

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	5 August 2014
Purpose of Report	
To ask councillors to consider the following:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To note the area board budget and funding criteria for 2014/15.2. To consider a capital only Community Area Grant Scheme in 2014/15.3. To consider an application from Calne Town Council for £3687.00 capital funding towards CCTV Coverage at North End Park. (appendix 1)	
1. Background	
1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve funding under delegated powers. Under the Scheme of Delegation area boards must adhere to the area board funding criteria and guidance 2014/15 .	
1.2. Key aspects of the 2014/15 criteria include:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The decision to support a funding application and to what level will be the decision of the area board, with no officer recommendation.• Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding, however the area board will look more positively on applicants where they are able to contribute some funding towards their project.• Amounts of £1,001 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding.• The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.• Calne Area Board's Community Area Grants scheme will be for capital projects only.• The area board will prioritise funding to projects which link to the Community priorities identified through the JSA 2013 -2015 consultation as top areas for community and area board attention during the coming year.	

- 1.3. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons why this should justify an exception to the criteria which must be minuted.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. There will only be 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.](#)
- 1.6. Funding will be considered at every area board and these dates including the [deadline for receipt of applications can be found on the Calne area board webpage.](#)
- 1.7. There are 3 funding rounds remaining during 2014/15. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are as follows:
 - 26 August 2014 for consideration at 7 October 2014 area board meeting
 - 28 October 2014 for consideration at 9 December 2014 area board meeting
 - 16 December 2014 for consideration at 3 February 2015 area board meeting
- 1.8. Calne Area Board has been allocated budget of £38,536.98 **capital** funding and **£6800.64 revenue** in 2014/2015.
- 1.9. Within the capital budget, £1,500 capital and a further £1,001 carried forward from 2013/2014 is ring-fenced for digital literacy grants of up to £500 each.
- 1.10. Following awards made at its meeting on 8 April 2014 and 3 June 2014 a balance of £37,536.98 **capital** and £800.64 **revenue** remains.

Background documents used in the preparation of this report	Details of Community Grant Scheme 2014/15 Calne Area Board minutes 8th April 2014
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2. Main Consideration

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded by the area board satisfy [2014/15 area board funding criteria](#) and financial regulations of the council and can proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. On 8 April, Calne area board agreed three priorities from the 2013-15 Joint Strategic Assessment, which had been highlighted at the 'What Matters to You', event held in March:
 - Increase employment opportunities and youth activities in consultation with young people and create better opportunities for young people to get into work through initiatives like apprenticeships and work experience.
 - Recognise child poverty and childhood obesity and engage with parents to address it.
 - Build a positive reputation for Calne Community Area to attract more visitors to venues and events.

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 Calne area board will have a capital balance remaining of **£33,849.98** and a revenue balance of **£800.64**.

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, of the funding report.

8. Applications for Consideration

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Calne Town Council	North End Park CCTV Coverage	£ 3,687 capital

- 8.1.1. This application meets the grant criteria 2014/15.
- 8.1.2. Calne Town Council own and manage the Town Centre CCTV system. This covers the majority of the Town Centre, and aims to:
- Assist the Police with the prevention and detection of crime
 - Help deter crime
 - Reduce the fear of crime
 - Create a safe environment for the whole community.
- 8.1.3. The actual or perceived experience of anti social behaviour stops some children and parents from using the park. This project will provide a deterrent to anti-social behaviour at the site and will encourage appropriate use of the facility.
- 8.1.4. This application could be seen to meet, in part, the area board's desire to address the issue of childhood obesity by providing a more attractive space to participate in active play.
- 8.1.5. The addition of the CCTV camera (which will also benefit from an infrared feature giving 24-hour coverage) will help to allay the fear of crime experienced by local residents, and the actual anti-social and criminal behaviour that takes place at the site on occasion.
- 8.1.6. Wiltshire Police back this enhancement to the CCTV system and are positive about the effectiveness of CCTV in meeting the above objectives.
- 8.1.7. The system will record 24 hours per day, and will be monitored by an existing team of volunteers who provide over 200 hours of manned coverage per month.
- 8.1.8. It is positive to see the town council is contributing towards this project an equivalent amount to the sum being requested from the area board.

8.1.9. In future, the running costs of the CCTV system, and the maintenance and renewal costs, will be covered by the Parish Precept.

Appendices	Appendix 1 Calne Town Council Application Form - online
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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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