
Westbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Westbury Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023/24	£ 15,716.00	£ 12,892.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 15,716.00	£ 12,892.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 14,716.00	£ 11,579.50	£ 7,700.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1110	Area Board Initiative	Westbury Area Board	Youth Pop Up Event Westbury	£2625.00	£1312.50
Project Summary: Provision of a pop up cafe van run by Wiltshire Youth for Christ for a weeks event in Westbury during the summer holidays. The van will set up an outdoor cafe and serve refreshments. They have game consoles and for the week, will also run activities.					
ABG1131	Community Area Grant	Cygnets Preschool Bratton	Cygnets Preschool Bratton phase 2 outside area development	£4380.00	£1000.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: Prior to the opening of Cygnets Pre-School, the village had no early years childcare provision, following the closure of the existing small setting. Due to the rural location and lack of reliable public transport, a significant proportion of families in the village would be unable to access an alternative pre-school setting, meaning that the provision at Cygnets is essential in the village community. Now graded outstanding by Ofsted (July 2022), the setting welcomes children from a variety of backgrounds, including those on low incomes and classed as vulnerable, some of whom have no other access to outside play spaces or gardens. The high-quality provision of a safe, all-weather outdoor play environment at Cygnets is essential for the wellbeing of the children, including a high number requiring SEN support and with additional needs. While some work has already taken place, phase 2 relates to the preparation and laying of artificial grass to much of the outside space, to create a safe environment that is accessible to all children and in all weathers. The current space is muddy and uneven, so the artificial grass area will enhance access for all to the "secret garden", which includes a bug hotel, flower beds and other natural features. The space will be multi-sensory, allowing children to engage with the outdoor environment all year round. The outdoor area also includes a hard surface with covered area and outdoor play equipment including a work bench.</p>					

Background

3. Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.
4. Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:
 - Community Area Grants (capital)
 - Youth Grants (revenue)
 - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

Main Considerations

6. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

Safeguarding Implications

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Public Health Implications

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

11. Grant funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

Financial Implications

12. Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

Legal Implications

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

Workforce Implications

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

Equalities Implications

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

Proposals

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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