

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Devizes Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants (Additional paper 2)</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider the following application seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding

- 1. The Crown Centre** – Funding towards the installation of boilers and heating system as well as additional necessary redecoration. They are seeking £3,190.  
**Recommended for consideration for approval on the condition that the Centre can demonstrate that they have secured all of the remaining funding needed.**

## 1. Reason for grant application

- 1.1. The decision to bring this grant application as an urgent item to the Area Board was mainly made because it would not be possible for the centre to operate without heating until after the next Area Board meeting at the end of November. The chairman of the Area Board has therefore agreed to consider the request at the October meeting instead.
- 1.2. Any grant request in November would therefore also have to be retrospective which would go against the grants criteria. The Crown Centre were unaware of this

## 2. Financial Implications

- 2.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Devizes Area Board.
- 2.2. Should the applications in this agenda be awarded as well as the other three applications also being considered at this ,meeting, Devizes Area Board will have a balance of £36,773 or £28,954 assuming DCAP are awarded their full running costs

## 3. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3 (Grant Register ref no)	The Crown Centre	Install new boilers and heating system as well as carry out necessary redecoration	£3,190 towards a project costing £30,190

- 3.1.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval on condition that the Crown Centre can demonstrate that they have secured all of the remaining funding needed.
- 3.1.2. The Crown Centre provides a valuable and much appreciated service in the community. It promotes the social and recreational welfare of the elderly residents within the Devizes Community Area. It provides a place for people to meet for refreshments and meals 6 days a week as well as providing affordable rooms to hire
- 3.1.3. The Crown Centre has been going through a very difficult period following the damage to the building. Those associated with the centre have worked hard to restore it. All required quotes have been provided and although some of the work has already begun, much of it is still to be completed.
- 3.1.4. The new heating system will be only for use by the Crown Centre and not for the residents in the flat at the top of the building
- 3.1.5. Match funding is being provided including that raised through the users own

fundraising. The centre has also been working with the Charities Information Bureau to explore other sources of funding. Applications have been made to the Town Council and to the Gannett Foundation. However no decision has yet been made on these. The Centre receives no other funding from Wiltshire Council

- 3.1.6. Whilst the application appears to meet grant criteria 2011/12, there has been insufficient time to be totally confident that all relevant issues have been covered. It is therefore recommended that Members ensure that they explore any concerns that they may have before deciding upon whether or not they support this application. As with all grant decisions the key factor is the local community benefit.
- 3.1.7. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan through providing care and support, helping create more resilient communities and providing volunteer opportunities

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