

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD 12 July, 2012

Trowbridge Community Area Future (TCAF) Claim for Core Funding 2012/2013

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek the Board's approval to core funding to TCAF covering the financial year 2012/13 to be agreed at this meeting, 12 July 2012 so that the first instalment can be released.

2. Background

- 2.1. Officers are required to provide recommendations in a report, however the decision to support the community partnership and to what level, is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 2.2. There will be 2 tranches of funding to community partnerships during 2012/13 (up to 50% of their total projected costs in each tranche). The first is contained within this report, and the Partnership Development Officer will advise TCAF that the second tranche can be requested at an Area Board meeting in early 2013 when evidence is received as to how the first tranche has been spent.
- 2.3. Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £77,781 for community area grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 2.4. Community Area Partnerships have been invited to apply for up to 20% of the area board budget (Appendix A). 20% of the Trowbridge Area Board budget for 2012/13 is £15,556.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that core costs awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 3.2. TCAF were awarded £18,998 in 2011/2012. Financial records from TCAF show the current balance of funds to be £41,538. This includes an amount of £1,254 held on behalf of the Parish Councils' Liaison Group, £16,000 held for the Town Hall Redevelopment Group and creditors for the sum of £9,648. This will leave TCAF with a balance of £13,723. This is considerably bigger

than many other Partnerships in Wiltshire. This figure is acceptable to the Partnership Development Officer given the staff that TCAF employs and the activities TCAF undertakes.

- 3.3. All Partnerships funded by Area Boards are required to sign a Community Area Partnership Agreement (CAPA), which will be countersigned by the Chairman of the Area Board. The CAPA is to be signed by both parties at this meeting if TCAF's core funding is awarded.
- 3.4. In order to show how the community area partnership aims to meet the commitments set out in the CAPA, TCAF are required to complete a work plan. This work plan has been reviewed and endorsed by Wiltshire Council's Partnership Development Officer as a workable document. (Appendix A)
- 3.5. Trowbridge Community Area Future submitted a 2012/13 claim for £15,556 total core costs (Appendix B). 50% of this can be considered in the 1st tranche. The area board can therefore award up to £7,778 at this meeting to be paid immediately.

4. Implications

4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 4.1.2 The community partnership contributes to the continuance and improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon individual projects.

4.2. Financial Implications

- 4.2.1 Core costs awarded to the community partnership must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Trowbridge Area Board.

4.3. Legal Implications

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

4.4. HR Implications

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

4.5. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 4.5.1 Community partnerships have agreed to the terms of the Community Area Partnership Agreement, which requires them to be fully inclusive. Membership of TCAF is open to anyone with an interest in the community area.

5. Recommendation

The Partnership Development Officer recommends that the area board:

- approve the whole year's core funding of £15,556 with an agreement to release the 1st tranche of £7,778 immediately
- agree to the release of the 2nd tranche at the January 2013 area board meeting as long as conditions set by the Partnership Development Officer and agreed by the Board, have been met

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 TCAF Annual Workplan, 2012/13

Appendix 2 TCAF Running Costs, 2012/13