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**Warminster Area Grant Report**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Warminster 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**

	<b>Community Area Grants</b>	<b>Youth Grants</b>	<b>Older and Vulnerable People Grants</b>
<b>Opening Balance For 2023/24</b>	£ 21,559.00	£ 19,457.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 15,203.35	£ 7,233.50	£ 5,497.78
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 6,355.65	£ 12,233.50	£ 2,202.22
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ -9661.42	£ 6583.50	£ 942.22

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

<b>Application Reference</b>	<b>Grant Type</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Requested</b>
<a href="#">ABG1479</a>	Area Board Initiative	Warminster Area Board	Environment And Sustainability Exhibition	£500.00	£500.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> <b>Public exhibition for all Area Board residents. Exhibitors to include statutory bodies and local volunteer organisations</b>					
<a href="#">ABG1289</a>	Community Area Grant	St Lawrence Chapel Warminster	St Lawrence Chapel Front Pillar	£4150.00	£2000.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>St Lawrence Chapel has been owned by the Town since 1575. We are a community owned space run by volunteers. Whilst the chapel is in generally good repair, we need to re-build the front pillar. The pillar is leaning and it needs to be taken down and rebuilt to ensure it safely remains upright. The pillar is part of the garden area which is used by many organisations that use the space for fundraising events and we would like to see this repaired to ensure full safety of all users. Listing building approval is not required but we do need to submit a summary of work to the conservation officer. The total cost of the work is £4150 and the Chapel is requesting 50% of the cost at £2075.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1413</a>	Community Area Grant	Selwood Housing	Westleigh Community CCTV Project	£20000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Since 2018, Selwood Housing have introduced a series of initiatives to improve the safety, environment and aesthetic appearance of the Westleigh estate. Anti-Social Behaviour has been a central issue and concern on the estate for a number of years. Drug use and supply, threats and intimidation, speeding and unroadworthy vehicles are among the main priorities that residents face and would like to see reduced and resolved. It is clear that the behaviour puts a strain on the resources of Selwood Housing and partner agencies such as the Police and local authority. We are proposing the installation of CCTV to cover the highways, pavements, garage and parking forecourts, entrances and egress so that the area can be monitored and evidence of ASB gathered. This will help provide an effective response to incidents quickly. This will have a positive effect and increase the wellbeing and safety of residents; not only Selwood Housing customers, but also private home owners and tenants who make up a large proportion of residents on the Westleigh estate. Access to Princecroft Primary School, including The Hive Nursery is located on the estate. They receive a number of complaints from parents witnessing ASB when taking their children to and from the school.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1470</a>	Community Area Grant	Heytesbury and Sutton Veny Cricket Club	Sutton Veny Cricket Pitch Ground Equipment and Rain Covers	£9062.14	£4531.07
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Heytesbury &amp; Sutton Veny Cricket Club need to urgently replace the pitch covers which protect the ground against rain prior to or during a match. The existing covers have passed their life expectancy (now 7 years old with a life expectancy of 5 years).The frames are rusty and the fabric has been compromised (UV degradation mainly). Funds will also be used to purchase a new Scarifier- essential for pitch preparation. A generator will provide additional power to service the lights etc (the club house is off grid). The continued expansion of the Club's membership into the community; in the last four years we have added Women's softball cricket, boys and girls cricket at Under 13 and Under 11, and a newly formed Under 15 team for 2024. Although this growth is widely received by the community of the Upper Wyleye Valley and Warminster area, it has put considerable additional burden on our grounds facilities and ability to deliver this much sport. This new equipment will help in this.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1509</a>	Community Area Grant	Heytesbury and Codford Football club	Football goal nets and Aerator	£486.00	£486.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>To buy a pair of goal nets for Heytesbury &amp; Codford Football club. Would be used by both the adult football team playing in the Trowbridge &amp; District League and the Under 18's Team playing in the Mid Wilts Youth &amp; Minor League. To purchase an Aerator to improve drainage and increase grass growth and general maintenance of the pitch.</b></p>					

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<a href="#">ABG1513</a>	Community Area Grant	Warminster Athenaeum Trust	Building access control and security	£8000.00	£4000.00

**Project Summary:**  
**New keypad/fob security system for entry/exit control and CCTV for monitoring community spaces.**

<a href="#">ABG1517</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Alzheimers Support	Old Silk Works dementia day club supporting local people living with dementia	£3080.00	£1260.00
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<p><b>Project Summary:</b></p> <p>Engaging with people with dementia and their carers in the most humane loving way possible is Alzheimer's Support's core methodology, treating the people we support and their carers as distinct individuals with their own life stories - not just service users. One of our most popular services are our four award-winning day clubs that follow our trademark formula of small group activities, a relaxed informal atmosphere and high staff ratios allowing everyone to follow their own preferences. A full day out in a supportive, stimulating environment is hugely beneficial to people living with dementia and provides a real break for family carers. Our clubs are run by specialist staff and trained volunteers who focus on the person rather than the dementia. Boosting confidence, building relationships and creating opportunities for social engagement are at the heart of their ethos. A perfect example of this ethos in action is provided by our day club based on the site of the former silk works on Beech Avenue, BA12 8LX. Old Silk Works day club opened in May 2018 after an extraordinary collaboration between the local Warminster community and Alzheimer's Support. After a two-year search for the right building, we remodelled and renovated the Victorian mill in a nine-month project. We were supported by local fundraisers and an amazing team of volunteers who helped with everything from project management and painting and decorating to equipping the new club. The club has space for 13 members each day and follows our trademark formula of small group activities, a relaxed informal atmosphere and high staff ratios allowing everyone to follow their own preferences. The first thing you'll notice as you enter the Old Silk Works is the light and sheer size of the club. The space is thoughtfully laid out with a large main activity area, an open plan kitchen and members' art on the walls. An indoor garden area (complete with water feature) allows members to experience more natural surroundings. There is also a quiet lounge area with retro furniture and fittings. In 2019, the club won Best Dementia Design at the National Dementia Care awards. No two days are the same at Old Silk Works, with activities tailored very much to members' own interests. General activities include art therapy, cookery, board games, reminiscence, dance, poetry readings, photography and much more, alongside plenty of chat and laughter. The club is keen to forge close links with the local community with visiting speakers and entertainers welcomed. Lunch is prepared from fresh ingredients each day in the club's open plan kitchen, with members getting involved with preparations if they wish to. Members are joined twice a week by therapy whippets Higby and Dottie and by other local volunteer dogs on other days of the week. A full day out in a supportive, stimulating environment is hugely beneficial to people living with dementia and also provides a real break for family carers. They often tell us that the clubs, and the respite they provide, is the one thing that allows them to continue caring for longer in their own homes: "Dad loved his time at Old Silk Works. It was always the highlight of his week." "Dad's days with you all truly were "the best days of the week" and he absolutely loved coming to the club. He felt relaxed with you all, loved the fun and craziness, and also enjoyed the banter!" "It is such an amazing place filled with mischief, joy and love," "When I came to the club I was treated with such understanding and kindness. I saw others who were much further along and they were treated the same. I realised then there wasn't anything to be frightened of as I would be treated like that too. I have never felt so comfortable in my life as when I'm in the club and couldn't be happier when I'm here. It has changed how I feel about dementia and it has changed my life." Our Old Silk Works day club has clear benefits for those living with dementia, not least by encouraging them to get out of their homes and become more socially active. As a dementia carer myself, I can attest to the real risk of becoming incrementally more isolated as your loved one becomes increasingly unwilling to get out of the house. Having a regular event to look forward to, especially one that gets you both out of the house where you know that your loved one will be in a safe and fun environment becomes one, if not THE highlight of your week. We charge members £52 per person, per day towards running costs but this is subsidised and we need to find £36 per person, per day to meet the full £88 costs. We are now asking the Board to consider supporting this shortfall for up to 35 day's-worth of visits with a grant of up to £1,260, thus enabling us to continue this vital programme, although we would of course be very appreciative of any level of support. The Board's support would not only help our day club members but also their carers, for whom these six hours may be the only break they get all week – that's 210 hours of respite for £1,260.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1506</a>	Youth Grant	Warminster Town Council	Warminster Town Councils Youth Activities Programme	£10000.00	£5000.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We have arranged with Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team (WOLT) for them to run free Canoe and Kayaking sessions on the town park lake. We have also arranged with a local tennis coach for them to provide free tennis coaching to youths in the town park. These free sessions will give the children the opportunity to get outside and for many try an activity they would not otherwise have been able to try. We will be providing youth outreach work, using mobile teams and a youth engagement bus.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1536</a>	Youth Grant	Horningsham Parish Council	Horningsham Youth Winter Play Provision	£4170.00	£150.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Two basketball hoops will be sited within the hard surface tennis court area to give the children/teenagers an all year-round activity area and enable the Primary School to access this facility as part of their PE provision.</b></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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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.