

**Report to** Melksham Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 6<sup>th</sup> September 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 Jon Hubbard for the Family Learning Festival	£400

**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
Cllr Jon Hubbard	N/A	Family Learning Festival	£400
<p><b>Project description</b></p> <p>The 3 identified priorities for the Melksham community area set out during the Joint Strategic Assessment in January 2017 were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Child Poverty</li> <li>- Mental and Emotional Health</li> <li>- Childhood obesity</li> </ul> <p>The Area Board has looked proactively at activities and events that it could facilitate to address these priorities and became aware of the national ‘family learning festival’ campaign. The aim of the festival is to enable families to enjoy activities together to achieve the following:</p> <p><i>Learning as a family can help us to become confident, lifelong learners with all the benefits that brings - from better health to being happier. Family learning supports children to achieve at school. It can be transformative, helping us to find new passions and interests, and realise our aspirations through further learning.</i></p> <p>The Area Board has coordinated a wide variety of free activities during October that families can participate in. Funding is required to support the implementation of the project.</p>			
<p><b>Proposal</b></p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application</p>			

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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