

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

CALNE AREA BOARD

04 February 2014

**ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR WORLD WAR ONE CENTENARY
COMMEMORATION PROJECTS**

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To agree to the allocation of £10,000 from the Area Board budget for local groups to apply for funding for projects to commemorate the World War 1 (WW1) centenary.

2. Background

- 2.1 2014 sees the centenary of WW1 and local communities will be developing projects to commemorate the centenary.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 8th January 2014, the Calne Area Board Coordinating group (ABC) discussed ways in which it could support local groups to develop projects that would provide a lasting commemoration of the centenary of WW1. This was in response to a request from the Assistant Director Communities & Communications to present an item to the Area Board on a legacy for Wiltshire.
- 2.3 The ABC felt that it would like to commemorate the entire duration of WW1 and, as such, has designed a scheme that will see Area Board funding be made available to capital projects that can begin before the 31st March 2014.
- 2.4 The process for how this funding scheme would be operated is outlined in the report.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1 The Calne Area Board was allocated a budget of **£58,112** for 2013/14 and, if awards are made in line with officer recommendations at the Area Board meeting on 4th February 2014, will hold a balance of **£32,028**. It is proposed that £10,000 is allocated for a special project funding scheme for WW1 events organised by the local community.
- 3.2 The project funding scheme would consider bids of up to £1,000 from local community groups and parish councils who wish to deliver capital projects that are specifically to commemorate the WW1 centenary.

- 3.3 The budget will be delegated to the Community Area Manager who will consult with the Chairman and Vice Chairman re the approval or refusal of any funds. The guidelines for applicants to be as follows:
- Groups can apply for up to £1,000 to deliver capital projects that will commemorate the WW1 centenary for the benefit of the local community.
 - Groups must have the bank account of a constituted organisation to pay the grant into.
 - A simple application form will be made available; applications will only be accepted on this form.
 - The deadline for applications to be 20 March 2014. After that date all applications will be considered and decisions made on funding. If there is more funding requested than is available then the applications will be considered in date order of those received.
- 3.4 The funding scheme will be advertised widely through mailing lists/schools/parish councils/CCAP etc.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 £10,000 from the 2013/14 Area Board budget of £58,112 is proposed
- 4.2 If grants are made to the total sum of the proposed allocation Calne will have a balance of £22,028

5. Legal Implications

N/A

6. HR Implications

N/A

7. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 7.1 Community Area 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 assessed by the Community Area Manager and included in a report on the scheme to be delivered as part of the officers funding report on 8th April 2014.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 It is recommended that £10,000 be delegated to the Community Area Manager to set up a scheme to fund capital projects to commemorate the WW1 Centenary as outlined in paragraph 3.3 of this report. Funding decisions to be finalised with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Area Board.**

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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report