

Report to Melksham Area Board
Date of meeting 05.09.2018
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 Jon Hubbard – 20mph speed limit Coronation Road, Melksham	£5,000.00

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 2018/2019 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	Wiltshire Council Highways	20mph speed limit installation Coronation Road, Melksham	£5,000.00
<p>A request to assess the Coronation Road area for a 20 mph restriction was first raised with Melksham Area Board in 2014. However, other sites were chosen ahead of this one which was retained as a reserve. The assessment was prioritised in 2017.</p> <p>This area is predominantly residential with a junior school, children's nursery, chapel, residential care home and a busy convenient store situated within the study area. Pembroke Road & Thackery Crescent is also a convenient pedestrian / cycle route to the town centre from Queensway and beyond.</p> <p>The report recommended that the area be considered for a 20mph speed limit, with lighter touch engineering measures such as coloured (Buff) high friction surfacing to create entry gates and painted carriageway roundels, being introduced on Coronation Road (junction with Spa Road), Pembroke Road (junction with Queensway) and Ruskin Avenue (junction with Lowbourne).</p> <p>Due to the limited funding available to the CATG I am asking the Area Board to part fund this project to ensure it's delivery. The Town Council have already committed to fund £5,000 so the total amount required from the Area Board/CATG will be between £7,000 and £10,000. My proposal is that, for this item, that amount should be split equally between the two bodies.</p>			
<p>Proposal 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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