

**Report to** Marlborough Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 18 July 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 Stewart Dobson	Up to £10,000.00

**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 2017/2018 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 e.g. 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. Wiltshire Council Property team confirm there is nothing stopping an area board funding work to a building still owned by Wiltshire Council.

**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**

<b>Application Name</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Project Proposal</b>	<b>Requested</b>
Marlborough Community and Youth Centre	Marlborough Town Council	Refurbishment of new Community Centre	Up to £10,000.00
<b>Project description</b> Marlborough's Development Centre for Young People closed in 2014 when Wiltshire Council chose to no longer provide a youth service. Since then, community groups have been using the building for activities on an ad hoc basis, which showed there is a need for community space within the town. Marlborough Town Council took on a 7-year lease of the building in June 2017 with the aim of refurbishing it into a new Community & Youth Centre which they themselves will run. This will include a space for youth, music room and sports team changing facilities. This project fits with Marlborough Area Board's aim to support "wider community benefit". The new centre will be an important facility for the town and already there is great interest in using space within the building.  Marlborough Town Council has ringfenced £50,000 towards work to the interior and exterior of the building to make it fit-for-purpose and to create the new sports changing area. There is a further cost of £10,000 for removal of asbestos. These are all significant costs for a small town council.  Given the benefits this building will bring once brought back into community use through the activities it will provide, Marlborough Area Board should support Marlborough Town Council in this refurbishment and the creation of the new Community and Youth Centre.			
<b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application from Cllr Dobson for up to £10,000.00			

Background documents used in the publication of this report:

Email from Marlborough Town Clerk containing details of areas of cost to this project.

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