

Report to Melksham Area Board

**Date of meeting** 13.01.2019

Title of report Melksham Wellbeing Funding

### Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below together with the recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Group.

Applicant	Amount requested	Health and Wellbeing Group recommendation		
Melksham Community Meals	£3000.00	£Up to £2,000 (wit conditions)		
Melksham Seniors	£700.00			

# 1. Background

The recommendation from the Health and Wellbeing Group has been made in accordance with the following guidelines:

## • Health and Wellbeing Groups Spending Guidelines

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Group have considered this application and identified it as a priority for Area Board funding.

#### 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Health and Wellbeing Groups awarded in the 2018/2019 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be assured that carers, older and/ or vulnerable people will benefit from the funding being awarded. The money must be used to invest in projects that will support adults living within a community area. While not exclusively restricted to older people, the investment should be made in such a way as to make the maximum impact on health and wellbeing within a given community area.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding older and vulnerable people.

### 3. Environmental & Community Implications

Health and Wellbeing Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

#### 4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure

4.1. Melksham Area Board was allocated £7700

- 4.2. The Melksham Area Board Health and Wellbeing Funding balance for 2018/19 is £1.704.
- 4.3. All decisions must fall within the Health and Wellbeing Funding allocated to Melksham Area Board.
- 4.4 If funding is awarded in line with the Health and Wellbeing recommendations outlined in this report

#### 1. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

# 2. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

### 3. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Ensuring that Community Area Boards and Health and Wellbeing Groups fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for young people is essential to meeting the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

### 4. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children and young people. The Community Engagement Manager has assessed this application agreed it meets safeguarding requirements.

## 5. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Melksham Community Meals	Melksham Community Meals	Melksham Community Meals	£3,000.00

#### **Project description**

To provide a regular meeting place to enjoy a good quality meal and good company at a reasonable price

Our aim is to:

Help make Melksham an Age Friendly town

Help to reduce social isoltation and loneliness

Improve mental health and wellbeing of people within the community

#### Recommendation of the Health and Wellbeing Group

To provide £1,000 worth of support funding with the following conditions. They were:

- A bank account was formally opened by the group
- The Town Council supported the project
- The funding only be awarded when the service starts

A further £1,000 was proposed to be awarded from the 2019/2020 budget with the following conditions:

- Subject to the Wellbeing funding being devolved to the group from Wiltshire Council
- Subject to 6 months of operation

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Melksham & District Seniors	Melksham & District Seniors	Community outreach initiative	£700.00

# **Project description**

This Forum 55+ initiative is designed to combat social isolation and loneliness, promote individual activity, enable interactivity across the various parishes and communities that comprise the Greater Melksham District and promote intergenerational communication.

This outreach program entails a Road Show stopping off at Parish and Village Halls to create awareness of what activities are available in the area and at the same time request attendees to state what activities they would like participate in, whether existing or new activities. To encourage public participation we will issue ID Cards to those over 55 that can be used to obtain service or purchase discounts of upto 10% from the participating businesses.

# **Recommendation of the Health and Wellbeing Group**

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £700.00 from the 2018/19 budget.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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