

Report to	Corsham Area Board
Date of Meeting	30 November 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 4 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Box Rovers Football Club – Award £944 to enable the group to purchase much needed equipment.
2. Corsham Primary School PTA – Award £1,000 to enable the group to purchase a play den and sun shelter.
3. Corsham Town Council - Award £1,780 to purchase and install new play equipment at the Dicketts Avenue Play Area.
4. Corsham Town Council – Award £3,307 to install lighting at Springfield Skatepark. Conditional upon the successful planning application and the balance of funding being in place.

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Corsham Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £43,772 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £4332.00. This equates to a total budget of £48,104 for the 2010/2011.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• Corsham Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 1 further round of funding during 2010/11. This will take place on;
 - 1 February 2011

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will 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 Corsham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Corsham Area Board will have a balance of £19,103.12

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 give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Box Rovers Football Club	To purchase much needed football equipment	£944

8.1.1. Box Rovers Football Club – To award £944 to purchase much needed football kit.

8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Activities for young people”

8.1.4. Box Rovers Football Club is a not for profit organisation and contributes to the desired outcomes of providing leisure time activities for young people in Box.

8.1.5. This group is well respected by Box Parish Council who has submitted a letter of support for this application.

8.1.6. This Football Club is affiliated to the local football league and the bid is also supported by Wiltshire Council Sports Development Officer.

8.1.7. A decision not to fund this project will probably result in it not happening owing to limited funding opportunities.

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8.2.	Corsham Primary School PTA	To enable the Group to purchase and install a large play den and shelter.	£1,000

8.2.1. Corsham primary school PTA – To award £1,000 to enable Corsham Primary School PTA to purchase and install a play den and sun shelter.

8.2.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.2.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Education and lifelong learning” and “Places to meet”

8.2.4. Corsham Primary school PTA is a not for profit organisation.

8.2.5. This project will be of direct benefit to a large number of children with special needs and by the community and parents who attend public evening classes.

8.2.6. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project then it will be delayed until other funds are identified.

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8.3.	Corsham Town Council	To install new play equipment	£1,780

8.3.1. Corsham Town Council – To award £1,780 to enable Corsham Town Council to purchase and install new play equipment and Dicketts Avenue play Area. Conditional upon the balance of funds being in place.

8.3.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.3.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Providing facilities and activities for people in the community area”.

8.3.4 Corsham Town Council recognise the need for a safe place to play for children independently but near their own homes.

8.3.5 Corsham Town Youth Council has been instrumental in the consultation and selection of equipment.

8.3.6 The group feel that by improving this facility it will contribute to maintaining a hub of community life.

8.3.7 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it would be delayed until other funding streams are identified.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Corsham Town Council	To install lighting at Springfield Recreation Ground Skatepark	£3,307

- 8.4.1 Corsham Town Council – Award £3,307 to install lighting at Springfield Recreation Ground Skatepark. Conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and successful planning application.
- 8.4.2 This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.4.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Improving facilities which will enhance the community as a whole”.
“Offering facilities and activities for young people”
- 8.4.4 This project is fully supported by Wiltshire Council Sports Development Officer.
- 8.4.5 This project is fully supported by Corsham Town Youth Council, Corsham Area Young People’s Issue Group and the wider youth population.
- 8.4.6 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it would be delayed until other suitable funding streams are identified.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Box Rovers Football Club Appendix 2 Grant application - Corsham Primary School PTA Appendix 3 Grant application – Corsham Town Council Appendix 4 Grant application – Corsham Town Council
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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