

**Report to** Melksham Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
**Title of report** Community Area Grant funding

**Purpose of the Report:**

To consider a councillor-led initiative requesting funding from the Area Board.

Applicant	Amount requested
Cllr Jon Hubbard Melksham CCTV – three additional high res cameras	£900

**1. Background**

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](#)

**2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2016/2017 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 and practice papers for [councillor-led initiatives](#)
- 2.4. Best practice advises that applications relating to young people or highways and transport should be considered by, and seek a recommendation from, the Local Youth Network or Community Area Transport Group.

**3. Environmental & Community Implications**

Councillor led-projects are designed to enable councillors to tackle issues in their area, including projects and initiatives which have been initiated by the community eg. a community issue. Councillor-led projects should not be used to fill gaps where there are service shortfalls or where it is possible for the matter to be resolved through the use of the Community Area Grants scheme.

**4. Financial Implications**

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure. The Community Area Grants scheme which funds Councillor-led initiatives can only provide capital funding.

**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.

**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**

<b>Application Name</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Project Proposal</b>	<b>Requested</b>
Cllr Jon Hubbard	N/A	Melksham CCTV – three additional high res cameras	£900
<p>The aim is to provide three additional fixed cameras in the newly developed Market Place, Melksham to provide complete coverage. The three, extra small hi-definition cameras will provide fixed cover of the front of the Town Hall/Art House Cafe archway area, the area in front of the Tavern looking under the tree and down towards the Refa restaurant. These cameras can be purchased at cost priced and will be fitted free of charge by volunteers. The Police are fully supportive and actively working with the community safety group on this project.</p> <p>The 3 identified priorities for the Melksham community area set out during the Joint Strategic Assessment for community safety in January 2017 were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anti-social behaviour</li> <li>- Alcohol and drug abuse</li> <li>- Highway safety</li> </ul> <p>An improved CCTV system can help to tackle these local issues. The Police have to date requested 57 incident logs from the Melksham community CCTV system and it has aided their investigations on a number of occasions.</p> <p>Work is now in progress to have at least 5 volunteers overseeing the system during key times to maximise the effectiveness of the system.</p>			
<p><b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application</p>			

Background documents used in the publication of this report:

Quotes/estimates for this proposal can be obtained from the Community Engagement Manager upon request.

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