

Report to	Calne Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	10th April 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants
Purpose of Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding, and 1 Area Board/Councillor led initiative:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Calne Extended Schools Partnership - requesting £3,000 towards 'Calne Games' a range of events that will involve and encourage wider participation in Olympic and Paralympic values and will be open to all children who go to primary school in the Calne Community Area. <i>Officers recommend that a grant of £3,000 is awarded, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.</i>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Area Board Project – Wiltshire Diamond Jubilee Event – requesting £800 towards providing a presence for the Calne Community Area at the Salisbury Diamond Jubilee event on May 1st 2012. <i>Officers recommend that a grant of £800 is allocated to this Councillor initiative.</i>	

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. 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 for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Area boards will not consider applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.5. In addition to Community Area Grants, Councillors can submit an Area Board Project which differs from Community Area Grants in that they do not require match funding. Area Board Projects should not be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria.
- 1.6. Area Board Projects are designed to enable the Area Board to address community issues or projects identified in the Community Plan/Local Agreement for Wiltshire. An application form is used and quotes for project work have to be provided in a similar manner to the Community Area Grant Scheme.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.9. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who work on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.10. 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.

- 1.11. The 2012/2013 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2012/13• Calne Community Area Plan – 2004-14 (incl. 2006/2010 update)• Area Board Grants Guidance 2012/13
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. The funding contained within this report forms the 1st of 6 rounds of funding for 2012/13.
- 2.3. Grants will be considered at each Area Board meeting in the Calne Community Area as follows:
- 12th June 2012 (deadline for applications: 30th April 2012)
 - 14th August 2012 (deadline for applications: 2nd July 2012)
 - 16th October 2012 (deadline for applications: 3rd Sept. 2012)
 - 11th December 2012 (deadline for applications: 29th Oct. 2012)
 - 5th February 2013 (deadline for applications: 21st Dec. 2012)

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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 Calne Community Area Board.
- 4.2. The total budget available to the Calne Community Area Board for 2012/13 is £42,852.00
- 4.3. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Calne Community Area Board will have a balance of £39,052.00.

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 Inclusion Implications

7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils 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”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Calne Extended Schools Partnership	‘Calne Games’	£3000

8.1.1. **It is recommended that Calne Extended Schools Partnership is awarded a grant of £3000 towards a project that will provide all Calne Community Area primary school children with opportunities to focus on Olympic and Paralympic values.**

8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2012/13 grants criteria.

8.1.3. This is a community project that will involve all primary schools in the Calne Community Area.

8.1.4. It will also reach out to families and the wider community and will promote the Olympic and Paralympic legacy.

8.1.5. The event is being arranged, in part to commemorate Calnes inclusion in the national torch relay for the 2012 London Olympics.

8.1.6. The Calne Games event will include a torch relay, which will spend a week at each Calne primary school encouraging a focus on positive ideas about engaging in sports, team working, culture, different cultural values and the local and global community and sharing these ideas with extended families and communities.

- 8.1.7. The torch will then arrive at John Bentley School for a culturally diverse opening ceremony which will signal the start of a week of events at the school and other facilities in and around the town. Each student will have the opportunity to be involved in one event and there will be opportunities for other community groups to be involved.
- 8.1.8. Each child will receive a 'school nation' t-shirt and will be presented with a medal at the closing ceremony to commemorate their participation and to symbolise the spirit of the games.
- 8.1.9. The main part of the project will take place between Monday 18th and Friday 22nd June.
- 8.1.10. The application links to Local Agreement for Wiltshire priorities through encouraging lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of participants and their families and young people's participation in positive activities.
- 8.1.11. The project also addresses the Calne Community Area Plan 2010 – 2014 to 'Encourage community events that create a sense of pride and well-being'.
- 8.1.12. If an award is made in line with officer recommendations it will represent approx 20% of the total project costs.
- 8.1.13. Other funding has been secured from LOCOG and corporate sponsors.
- 8.1.14. A decision not to fund this application will result in the event being delivered at a lesser level.

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8.2	Area Board Project	Wiltshire Diamond Jubilee Event	£800

- 8.2.1 It is recommended that £800 is allocated towards representing the Calne Community Area at the Salisbury Diamond Jubilee event on May 1st 2012.**
- 8.2.2 The Area Board has been asked to represent the Calne Community Area at a large Wiltshire Diamond Jubilee event to take place in Salisbury.
- 8.2.3 This is a major event in the Wiltshire Council calendar of events for 2012 and it is anticipated that a major member of the royal family will be in attendance.
- 8.2.4 The event will be themed around a medieval fair and each of Wiltshire's 18 area boards is expected to take a similar style 'jousting tent' in which to showcase its work.

- 8.2.5 The Area Board chairman is working closely with the Community Area Manager, the Town Council, the Heritage Centre and Library and local community groups to create a display that will reflect the Calne Community Area's rich heritage and vibrant community spirit.
- 8.2.6 While the Area Board feels that it should not fund local street parties, it is felt that the Community Area should be represented at this major event.
- 8.2.7 It is hoped that the event might promote good publicity for the area and might also promote the strong sense of community that exist and aspirations in the community plan concerning community cohesion and pride.
- 8.2.8 The Area Board will try to create displays using existing materials/artefacts and expertise.
- 8.2.9 This request for funding relates to the hire of the tent, display equipment, furniture and electricity supply on the day.
- 8.2.10 If this project is not awarded funding it is likely that the Calne Community Area will not be able to take part in the event.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Calne Extended Schools Partnership Appendix 2 Area Board Project – Wiltshire Diamond Jubilee Event
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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