

**Report to** Devizes Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 22 January 2018  
**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 and Cllr Richard Gamble | £3,000           |

**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**

| <b>Application Name</b>  | <b>Provider</b> | <b>Project Proposal</b> | <b>Requested</b> |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Devizes Railway Station  | DDP             | Feasibility Study Costs | £3,000           |
| <p><b>Project description</b><br/>           DDP along with partners have formed the DDP Devizes Parkway Task Group.</p> <p>The group has been working to establish the viability of a “Devizes Parkway” station on the outskirts of Lydeaway, just off of the A342. The work is supported by Transwilts Community Rail Partnership</p> <p>The feasibility work that needs to be completed before bids for further money can be made in late February include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drawing up car parking plans</li> <li>• Designing Access from/on to the A342</li> </ul> <p>Early indicators from train operators are that they would be prepared to stop at the station.</p> <p>It is hoped that funding for the build and main works will be achieved via s106 money and a bid to the LEP.</p> <p>Applications are also being made to town council and others. Total cost of this initial work is estimated to be £9,000.00</p> |                 |                         |                  |
| <p><b>Proposal</b><br/>           That the Area Board determines the application from Cllr Simon Jacobs and Cllr Richard Gamble for £3,000.00</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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