

## WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

### MELKSHAM AREA BOARD 20 September, 2011

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#### **Melksham Community Area Partnership (MCAP) Claim for Core Funding 2011/2012**

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1. To seek the Board's approval for core funding to MCAP covering the financial year 2011/12 to be agreed at this meeting, 20 September, 2011 so that it can be paid into MCAP's bank account immediately.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1. Officers are required to provide recommendations in a report, however the decision to support the community area partnership and to what level, is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 2.2. There will be 2 tranches of funding to community partnerships during 2011/12 (up to 50% of their total projected costs in each tranche). The first is contained within this report, and the Partnership Development Officer will advise MCAP that the second tranche can be requested at the 14 December, 2011 Board when evidence is received of how the first tranche has been spent.
- 2.3. Melksham Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £49,731 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 2.4. Community Area Partnerships have been invited to apply for up to 20% of the area board budget. 20% of the Melksham Area Board budget 2011/12 is £9,946.

#### **3. Main Considerations**

- 3.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that core costs awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 3.2. MCAP was awarded £6,856 in 2010/2011. The balance of MCAP funds as at the beginning of 2011/12 was £965. MCAP will be rolling forward all of this £965 into 2011/12 to be spent on activities in this coming financial year. This will leave MCAP without an operational reserve or contingency.

- 3.3. All partnerships funded by Area Boards are required to sign a Community Area Partnership Agreement (CAPA), which will be countersigned by the Chairman of the Area Board. The CAPA is to be signed by both parties at this meeting if MCAP's core funding is awarded.
- 3.4. In order to show how the community area partnership aims to meet the commitments set out in the CAPA, MCAP are required to complete a work plan. This work plan has been reviewed and endorsed by Wiltshire Council's Partnership Development Officer as a workable document.
- 3.5. MCAP have also submitted a budget for 2011/12 showing how Area Board funding will be spent. This budget has been reviewed and endorsed by the Partnership Development Officer, with the exception of one element, namely consultation on the new community plan. The Partnership Development Officer recommends looking at alternative, cheaper methods of carrying out this consultation and will be offering to work with MCAP to achieve this.
- 3.6. Melksham Community Area Partnership submitted a 2011/12 claim for £9,941 total core costs. 50% of this can be considered in the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche. The area board can therefore award up to £4,971 at this meeting to be paid immediately.

#### **4. Implications**

##### 4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 4.1.2 The community partnership contributes to the continuance and improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon individual projects.

##### 4.2. Financial Implications

- 4.2.1 Core costs awarded to the community partnership must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Melksham Area Board.

##### 4.3. Legal Implications

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

##### 4.4. HR Implications

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

##### 4.5. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 4.5.1 Community partnerships have agreed to the terms of the Community Area Partnership Agreement, which requires them to be fully inclusive.

Membership of MCAP is open to anyone with an interest in the community area.

## **5. Recommendation**

The Partnership Development Officer recommends that the area board:

- approve the whole year's core funding of £9,941 with an agreement to release the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche of £4,971 immediately
- agree to the release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche at the 14 December Area Board meeting as long as conditions set by the Partnership Development Officer and agreed by the Board, have been met

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Appendices:  
Appendix 1 MCAP Annual Workplan, 2011/12  
Appendix 2 MCAP Budget Form, 2011/12