

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

SALISBURY AREA BOARD
9th March 2017

URGENT GRANTS REQUIRING RATIFICATION

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To seek the board's ratification for a grant approved under the Community Engagement Manager's delegated authority in January 2017

2. Background

2.1. The area board agreed the following delegated authority in November 2016:

In order to expedite the work of the Area Board and to deal with urgent matters that may arise between meetings, the Community Engagement Manager, in consultation with the Chairman (or in their absence, the Vice-Chairman) of the Area Board, may authorise expenditure to support community projects from the delegated community grants budget of up to £5,000 in total, youth projects of up to £5,000 in total, and health and wellbeing projects of up to £1,000 in total, between meetings of the Area Board.

Decisions taken between meetings will be reported to the next meeting of the Area Board explaining why the matter was considered urgent or necessary to expedite the work of the Board and the Cabinet Member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards and Broadband will also be kept informed of any such decisions.

3. Home Run Project

3.1. Two Salisbury Schools, Harnham Primary and Manor Fields Primary have agreed to take part in a pilot project – Home Run (see appendix 1 for full details).

3.2. Salisbury, Southern Wiltshire, Westbury, Devizes and Marlborough were nominated to take part, as each include air quality management areas. At the last forum of Air Quality Management Groups, tackling issues associated with the school run were prioritised, including poor air quality, congestion and childhood obesity.

3.3. The key objectives of the project are:

- (a) More engagement of children and families in sustainable modes of transport to school, e.g. car sharing, cycling, walking
- (b) More engagement of schools in promoting active sustainable modes of travel
- (c) A reduction in car journeys during the school run
- (d) An improvement in air quality
- (e) Wiltshire Schools have been invited to trial this brand new project, along with other schools elsewhere in the country

4. Financial Implications

4.1 This is a pilot, and in order for Salisbury schools to benefit from the 50% reduction in the cost of the scheme, an urgent decision was taken at the end of January, in order to meet the deadline for sign up on the 31st January

4.2 The total amount required was £2,500 (£1,250 per school) for the 12 month pilot

4.3 Support was secured from the Local Youth Network Management Group for a contribution of £500 from the Youth Budget, recognising that, whilst primary schools were the ones coming forward for the pilot, if the pilot is successful, secondary schools in Salisbury will be encouraged to sign up to the project.

4.4 The Salisbury Area Board's Air Quality Management Group also agreed a contribution of £2,000.

5. Recommendation

5.1 That the board ratifies this decision

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