

Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

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

1. **Westbury Amateur Swimming Association:** Application for £1000 to fund training courses for volunteer coaches.

It is recommended that the Westbury Amateur Swimming Association is awarded a grant of £1,000.

2. **68 (Westbury) Squadron Air Training Corps** Application for £1,000 to help pay for Air Cadets to attend an Easter Camp at Plas Pencelli, to participate in a range of outward bound and team building activities.

It is recommended that 68 (Westbury) Squadron Air Training Corps is awarded a grant of £1,000.

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 19 August, we now have £32,352 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 £30,352 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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074	Westbury Amateur Swimming Association	The club is seeking to improve its teaching facilities and wants to send two volunteers on Level One and Level Two swimming teaching courses approved by the ASA. The club has a growing membership and this investment in training will benefit the tuition of more than 120 local people.	£ 1,000

- 8.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria.
- 8.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of engaging with local people; increasing numbers involved in volunteering; encouraging healthy lifestyle changes; improving young people's participation in positive activities.

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072	68 (Westbury) Squadron Air Training Corps	To help part fund the attendance of the Air Cadets on an Easter Camp at Plas Pencelli to participate in a range of outward bound team building activities. The Air Cadets currently help in the Westbury community in a variety of ways from helping with events such as the Street Fair, The RAFA Collection, The Mayors Civic Reception and the Royal British Legion.	£1,000

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