

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Trowbridge Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>17 November 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking Community Area Grant Funding

1. The Amber Foundation – to run a conservation training project for unemployed homeless young people - £4,400 requested

**Total Amount requested = £4,400**

## 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 (15 April 2011). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 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 Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 The 2011/2012 funding criteria and application forms, which have been used for this tranche of funding, are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.6 Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £77,781 for community area grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. £3,665 has been carried forward from 2010/11 giving a total of £81,446. TCAF has been awarded £15,556 for 2011/12 and 5 x Community Area Grants totalling £12,463 have been allocated so far in 2011/12:
  - Trowbridge Wanderers Youth Football Club – £5,000 to refurbish shower facilities
  - Alzheimers Support – £4,500 to fund the creation of a Dementia Hub in Trowbridge
  - Trowbridge & District Youth Band – £990 to work with children attending Studley Green Primary School to get involved in music making
  - SPLASH - £1,742 to run a cultural dance project for young people at the Arc Theatre, Trowbridge
  - Monday - Wednesday Club - £231 to develop the physical skills of elderly people through the purchase of curling equipment

**This gives a current remaining total of £53,427 available to allocate**

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12</li><li>• Trowbridge Community Area Plan</li><li>• Local Agreement for Wiltshire</li></ul>
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

## **3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals**

- 3.1. 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.

## **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Trowbridge Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations the Area Board will have up to £49,027 to allocate for the rest of the financial year.

## **5. Legal Implications**

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

## **6. HR Implications**

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

## **7. Equality and Diversity Implications**

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give local community and voluntary groups, an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations” where appropriate.

## **8. Officer Recommendations**

The full application is available at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)

<b>Applicant 8.1</b>	<b>Project summary</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>
The Amber Foundation	A conservation volunteering & training project with British Trust Conservation Volunteers for unemployed homeless young people.	£4,400

- 8.1.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.1.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 1 Economy, including Tourism & Employment; Theme 6 Environment inc Countryside & Land based issues; Theme 7 Education & Lifelong Learning
- 8.1.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambitions “Protecting the Environment” and “Building Resilient Communities”
- 8.1.4 The applicant has applied for £5,000 funding towards the project from other sources
- 8.1.5 **It is recommended that a grant of £4,400 is approved on condition that the match funding applied for is awarded.**

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant applications</b>
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