

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

WARMINSTER AREA BOARD

13 January 2011

Request for 2nd tranche core funding to Warminster and Villages Community Area Partnership (WVCP)

1. Background:

- 1.1 It was confirmed at the WfCAP conference on Wednesday 8 December that funding for Area Boards and Community Area Partnerships is to remain unchanged in 2011/12. This means WVCP has another £9,500 (approx) available to it from 1st of April 2011.
- 1.2 WVCP has submitted a claim for the 2nd tranche 2010/11 funding and has supplied financial reports.
- 1.3 Officers have compared this information with that supplied with the 1st tranche at the beginning of the financial year. Based on this and the figures shown regarding the cost of the new development officer there is a concern that the sum claimed, £4,718, is disproportionate to the balance of the WVCP account.

2. Financial Breakdown

- 2.1 The WVCP financial report 24.3.10 – 27.4.10 (appendix 1) shows that WVCP had £13,247.55 in the bank at the beginning of this financial year. Some of this money was ring fenced leaving the sum of £8,484.57 to be rolled forward into this year.
- 2.2 The WVCP Budget 2010-11(appendix 2) shows that WVCP allocated this money to activities that were originally scheduled for 2009/10. This figure is broken down as £1,000 for computer, software & printing, £1,200 for recruitment and £3,500 for a Health & Housing consultation. The Community Partnership Development Officer confirmed that the council accepts that the remaining money can be held as an operational reserve or contingency.
- 2.3 The 1st tranche of £4,718 was paid in September 2010. The financial report (appendix 3), shows that WVCP has spent £3,277 so far. This figure includes £88.19 of computer costs and £775 towards the Health

& Housing consultation. This leaves £1,441 of the 1st tranche of running costs unspent, not including a large proportion of the £5,700 rolled over from last year into this.

2.4 WVCP has employed a new development officer, who will cost £7,800 + £950 = £8,750 a year. This post will cost WVCP £2,920 during the rest of this financial year ($£8,750 / 12\text{months} * 4\text{months [Dec to Mar]}$). This means that there will not be enough funding allocated to running costs to cover wages over this period.

2.5 Funding for the work the development officer will be carrying out, the Health & Housing consultation, is already in place.

3. Recommendation:

3.1 An amount of £2,000 is more proportionate to WVCP's needs and would cover the expected cost of employing the Development Officer until the end of 2010/11.

3.2 Therefore it is recommended that the Area Board should allocate £2,000 towards the WVCP's core costs.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 - The WVCP financial report 24.3.10 – 27.4.10

Appendix 2 - The WVCP Budget 2010-11

Appendix 3 - financial report