

Report to Trowbridge Area Board
Date of meeting 9 March 2017
Title of report Community Area Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider a councillor-led initiative requesting funding from the Area Board.

Applicant	Amount requested
Cllr Nick Blakemore	£1200.00

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](#)

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2016/2017 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 and practice papers for [councillor-led initiatives](#)
- 2.4. Best practice advises that applications relating to young people or highways and transport should be considered by, and seek a recommendation from, the Local Youth Network or Community Area Transport Group.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Councillor led-projects are designed to enable councillors to tackle issues in their area, including projects and initiatives which have been initiated by the community eg. a community issue. Councillor-led projects should not be used to fill gaps where there are service shortfalls or where it is possible for the matter to be resolved through the use of the Community Area Grants scheme.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure. The Community Area Grants scheme which funds Councillor-led initiatives can only provide capital funding.

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.

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 Name	Provider	Project Proposal	Requested
Canal Rd Gull removal	Wiltshire Council Pest Control Team	Cllr Nick Blakemore	£1200
Project description The issue of nuisance gulls around Canal Rd Industrial Estate was brought to the Area Board in July 2016. Following discussions with the pest control team at Wiltshire Council, a survey of the gull nuisance in the area was commissioned from specialist contractors and undertaken in August/September 2016. In September 2016, the Area Board agreed to fund £3,840 towards a programme of egg and nest removal in early 2017. The pest control team later advised that this cost did not include access equipment and that a further £1,200 would need to be raised in order for the work to go ahead. Approaches to the Town Council and businesses on the Canal Rd Industrial Estate failed to raise the additional funding. It is therefore requested that the Area Board funds the remaining £1200 to enable the project to go ahead in Spring 2017.			
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Cllr Nick Blakemore for £1200			

Background documents used in the publication of this report:

Quotes/estimates for this proposal can be obtained from the Community Engagement Manager upon request.

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