

Report to	Malmesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	9 July 2014
Purpose of Report	
To ask councillors to consider the following:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To note the area board budget and funding criteria for 2014/15.2. To consider a capital only Community Area Grant Scheme in 2014/15.3. To consider prioritising financial support on projects which support the two Joint Strategic Assessment themes of Health & Wellbeing and Leisure during 2014/15.4. To consider an application from Brinkworth Heritage Society for £5,000 capital funding towards a new kitchen, store and toilets on the Brinkworth Recreational Field.5. To consider funding the Malmesbury & Village Community Area Partnership during 2014/15 with £4,059 revenue.	
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 and guidance 2014/15 .	
1.2. Key aspects of the 2014/15 criteria include:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• Malmesbury Area Board's Community Area Grants scheme will be for capital projects only.	

- The area board will prioritise funding to projects under the two JSA 2013 - 2015 headings, *Health & Wellbeing* and *Leisure* (details of which can be found [here](#)), having identified them as top areas for community and area board attention during the coming year.

- 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 have emphasised that they do 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 will be considered at every area board and these dates including the [deadline for receipt of applications can be found on the Malmesbury area board webpage.](#)
- 1.7. There are 4 funding rounds remaining during 2013/14. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are as follows:
 - **19 July 2013 for consideration at 4 September 2013**
 - 20 September 2013 for consideration at 6 November 2013
 - 22 November 2013 for consideration at 15 January 2014
 - 24 January 2014 for consideration at 5 March 2014
- 1.8. Malmesbury Area Board has been allocated budget of **£34,527.87 capital** funding and **£6,093 revenue** in 2014/2015.
- 1.9. Within the capital budget, £1,500 capital is ring-fenced for digital literacy grants of up to £500 each.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this report</p>	<p>Area Board Community Area Grant Scheme and Digital Literacy Grants – information and funding criteria 2014/15</p> <p>Minutes of 7 May 2014 area board</p>
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2. Main Consideration

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded by the area board satisfy [2014/15 area board funding criteria](#) and financial regulations of the council and can proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. On 7 May, Malmesbury area board agreed to prioritise two themes from the 2013-15 Joint Strategic Assessment, which had been highlighted at the 'What Matters to You', event held in April. These were *Health & Wellbeing* and *Leisure*.

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 Malmesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in accordance with officer recommendations Malmesbury area board will have a capital balance of **£29,527.87** and a revenue balance of **£2,034**.

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.	Brinkworth Heritage Society	New kitchen, store and toilets on the Brinkworth Recreational Field.	£5,000 capital

- 8.1.1. This application meets the grant criteria 2014/15.
- 8.1.2. The project entails removal of old portable cabins, containers and a horse box and install new buildings to accommodate a kitchen and storage space. This will be closely followed by the installation of toilets and for this reason the application covers both phases of work.
- 8.1.3. The recreation field is used widely by the Brinkworth community. During daylight hours the children's play area is in regular use, while the football field is available for practice and games and is used by youngsters most evenings (weather permitting). There is also a basketball practice area. The kitchen and other facilities are available to those taking part in recreational events and games as and when required. The field is also used for whole community events such as firework and bonfire night.
- 8.1.4. Walkways and access to buildings and facilities will be provided for the disabled.
- 8.1.5. This application will meet the area board's desire to support leisure and health across the whole community, as well as community engagement within the Brinkworth area.
- 8.1.6. It is positive to see the parish council contributing towards this project an equivalent amount to the sum being requested from the area board. It should be noted that the applicant is still short of just under £6,000 funding to complete the 2nd phase of the project.

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8.2.	Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership (MVCAP)	Operating Costs	£4,059 revenue

- 8.2.1. In previous years Malmesbury area board has awarded Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership (MVCAP) £8,118 towards its operating costs.

- 8.2.2. Due to the reduction in the 2014/15 revenue budget and the likelihood of this diminishing further in future years the area board has been in discussion with MVCAP.
- 8.2.3. Information providing more detailed information regarding core funding and MVCAP Action plans can be found in Appendices 1, 2 and 3.
- 8.2.4. The area board have regretfully given notice to the Partnership that they are unable to fund their operating costs in future. However in order to comply with the Wiltshire Compact will be funding operating costs for the next 6 months to a level of £4,059.
- 8.2.5. MVCAP will like any other voluntary group be able to apply to the area board for capital funding to address community projects.

Appendices	Appendix 1 MVCAP Core Funding Report 2014/15 Appendix 2 MVCAP Annual Plan 2014/15 Appendix 3 MVCAP Action Plan 2014/15.
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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 e.g. estimates.

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