

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Calne Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> February 2015</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Funding</b>

## Purpose of Report

1. To ask councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Calne Area Board:

<b>Applications</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> Calne SMaRTT (Running and Triathlon Team) <b>Project Title:</b> The creation of 2 x Run England routes in Calne.	£214.00
<b>Total grant amount requested at this meeting</b>	£214.00

## 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.
- 1.2. Key aspects of the 2015/16 criteria include:
  - 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 address the 3 priorities identified by local people under the JSA 2013 -2015 as top areas for the community and area board attention during the coming year.
    - Increase employment opportunities (especially through initiatives like apprenticeships and work experience) and social activities for and in consultation with young people.

- Recognise and address child poverty and childhood obesity.
  - Build a positive reputation for Calne Community Area to attract more visitors to venues and events.
- 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 has emphasised it does 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 applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available. Deadlines for receipt of applications are as follows:
    - 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – to be decided at the Area Board on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015
    - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 – to be decided at the Area Board on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015
    - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015 – to be decided at the Area Board on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015
    - 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015 – to be decided at the Area Board on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015
    - 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 – to be decided at the Area Board on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016[deadline for receipt of applications can also be found on the Calne area board webpage.](#)
  - 1.7. Within the capital budget, £1,500 capital is ring-fenced for digital literacy grants of up to £500 each.
  - 1.8. Calne Area Board was allocated a budget of £46,679 capital funding in 2015/2016.
  - 1.9. If Members approve all applications laid out in this report the remaining balance will be £46,465.

<b>Background documents used this report</b>	Area Board Community Area Grant Scheme and Digital Literacy Grants – information and funding criteria 2015/16
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded by the area board satisfy 2015/16 area board funding criteria and financial regulations of the council and can proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. On 3 June 2014, Calne area board agreed to prioritise three themes from the 2013-15 Joint Strategic Assessment, which had been highlighted at the 'What Matters to You', event held in March 2014. These were to:
  - Increase employment opportunities (especially through initiatives like apprenticeships and work experience) and social activities for and in consultation with young people.
  - Recognise and address child poverty and childhood obesity.
  - 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 and initiatives are awarded as outlined in this report, Calne area board will have a capital balance of **£46,465**.

## **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 SMaRTT	The creation of 2 x Run England routes in Calne. (appendix 1)	£214 capital

- 8.1.1. This application meets the community area grant criteria 2014/15.
- 8.1.2. Calne SMaRTT is a relatively new and fast growing running and triathlon club. It has members of all ages and abilities and is keen to offer peer support and social opportunities for its members as well as training advice and sessions.
- 8.1.3. This project will see the installation of 2 run England routes in Calne – these are designed to fit in with Run England’s approach to getting more people active.
- 8.1.4. Route 1 will run through Castlefields Park, a traffic free and scenic route that will attract people of all abilities and ages. Route 2 will run along the bypass which can be used in conjunction with visitors to Beversbrook Sports Facility. This route is well lit and can be used all year round, with only 2 road crossings and being on well paved roads it is wheelchair and pushchair friendly.
- 8.1.5. Both routes are designed to offer existing runners and those new to the discipline opportunities to follow and challenge themselves, they will also help to promote health and fitness opportunities to the wider community.
- 8.1.6. The routes will be advertised on the Run England website which will attract people from beyond the Community Area to the town and may open up commercial opportunities for local shops and cafes etc.
- 8.1.7. Calne Smartt intends to hold a launch day of the route which they will call Get Calne Active. Run leaders will invite community members along to test the routes.
- 8.1.8. The project can be seen to address 2 of the 3 main community identified JSA priorities that the area board has resolved to target: To address child poverty and childhood obesity through promoting healthy active lifestyles and to build a positive reputation for Calne Community Area to attract more visitors to venues and events.
- 8.1.9. It is hoped that this initiative will encourage people to see the opportunities of leaving their cars at home and becoming more active and as such it has links to the Calne Air Quality action plan.
- 8.1.10. The application is seeking 100% of the total project costs, however Members may like to note that Calne Town Council has pledged resources towards the implementation of the scheme and, if the Area Board grant application is successful, SMaRTT will be able to use their existing funds to run the launch day.

<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 – Grant applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SMaRTT</li></ul>
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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.

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