

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Melksham Area Board</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.13</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>14 December 2011</b>	
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Projects</b>	

## **Purpose of Report**

To consider the following Area Board Project Bids:

- **Cllr Hubbard** has applied for **£10,000** towards the installation of a CCTV system for Melksham Town Centre.

## 1. Background

1.1 In addition to the Community Area Grant Scheme, Area Boards may wish to use a proportion of their funding for projects which fall outside the criteria of the Community Area Grant Scheme. These projects would be initiated by Area Board members for consideration and approval by the Area Board.

1.2 As stated in the Cabinet report:

In considering requests the Area Board will need to bear in mind the impact this will have on the amount of funding available to support applications from local community groups and organisations.

1.3 The Cabinet Report stated that any project initiated by a Councillor outside of the Community Grants system must have the approval of the Area Board and should clearly set out one or more of the following:

- Evidence of community need
- Clear links to the community plan
- Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System

1.4 If the community grants and CAP core funding are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Melksham Area Board will have a balance of **£24,844**. This means there is sufficient funding to grant this area board project with a remaining total of **£14,844**.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft Melksham Community Plan</li></ul>
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## 2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to consider whether the application meets one or more of the following:

- Evidence of community need
- Clear links to the community plan
- Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System

## 3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

3.1. Area Board Project bids 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. Funds allocated must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Melksham Area Board.

**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 Implications relating to individual grant applications, if applicable, are outlined within section 8 “Officer Comments”.

**8. Officer Comments**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	<b>Cllr Hubbard</b>	<b>Installation of Melksham Town Centre CCTV</b>	<b>£10,000</b>

**8.2 Outcome:** CCTV in Melksham town centre will reduce the fear of crime, improve public confidence reassuring residents and local businesses. It will also assist the police with investigations and help increase prosecutions. CCTV is also useful for the prevention of crime acting as a “capable guardian”. For Melksham this will hopefully ameliorate some of the problems associated with the night-time economy in Melksham town centre. Wiltshire Council will be enhanced if this bid is successful as the state of Melksham’s CCTV system has recently been the subject of negative media coverage.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1: Application from Cllr Hubbard</b>
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