

Legacy 2015 Series of Events

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To seek the approval of Marlborough Area Board for allocating £1,600 of Revenue funding from the 2014/15 budget towards activities that support Marlborough's community to take part in Wiltshire Council's series of Legacy events taking place throughout 2015.

2. Background

2.1 2015 sees the continuation of Wiltshire Council's series of Legacy events. These have proven popular in previous years and have built on historic events such as the 2012 Olympic Games and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

2.2 For 2015, Wiltshire Council and partners will be running the following events and festivities:

- the Big Pledge – launching in May
- a county-wide cycling festival in May, including -
- Cycle Wiltshire Sportive event with a series of cycle rides of up to 100 miles plus the Wiltshire Grand Prix round of the National Road Race Series for professional riders
- Magna Carta 800th anniversary pageant based at Salisbury Cathedral in June
- Wiltshire Walking festival taking place in September

2.3 Wiltshire's communities and area boards will be expected to take part in some of these county-wide activities or to host their own local events to coincide with them.

3. Main Considerations

3.1 In the financial year 2015/16, Marlborough Area Board is not anticipating getting any Revenue funding as part of its annual budget. The Capital funding it will receive will not be able to be spent on the running costs and other elements, e.g. materials, of putting on events such as these.

3.2 Many of the events being planned as part of the Legacy 2015 do not take place within the Marlborough area. It might be necessary to provide transport to

allow members of the community to get to these more distant events, especially if they are representing the area board in some way.

3.3 Some events involve artistic activities where the public will be asked to take part. These might require materials, use of professional artists or hire of venues in order to take place and be memorable and enjoyable for the public.

3.4 In order to bring some of these events to the Marlborough area, local groups might need to be encouraged to get involved. They will have their own costs if they wish to participate and the area board should be able to offer funds to these groups to cover these costs.

3.5 Unless Marlborough Area Board allocates some of its 2014/15 Revenue budget at this meeting towards Legacy 2015 events and any costs of the community's involvement, there may be not funding available to the community to allow them to take part.

4. Implications

4.1 Environmental Impact of the Proposals

This series of Legacy events contributes to the continuance and improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon individual projects.

4.2 Financial Implications

Revenue money is being provided from Marlborough Area Board's 2014/15 budget to provide funding that will allow the community to take part in events associated with Legacy 2015. Money remaining left over from this legacy fund will be returned to Wiltshire Council.

4.3 Legal Implications

There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

4.4 HR Implications

There are no specific HR implications with this scheme

4.5 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no specific Equality and Diversity implications related to this report.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

The Marlborough Area Board provides £1,600 of Revenue funding from the 2014/15 budget to enable the Marlborough community to take part in activities organised as part of Legacy 2015

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Appendices:

Background papers: