotion of local, independent businesses including fairtrade goods, crafts, organic and farm foods, as well as more traditional market wares.
- 8.2.8. The stalls will help to create an identity to the market and an attraction for residents and visitors to the area.
- 8.2.9. Calne Town Council is providing match funding for this project.

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8.3.	Cherhill Village Hall	Provision of a digital projector	£499

- 8.3.1. Officers recommend that Cherhill Village Hall is awarded a digital literacy grant of £499 towards the provision of a digital projector.
- 8.3.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.
- 8.3.3. The Area Board has ring fenced £1,500 for digital literacy projects in 2013/14 to help provide facilities, equipment and projects that will help to advance digital literacy in the community.
- 8.3.4. The Village Hall already has Broadband and other technical equipment that is made available to local users including a wide range of groups and classes from toddler's to a gardening club and the WI.

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8.4.	Portemarsh Working Group	Signage improvement scheme	£1338

- 8.4.1. Officers recommend that the Portemarsh Working Group is awarded a grant of £1338 towards a project that will provide the design and installation of new signs at Portemarsh Industrial Estate, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.4.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.
- 8.4.3. Portemarsh is an Industrial Estate located to the North of Calne town, it covers over 32 hectares and holds over 100 businesses.
- 8.4.4. The appearance of the estate has previously been raised as an issue for the Area Board and this working group has emerged, in part, as a result of subsequent requests and work by the Board.
- 8.4.5. This project also links to aspirations identified in the Community Plan around the positive development of the Industrial Estate and promotion to new business.
- 8.4.6. This project will be facilitated by Wiltshire Council Officers, currently supporting the working group.
- 8.4.7. Calne Town Council is also in support of this project and has agreed to provide match funding.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5.	Calne Twinning Association	Promotional Banners	£311

8.5.1. Officers recommend that the Calne Twinning Association is awarded a grant of £311 to provide promotional banners.

8.5.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.

8.5.3. The Calne Twinning Association is a vibrant and active community group that aims to link and foster interaction and cultural links between the Calne Community Area with communities in France, Germany and America.

8.5.4. The nature of these links also promotes tourism and economy opportunities in the Community Area.

8.5.5. This project will provide promotional banners to help the association reach out to the whole community and encourage greater engagement from local people in the group's projects.

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8.6.	Councillor Initiative	Bus shelter at Curzon Street	£5000

8.6.1. Officers recommend that £5000 is allocated to a Councillor initiative that will provide a bus shelter at the bus stop close to Springfield Academy on Curzon Street, Calne, conditional upon written confirmation that Calne Town Council will undertake to provide future maintenance.

8.6.2. This has previously been raised as an Area Board community issue.

8.6.3. It also links to aspirations of the Area Board, Community Partnership and the JSA to encourage greater use of public transport.

8.6.4. The CATG (Highways working group) has discussed this initiative and recognise that it is an issue of concern to significant numbers of local people. However it is not currently on their list for priority action and its current budget is likely to be committed to those priorities. It would therefore recommend that the Area Board support the initiative.

**8.7. Note release of Community Area Partnership Agreement (CAPA) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tranche core funding**

8.7.1. The Area Board is asked to note that, at the Area Board Co-ordinating (ABC) meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014 the Chairman of Calne Community Area Partnership requested the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of CAPA core funding be released to the Calne Community Area Partnership and this was agreed.

8.7.2. This relates to the decision made at the special Area Board meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013:

- Calne Area Board agreed to release the 2nd tranche of core funding to Calne Community Area Partnership at the December Calne Area Board meeting, provided that conditions given by the Partnership Development Officer, and agreed by the Board, had been met.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report other than those requested in the funding criteria e.g. estimates.

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