

Report to	Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board
Date of Meeting	23rd March 2011
Title of Report	Community led planning Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider applications seeking 2010/11 Community led planning Grant Funding

1. Cricklade Town Planning steering Group requesting £2000 to undertake community led planning on behalf of the Area Board
2. Wootton Bassett Town Council requesting £4,000 to develop a steering group to undertake community led planning on behalf of the Area Board
3. Purton Parish Council requesting £2000 to develop a steering group to undertake community led planning on behalf of the Area Board.

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010).
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. The Area Board took a decision on 2nd February 2011 to support the outline proposal from Community First, that community - led parish and town plans provide the preferred way forward for community planning in Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area.
- 1.5. Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board has allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £15,200 for community led planning grants.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area Plan• Minutes from Area Board meeting 2nd February 2011• Community First Proposal for funding an innovative parish planning project for the community area
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2. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board.
- 3.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board will have a balance of £ 7,200 for future allocation and this sum can be carried over into the 2011/2012 financial year .

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

5. HR Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

6. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 6.1. Community led planning Grants give all Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community –led planning projects and schemes.
- 6.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

7. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Funding requested
8	Cricklade Town Plan steering group	To create a town plan for the town of Cricklade	£2,000

- 7.1.1. The Grant meets the criteria for a community led planning grant 2010/11 as per the proposal from community First as agreed by the Area Board on 2nd February 2011
- 7.1.2. The grant feeds directly into the Community Plan and provides evidence of community needs and priorities for residents.
- 7.1.3. The grant meets locally agreed/area board priorities.
- 7.1.4. The group is a not for profit organisation.
- 7.1.5. The Area Board has encouraged the creation of parish and town plans in the community area as a means of identifying community priorities.
- 7.1.6. The process of preparing a plan will be community led by a representative steering group of volunteers.
- 7.1.7. They will engage widely with local residents, community groups, businesses and other stakeholders and undertake a consultation exercise to find out what is valued and needed in the future.
- 7.1.8. Information from the consultation will inform the action planning that will be developed with the involvement of agencies and service providers to ensure that the actions identified are deliverable.
- 7.1.9. The parish/town plan provides evidence to inform future decisions affecting the community, helps manage change, involves local people in identifying community led solutions to local concerns and improves community spirit by helping identify valued features of community life to be preserved.
- 7.1.10. The plan should assist the work programme of the Town Council by providing evidence of community aspirations that can be used for future influencing and to assist with spending priorities for the precept.

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8	Wootton Bassett Town council	To develop a steering group and develop a community led plan	£4000

7.1.11. The Grant meets the criteria for a community led planning grant 2010/11

7.1.12. The grant feeds directly into the Community Plan and provides evidence of community needs and priorities for residents.

7.1.13. The grant meets locally agreed/area board priorities.

7.1.14. The group is a not for profit organisation.

7.1.15. The Area Board has encouraged the creation of parish and town plans in the community area as a means of identifying community priorities.

7.1.16. The process of preparing a plan will be community led by a representative steering group of volunteers.

7.1.17. They will engage widely with local residents, community groups, businesses and other stakeholders and undertake a consultation exercise to find out what is valued and needed in the future.

7.1.18. Information from the consultation will inform the action planning that will be developed with the involvement of agencies and service providers to ensure that the actions identified are deliverable.

7.1.19. The parish/town plan provides evidence to inform future decisions affecting the community, helps manage change, involves local people in identifying community led solutions to local concerns and improves community spirit by helping identify valued features of community life to be preserved.

7.1.20. The plan should assist the work programme of the Town Council by providing evidence of community aspirations that can be used for future influencing and to assist with spending priorities for the precept.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
10	Purton Parish council	To develop a steering group and develop a community led plan	£2000

7.1.21. The Grant meets the criteria for a community led planning grant 2010/11

- 7.1.22. The grant feeds directly into the Community Plan and provides evidence of community needs and priorities for residents.
- 7.1.23. The grant meets locally agreed/area board priorities.
- 7.1.24. The group is a not for profit organisation.
- 7.1.25. The Area Board has encouraged the creation of parish and town plans in the community area as a means of identifying community priorities.
- 7.1.26. The process of preparing a plan will be community led by a representative steering group of volunteers.
- 7.1.27. They will engage widely with local residents, community groups, businesses and other stakeholders and undertake a consultation exercise to find out what is valued and needed in the future.
- 7.1.28. Information from the consultation will inform the action planning that will be developed with the involvement of agencies and service providers to ensure that the actions identified are deliverable.
- 7.1.29. The parish/town plan provides evidence to inform future decisions affecting the community, helps manage change, involves local people in identifying community led solutions to local concerns and improves community spirit by helping identify valued features of community life to be preserved.
- 7.1.30. The plan should assist the work programme of the Parish Council by providing evidence of community aspirations that can be used for future influencing and to assist with spending priorities for the precept.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application –Cricklade Town Plan Steering Group Appendix 2 Grant Application – Wootton Bassett Town Council Appendix 3 Grant application – Purton Parish Council
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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