

Report to	Malmesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	8 July 2015
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider officer recommendations in respect to 1 funding application.

1. Bradstone Playing Field - award £960 capital funding, towards provision of a replacement oil tank.
2. To update the area board in respect to their 2015/16 budget.

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Leader of the Council. Under the Scheme of Delegation area boards must adhere to [the area board funding criteria and guidance 2015/16](#).
- 1.2. Key aspects of the 2015/16 criteria differ little from 2014/15 and include:
 - 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 their JSA 2013 -2015 headings. *Health & Wellbeing* and *Leisure* (details of which can be found [here](#)), were identified for 2014/15 as key areas for community and area board priority; however other priorities are likely to be added during 2015/16.
 - The decision to support a funding application and to what level will be the decision of the Malmesbury area board, with recommendations from officers.

- 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 is 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.](#)

The Malmesbury area board budget for 2015/16 has been updated and incorporates year-end adjustments and the roll forward of some under spends. For 2015/16 the area board has a total budget of **£90,217**, which is allocated and ring-fenced in the following way:

- **£41,743 capital** for area board community area grants and councillor led projects.
 - **£1,500 capital** for area board digital literacy grants.
 - £13,360 capital for area board Community Area Transport (CATG) projects.
 - £33,614 revenue for area board for Local Youth Network projects.
- 1.8. On 6 May the area board allocated £965 capital to Malmesbury Skatepark Group; leaving a balance of **£40,778** for area board community area grants and councillor led projects.
 - 1.9. This is the second funding round; the deadlines for receipt of funding applications during the rest of the year will be:
 - **31 July 2015 for consideration at 9 September 2015 area board**
 - 25 September 2015 for consideration at 4 November 2015 area board
 - 27 November 2015 for consideration at 13 January 2016 area board
 - 22 January 2016 for consideration at 2 March 2016 area board
 - 1.10. Delegated authority to the Community Area Manager of £500 was approved in respect of Malmesbury area board's Community Area Grants budget on 10 November 2010.

Background documents used in the preparation of this report	Area Board Community Area Grant Scheme and Digital Literacy Grants – information and funding criteria 2014/15
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded by the area board satisfy [2015/16 area board funding criteria](#) and financial regulations of the council and can proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. That funding is directed towards community priorities, most especially those identified in the Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) for the community Area.

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 the area board approve the funding application, the capital balance for area board community area grants and councillor led projects will be **£39,818**.

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 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.	Bradstone Playing Field, Ashton Keynes	Replacement oil tank.	£960 capital

- 8.1.1. Officers recommend that Bradstone Playing Field is awarded £960 capital funding towards a replacement oil tank.
- 8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria 2015/16. It links to the local Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) priority of Leisure in that it, '*supports development for more social activities with a physical activity across the community area*'. It also relates to the desire to promote community engagement.
- 8.1.3. The Bradstone playing fields are used primarily by the cricket club and junior and adult football teams. Other users are the local play group, primary school, local cycling club and a singing group.
- 8.1.4. These facilities provide a valuable facility for the Ashton Keynes community, providing valuable facilities for people to socialise, learn new skills and take exercise.
- 8.1.5. The playing field is owned by the parish council, but has Fields in Trust status and is independently operated by a local management committee.
- 8.1.6. A new committee have recently taken over the management of the playing fields and are having to address outstanding maintenance.
- 8.1.7. The applicant has obtained £500 from the parish council towards this project and is making up the remaining 50% from club funds.

Appendices	Appendix 1 containing funding applications
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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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