

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Malmesbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>5 November 2014</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Funding</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask councillors to consider a funding application from:

1. Cross Hayes Pre-school who are seeking £1,014.96 capital funding towards the replacement of play mats and display boards.

## **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:
  - 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.

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- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. 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.](#)
- 1.7. 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.](#)
- 1.8. There are 3 funding rounds remaining during 2013/14. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are as follows:
- **22 November 2013 for consideration at 15 January 2014**
  - 24 January 2014 for consideration at 5 March 2014
- 1.9. Within the capital budget, £1,500 capital is ring-fenced for digital literacy grants of up to £500 each.
- 1.10. Malmesbury Area Board was allocated a budget of £34,527.87 capital funding and £6,093 revenue in 2014/2015.
- 1.11. At the 9 July area board, councillors approved a capital only community grants scheme for 2014/15 and allocated:
- £4,059 revenue to MVCAP
  - £5,000 capital to Brinkworth Heritage Society.
- 1.12. At the 10 September area board, councillors approved:
- £1,368 capital to First Malmesbury (King Athelstan) Scout Group
  - Emergency Planning event refreshments, which totalled £82.95.
- 1.13. The area board current balance is **£28,159.87 capital** and **£1,951.05 revenue**.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this report</b>	<a href="#">Area Board Community Area Grant Scheme and Digital Literacy Grants – information and funding criteria 2014/15</a>  Minutes of the 9 July area board
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 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 as outlined in this report, Malmesbury area board will have a capital balance of **£27,144.91** and a revenue balance of **£1,951.05**

## **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. Application for Consideration

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Cross Hayes Pre-school	Provision of Pre School Equipment	£1,014.96 capital

- 8.1.1. This application meets the grant criteria 2014/15. It does not directly link to any of the local Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) priorities for 2014/15. Indirectly it is likely to provide benefits to the community – possibly enabling a parent to work part time, while providing an environment for early years learning.
- 8.1.2. The pre-school is requesting financial support to replace play mats and boards. The low level (child height) display boards will provide distinct learning zones to support each part of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and provide space to display the children's work, explain the world around them and inspire their creativity. New mats are required to replace old, heavy and damaged ones.
- 8.1.3. The new equipment will enable the pre-school to maintain a safe, bright, inspiring environment.
- 8.1.4. The applicant is seeking 50% of the costs of the project.
- 8.1.5. Cross Hayes Pre School, based at St Mary's Hall is a local charity providing pre-school facilities to the families in the centre of Malmesbury. They provide spaces for up to 50 children, aged 2 to 4, to enable local families to benefit from government funded pre-school education. The Pre-school is open Monday to Friday during Wiltshire LEA term times, from 9.15am to 1.15pm, with extended days currently offered on Monday and Wednesday from 9.15am to 2.45pm.
- 8.1.6. The group cannot afford to contribute more than 50% of the costs as they are fundraising to help the owners address a number of maintenance issues including installation of a new kitchen (the area board supported this project in September).

<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 Cross Hayes Pre-school Grant <a href="#">Application – available on-line</a>
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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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