

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	14/05/2019
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding – delegated decision

Purpose of the report:

1. To note a delegated decision related to the following application for funding

Applicant	Amount allocated
Applicant: OBB4CY (Open Blue for Calne Youth) Project Title: Open Blue Bus activities	£4,887.00

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#) [The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.
- 1.2. This application was originally submitted to the Calne Area Board for consideration at the meeting held on 12/03/2019.
- 1.3. Due to issues with the online grants process the application was not included in the agenda for that meeting.
- 1.4. In the absence of the Community Engagement Manager for the Calne Area the former CEM was asked to process the application as a matter of urgency and to request permission to use delegated authority to advance a decision between Area Board meetings.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure. Further details of grant spending in the financial year is available in the grants newsletter presented to the area board on 20th March 2019.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

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

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area 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.

8. Safeguarding Implications

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

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
No. 663	OBB4CY	Open Blue Bus Youth Activities	£5,000
<p>Project Description: To run youth activities in Calne from the Open Blue Trust converted double-deck bus www.openblue.org.uk. The Open Blue Trust provides a fully serviced converted double-deck bus as a mobile community centre to deliver community-based opportunities to isolated communities in North Wiltshire. The Trust is a registered charity committed to helping those who need it most and working in partnership with local communities. OB4CY is a group of volunteers from churches in Calne who will operate the bus under Open Blue. The Group will deliver a 2-hour youth venue in Calne once a week on a Friday evening - catering for the 10-17yrs age range. A similar project operated between 2008 and 2012. The OB4CY group are planning to launch the new service in May 2019.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The applicant made a presentation to the Area Board at its meeting on 12th March 2019. This application has been scored in line with the Local Youth Grants process details attached (appendix1). The application request has been amended to £4,887 because of an error on the original application form – this has been confirmed by the applicant. The application was approved under delegated authority in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Calne Area Board and agreement of Cllr Thomson Deputy leader of Wiltshire Council and Cabinet Member for Communities on 13/03/19.</p> <p>Proposal That the Area Board notes this delegated decision.</p>			

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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Local Youth Network Grant Scoring Sheet

Organisation: Open Blue for Calne Youth (OB4CY) **Amount Requested:** £5,000 **Project title:** Open Blue Youth Activities

Category:	Total mark available	Mark given:	Comments:
How well does the project/activity/programme meet local needs and priorities is there evidence of this need? In particular, does this project contribute to positive mental wellbeing of young people, and the local priorities?	10	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses total lack of open youth work currently active in the town. Application does not refer specifically to mental wellbeing; however, activities and safeguarding considerations suggest positive links to the issue.
How well have young people been involved in the development of the project/ activity /programme?	10	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation undertaken with local schools – but no evidence of young people specifically. Volunteers engaged in previous successful project also involved.
Will enough young people benefit from their project / activity?	10	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is suggested that previous projects in the area attracted on average 51 young people per session and this project would expect similar numbers. The nature of the project means that actual benefit is difficult to anticipate in advance.
How accessible is the activity/project for all (Disabled access, low incomes, vulnerable, etc.)?	10	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant states the project will be offered free of charge and accessible to all young people 10-17 from the Calne Community area. There is no disabled access to the upper floor but all activities on upper floor will be available on ground floor when required.
How well will the project/activity safeguard the welfare of young people?	10	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robust safeguarding policies are in place. (including online safety). To ensure proper supervision and safeguarding the group has identified an ideal team size of 6 volunteers, it is not clear whether volunteers are confirmed.

How well has the applicant ensured that they will monitor and evaluate their project / activity involving young people?	10	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of young people coming onto the bus and engaging in activities for that session. Session Reports containing total and unique attendance as well as activities undertaken in each session.
How self –sustaining is the application and what evidence if there of other sources of resourcing?	10	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project plan covers 3 years, with additional plans for future fundraising to develop further.
TOTAL Benchmark is 40/70	70	61	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Network Funding Panel Decision (to go as a recommendation to the Community Area Board)

Decision:	Recommend approval
Amount Awarded:	£4,887.00
Reason for part award (if applicable):	Error in application calculation (confirmed by applicant)
Reason for rejection:	n/a
Local Youth Network Members present:	<p>The Calne Local Youth Network is currently dormant, awaiting further development through future work identified in a paper submitted to the Area Board by the former Locality Youth Facilitator and the former Community Engagement Manager (planned to be facilitated between the Area Board, Calne Town Council and John Bentley School).</p> <p>As such this application has been assessed by the former Community Engagement Manager (in the absence of the current CEM).</p>
Date:	13 th March 2019.