

## Community Area Grants

### Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider two applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding:

- 1. Leigh Park Community Association (Westbury):** Application for £885 to help pay for publicity to raise the profile of the organisation – to include website, newsletters and public meetings.

**It is recommended** that the Leigh Park Community Association (Westbury) is awarded a grant of £885.

- 2. Westbury Town Council:** Application for £229 match funding for the purchase of a mobile PA system for use by the community.

**It is recommended** that Westbury Town Council is awarded a grant of £229 with the condition that the Royal British Legion should have use of the equipment for its Remembrance Parades.

### 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 2010/11 the Westbury Area Board was allocated a budget of £40,447. Following the approval of grant funding at the area board of 17 June 2010, we now have £33,466 remaining for this financial year.

### 2. Main Considerations

2.1 Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before 31 March 2011.

2.2 Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting until 31 March 2011.

### 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 both grant applications are approved, there will be ££32,352 left in the Westbury area board budget for 2010/11.

### 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

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054	<b>Leigh Park Community Association (Westbury)</b>	Project to raise awareness of the LPCA – and its commitment to the community in delivery of the Leigh Park Community Centre to be built under the S106 agreement between Persimmon Homes and Wiltshire Council. The project aims to raise the profile of the LPCA and encourage membership. The funding will help pay for publicity including a website, media, public meetings and a newsletter.	£ 885

8.1.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.1.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of engaging with local people; increasing numbers involved in volunteering; improving young people's participation in positive activities.

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057	<b>Westbury Town Council</b>	Purchase of a mobile PA system that may be used by the community for events. This application came about following an approach to the area board by the Royal British Legion which needed the use of a PA system for its 2010 Remembrance Parade. The applicant felt it would be more appropriate for any such equipment to be owned by Westbury Town Council and thus used by arrangement for local events. The town council has agreed to this and will provide match funding for the purchase of the equipment.	£229

8.2.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria however area board members may like to recommend that grant is awarded on the condition that the Royal British Legion should have use of the equipment for its Remembrance Parade.

8.2.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of engaging with local people; encouraging tourism.