

Report to Devizes Area Board
Date of meeting 18 September
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 Simon Jacobs	£1,600

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 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
Broadleas Wood	Acer Tree Surgeons	Woodland Management	£1,600
Project description To continue the work completed last year to improve the management of the woodland between Broadleas Road and Broadleas Crescent. Since the work last year, a group of community volunteers has been helping to maintain this area of woodland with families and children involved in session held during the school holidays. There are some more involved works required at the North-Western end of the wood which requires the services of specialist arboriculturalists/tree surgeons. This will then allow all of the ongoing maintenance for the foreseeable future to be carried about by the volunteer working groups. In addition to the works which will be paid for by these funds, Wiltshire Council's countryside team will also ask the contractor to do some important works on trees in another area of the woodland. The fact that the contractors will already be on site due to the works being proposed with this MLI means that the service's money can go further.			
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Cllr Simon Jacobs for £1,600			

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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