

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Westbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>16 February 2012</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Project Bid</b>

**Purpose of Report**

To consider an Area Board Project Bid (Appendix 1) from Councillor Russell Hawker seeking £5,000 towards the construction of bus stops to serve the new primary care centre on Leigh Park.

## 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 Westbury Area Board has been allocated a 2011/12 budget of £40,447 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. Following the approval of grant funding at the December 2011 area board, we have **£21,724** remaining for this financial year.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Westbury 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

2.2 It should be noted that this application will only part fund the £10,000 needed for four bus stops. It is anticipated the remainder will be raised through the Community Area Transport Group (£1,468) and Westbury Town Council (£3,532).

## 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 Westbury 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**

8.1 The new Primary Care Centre off Mane Way at Leigh Park is expected to be complete by August 2012.

8.2 Concerns have been raised by local residents about access to the new centre. Meetings have taken place between Wiltshire Council passenger transport officers, the Westbury Group practice and the area board as a result of which it is hoped a bus route will be diverted that can serve the centre.

8.3 As a result of this, four new bus stops will be needed at a cost of £2,500 each. There is no funding available through passenger transport for this so area board councillors have mooted the idea of funding from three sources, namely the area board transport group (CATG), the community area boards grants fund, and the Westbury Town Council.

8.4 This application demonstrates links to the needs of the Westbury community and was also raised at the recent Westbury Forward community planning event. It will benefit the whole community.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Project Bid</b>
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