

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Calne Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June 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 Community Grants from the Calne Area Board:

<b>Applications</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> Calne Town Council <b>Project Title:</b> Beversbrook Car Park	£5,110.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Friends of Abberd Brook <b>Project Title:</b> equipment to advance Brook Project.	£350.00
<b>Total grant amount requested at this meeting</b>	<b>£5,460.00</b>

2. To ask councillors to note delegated decisions made in relation to the following Area Board initiatives:

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>1:</b> Magna Carta – Pageant/youth social justice project	£1,000.00 (11-19 budget)
<b>2:</b> Beat the Street – Book tokens for Calne Children’s spot prizes.	£200.00 (11-19 budget)
<b>Total delegated decisions since last meeting</b>	<b>£1,200.00</b>

## 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:
- 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. Calne Area Board also has a budget of £5,654.64 revenue funding for allocation to projects for young people aged 11-19.
- 1.10. Following decisions made agreed at the Area Board meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015, the current balance is:
- 1.10.1. £46,465.00 capital balance
  - 1.10.2. £ 5,654.64 revenue balance (U11-19 budget)
- 1.11. If Members approve all applications laid out in this report the remaining balance will be £46,465.
- 1.11.1. £41,005.00 capital balance
  - 1.11.2. £ 4,454.64 revenue balance (U11-19 budget)

<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 remaining capital balance of **£41,005.00** and an U11 – 19 revenue budget balance of **£4,454.64**.

## **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	Beverbrook Car park – Third party contribution	£5,110

- 8.1.1. This application does not meet the community area grant criteria and, as such, Members will need to consider whether there are exceptional reasons which might cause them to overrule those criteria.
- 8.1.2. The application is from the Town Council, criteria states that, where an application is from a town or parish council, the area board will only contribute the same amount as the town or parish council. In this case Calne Town Council is not making a contribution to the project.
- 8.1.3. This application is requesting a sum of £5,110, the criteria states that the area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 8.1.4. It should be noted that funding requested from the area board will represent a third party contribution, which will enable the Town Council to draw down an additional £50,000 for the benefit of the community through the Land Fill Tax Credit Scheme.
- 8.1.5. The project addresses one of the Calne Community identified JSA priorities: to build a positive reputation for Calne Community Area to attract more visitors to venues and events.
- 8.1.6. Beverbrook is one of the Calne Campus sites, although increased car parking does not feature in most recent Campus project plans considered by the Area Board, the need has been identified by the Town Council as a high priority, and has the backing of town councillors, the community and all users of Beverbrook.
- 8.1.7. The existing car park cannot sustain the volume of cars that travel to Beverbrook. Short term additional parking on a grassed area has proven useful, but is not sustainable.
- 8.1.8. The Town Council considers that a lack of parking facility may prohibit hirers from participating in sports and community events.
- 8.1.9. A report from Key Transport Consultants was conducted in December 2013; this shows that the facility is lacking in car parking by 159 spaces. Since the report has been published, Beverbrook has grown by another 10%.
- 8.1.10. If funds cannot be identified, Beverbrook and Calne Town Council would need to consider reductions in future provision of sport at the facility.
- 8.1.11. Members may want to consider that this project displays good causes to justify an exception to the criteria as follows:

- The funding would represent a third party contribution, which the Town Council cannot contribute towards under the terms of the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme.
- This project would draw down £50,000 of external funding for the benefit of the Calne Community.
- The project would encourage increased community engagement in future Campus facilities.

8.1.12. If Members choose to contravene the Community Area Grants criteria and award funding the reasons above must be clearly minuted in accordance with the scheme of delegation.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Friends of Abberd Brook	Provision of equipment for use by the group.	£350.00

8.2.1. This application meets community area grant criteria.

8.2.2. The Friends of Abberd Brook have had a long relationship with the Area Board, emerging from one of the initial working groups set up in 2009, they have continually engaged the local community in projects and events that promote healthy and active lifestyles and an active engagement in environmental awareness.

8.2.3. One of the group's main aspirations is to develop the Abberd Brook as a 'green corridor' running through the one of the most deprived areas of town. This has been taken on by wider regeneration plans for the town.

8.2.4. Evidence suggests that as an area is improved, vandalism is reduced and residents have more pride in their environment.

8.2.5. The group believes that greater community spirit will occur as local people feel that they have ownership of their neighbourhood.

8.2.6. The green corridor will encourage people to walk, jog or cycle to town helping people to have a better quality of life by leaving the car at home. Improving the biodiversity will attract a wider form of wildlife to take up residency within the various forms of plant life as well as maintaining the various forms of fauna that we already have. Better management of the brook will improve both the flow and quality of the water benefitting all concerned.

8.2.7. The group provides opportunities for young people to get involved in its maintenance and regeneration activities and this holds opportunities for the area board to address two of its JSA priorities around social activities for young people and addressing issues around childhood poverty/obesity.

8.2.8. This application will provide the group with a new heavy duty strimmer, which will enable them to extend the work they undertake.

## 9. Funding decisions delegated to the Community Area Manager.

- 9.1. Members are asked to note that, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Area Board, £200 has been allocated by the Community Area Manager in order to provide daily £5 spot prize (book tokens) for Calne Children engaging in the Air Quality Working group's 'Beat the Street' project, which is currently underway in the community area.
- 9.2. Members are also asked to note that, to facilitate the Calne Community Area's involvement in events planned to commemorate the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Magna Carta, £1,000 has been allocated to cover costs of projects that will engage young people from John Bentley School in social justice workshops an art project and participation in the Magna Carta Pageant to be held in Salisbury this June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 9.3. A decision to delegate funding decisions up to £1000 to the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair was made by the Area Board in 2011. This was made in order to respond quickly to work that the Area Board might wish to progress between scheduled Area Board meetings.

<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 – Grant applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Calne Town Council – Beversbrook Car Park</li><li>• Friends of Abberd Brook – provision of equipment.</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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