

<b>Report to</b>	Westbury Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	07/04/2016
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant Funding

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> Leigh Park Community Centre <b>Project Title:</b> LPCC Skittle Alley and Dart Board Purchase  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£1150.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Westbury United Football Club <b>Project Title:</b> Wiltshire County Football Pitch Improvement Programme  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£700.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Bratton PCC <b>Project Title:</b> Bratton Institute Hall Refurbishment in Main Hall  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£1500.00

## 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](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

## 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.

### 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
<a href="#">1833</a>	Leigh Park Community Centre	LPCC Skittle Alley and Dart Board Purchase	£1150.00
<b>Project Description:</b> The Leigh Park Community Centre would like to purchase a portable skittle alley and dart board in order to provide skittles/darts evenings for people living within the Community Area.			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> This application meets the criteria to be brought before the Area Board.			
<b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1705</a>	Westbury United Football Club	Wiltshire County Football Pitch Improvement Programme	£700.00
<b>Project Description:</b> Wiltshire FA: The Institute of Groundsman are partnering to provide an enhanced offer for member clubs groundsman with the single aim of improving grass pitches.			

This can be seen below. The charge for Wiltshire FA affiliated clubs to be involved in the programme is 80. This 80 is to cover the two independent visits from approved IOG groundsman. After the first visit a report will be written and recommendations will be made in line with the club facilities budget as to how to improve the clubs grass playing surface. From the pilot visits we have completed thus far the main work that clubs are being recommended to complete is verti-draining. The purpose of verti-draining and spiking is to allow oxygen into the root system and to provide a conduit for surface water to the drains. This video gives an example of the process - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVHZm4liWcs>. As you will read from the offer to our clubs it includes reduced rates for specialist grounds works such as verti-draining. We have lined up a highly recommended independent contractor to complete this work. We have negotiated a reduced rate for clubs to hire in this service it will also allow us to quality assure the standard of work being completed. Each visit would save the club 40 on current contractor rates. To enable the clubs to access these reduced rates we need to provide an equipment bank so that the undertaking of the mentioned work can take place by the independent contractor. The equipment bank will start as a tractor and verti-drainer initially but as this programme progresses it is hoped that more equipment can be added based on specialist recommendations of the first IOG visits to pitches. The price for the two bids of equipment has been quoted at 38000. The Football Foundation has committed we are tasked with finding the remaining shortfall. The applicant to the Football Foundation and owner of the equipment would be the Wiltshire FA. A service level agreement will be drafted between the Wiltshire FA and the independent contractor who will carry out the work arranged with clubs. The independent contractor will be responsible for all day to day maintenance of the equipment in the bank. A second visit will take place by an independent IOG groundsman after 1224 month to measure the success and implementation of the recommendations and judge the improvement of the playing service. Alongside this there will be regular Groundsman CPD Events to educate the workforce around the implementation of their individual site reports.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

This application meets the criteria to be brought before the Area Board.

Additional information provided by Colin Brown

Play & Leisure Strategy Officer

Wiltshire Council

Application for a Community Area Grant linked to the Wiltshire FA Pitch Improvement Programme from the following:

Chippenham Town FC

Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC

Calne Town FC

Corsham Town FC

Pewsey Vale FC

Devizes Town FC

Westbury United FC

Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Laverstock & Ford FC

Could you please confirm that you have received an application and when it is going to be

heard. My interest in these applications is explained below:

I am working with Wiltshire Football Association and a host of Wiltshire based football clubs on a project to improve the quality of existing football pitches, the quality of existing football pitches has been identified as a matter of concern by the FA, Clubs and ourselves (existing district council Playing Pitch Strategies and our emerging Wiltshire Council Playing Pitch Strategy identify quality of the existing pitches as an issue).

Wiltshire FA and the Football Foundation have put together a scheme that if fully funded will over time improve the quality of existing pitches as well as giving the County a sustainable pitch improvement programme with the necessary equipment.

Wilts FA and the Football Foundation are funding the majority of the programme but are £5k short, hence the clubs initially involved are applying to their respective Area Boards for a total of £5k.

The clubs are making the applications, not Wiltshire FA as the benefits are to the clubs applying and in the future other local clubs.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1828</a>	Bratton PCC	Bratton Institute Hall Refurbishment in Main Hall	£1500.00

**Project Description:**

Refurbishment of main hall to include minor repairs painting and some decorating replacement of curtain rails and curtains. Much work has been done over the last few years to refurbish the interior of this old village building including updating the boiler double glazing modernising the heating system ensuring access is safe and disability friendly - which has been costly but worthy of the fine old building. The kitchen area has also been modernised and refreshed. Also much self-help. But the main hall which is the most used needs attention and updating to bring into line with safety guidelines and fire retarding regulations as well as presentationally acceptable. Hence the need for this work to be done which will be much appreciated by the many users and supporters of the Hall.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

This application meets the criteria to be brought before the Area Board.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

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

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