

Agenda Item

Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider applications seeking the following funding from 2012/13 Area Board Grants:

1. Heywood and Hawkeridge Jubilee committee application for £1000 towards Jubilee celebrations
2. Bratton Jubilee hall management committee application for £1000 towards the purchase of new tables for use in the hall
3. Edington Recreation and Leisure Action Committee application for £1000 towards Jubilee celebrations
4. Dilton Marsh Carnival Committee application for £500 towards Jubilee celebrations:
5. Area board led grant for £3,000 for 1 May Jubilee/Royal visit event in Salisbury Cathedral grounds

1. Background

1.1 Area boards have authority to approve grants under powers delegated to the area boards by the leader of Wiltshire Council (13 May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation area boards must operate within the policies set by the leader and/or the council. Wiltshire Council has adopted an Area Grants Policy, with funding criteria, to which the area boards must adhere.

1.2 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an area board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the leader, the appropriate cabinet member or the Cabinet.

1.3 In 2012/13 the Westbury Area Board has been allocated a budget of £40,447. The 19 April area board meeting is the first in the 2012/13 financial year

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 before 31 March 2013.

2.2 Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting until 31 March 2013.

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 Westbury Area Board.

4.2 If the grant applications are approved as per officer recommendations, there will be £33,947 left in the Westbury area board budget for 2012/13.

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

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Heywood and Hawkeridge Jubilee committee	The funding of Diamond Jubilee celebrations for the community including the purchase of a tent which can be used for future community events	£ 1,000

8.1.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.2 . The villages of Heywood and Hawkeridge are planning a packed programme of events to celebrate the Jubilee with events for all ages. The project demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Building Resilient Communities".

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Bratton Jubilee	Purchase of replacement	£1,000

Hall Management Committee	tables for use by the public and community groups in the hall. Existing tables are between 15-20 years old and becoming increasingly unsafe for use. Surfaces also very worn becoming unhygienic to use. The hall is used daily for various activities including art classes, youth club, supper nights, weddings, birthday, anniversary celebrations, dances, and other social events.	
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8.2.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.2.2 The project demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Building Resilient Communities".

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Edington Recreation and Leisure Action Committee (ERLAC)	The funding of Diamond Jubilee celebrations for the communit including a big village party for everyone, a shared village lunch in the playing field, with children's entertainment, punch and judy, games and races. Children will be presented with a celebration mug. The village is renovating the old rectory gates to be placed at entrance of burial ground as a permanent Jubilee memorial and plan to put red, white and blue planters around the village and put up a permanent flag pole.	£1,000

8.3.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.3.2 The project demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Building Resilient Communities".

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Dilton Marsh Carnival Committee	The funding of Diamond Jubilee celebrations for the community. The event will be run alongside the carnival and will include an afternoon of celebration for all ages with many village organisations taking part.	£ 500
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8.4.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2011/12 grant criteria.

8.4.2 The project demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Building Resilient Communities".

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Westbury area board	Funding for Diamond Jubilee exhibition	£3,000

8.5.1 See separate report