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Warminster Area Board

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Warminster & Village Community Partnership (WVCP) Claim for Core Funding 2012/13

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To seek the Board's approval for core funding to WVCP covering the financial year 2012/13

2. Background

- 2.1. Warminster and Villages Community Area Partnership (WVCP) are entitled to apply for up to 20% of Area Board funding for their running costs each year. They are required to provide a workplan and a budget projection as provided in the appendices.
- 2.2. There are normally two tranches of funding to community partnerships during 2012/13 (up to 50% of their total projected costs in each tranche).
- 2.3. The Community Area Manager will advise WVCP that the second tranche can be requested at the November, 2012 Board when evidence is received that the first tranche has been spent effectively in meeting their objectives and also that the conditions listed in section 5 below have been met.
- 2.4. Warminster Area Board has been allocated in 2012/13 budget of £47,714 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 2.5. The partnership can apply for a maximum of £9542.80

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. WVCP have applied for **£9294.00** towards their running costs for 2012/13. This figure is within the 20% of Area Board funding allowed.
- 3.3. All partnerships funded by Area Boards are required to sign a Community Area Partnership Agreement (CAPA), which will be countersigned by the Chair of the Area Board. The CAPA is to be signed by both parties at this meeting if WVCP'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, WVCP are required to complete a work plan. This work plan has been reviewed and endorsed by Wiltshire Council's Partnership Development Officer and Community Area Manager as a workable document. Questions regarding the workplan have all been answered satisfactorily.
- 3.5. Warminster & Villages Community Partnership has submitted a 2012/13 claim for £9294.00 for their core costs. This level of funding is within the 20% allocation from Warminster Area Board's budget. 50% of the sum awarded can be considered as the 1st tranche. The area board can therefore award £4647 at this meeting to be paid immediately, with the balance to be paid in November subject to the conditions being achieved in section 5 below.

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 Warminster 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.

5. <u>Recommendation</u>

The Community Area Manager recommends that the area board:

- approve the whole year's core funding request of £9294 with an agreement to release the 1st tranche of £4647 immediately
- agree to the release of the 2nd tranche at the November Area Board meeting as long as conditions recommended by the Community Area Manager and agreed by the Board, have been met. These conditions are as follows:

Warminster and Villages Community Partnership will:

- have engaged the services of a Partnership Administrator by September 2012; and
- be on target to produce the updated Community Area Plan by January 2013 as per their workplan; and
- have evidence that the money from the first tranche of funding is being used towards the implementation of the workplan.

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Appendices:Appendix 1WVCP Annual Workplan, 2012/13Appendix 2WVCP Budget Form, 2012/13