

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVIZES AREA BOARD

23 July, 2012

Devizes Community Area Partnership (DCAP) Claim for Core Funding 2012/2013

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek the Board's approval to core funding to DCAP covering the financial year 2012/13 to be agreed at this meeting, 23 July, 2012 so that it can be paid into DCAP's bank account immediately.

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 this 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 DCAP that the second tranche can be requested at the January, 2013 Board when evidence is received of how the first tranche has been spent.
- 2.3. Devizes Area Board has been allocated a 2012/13 budget of £58,196 for community 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. 20% of the Devizes Area Board budget 2012/13 is £11,638.

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. DCAP were awarded £10,400 in 2011/2012. The balance of DCAP funds as at March, 2012 was £14,308. DCAP will be rolling forward £11,628 into 2012/13 to be spent on activities in this coming financial year. In addition to this amount, a further £2,680 has been committed to the creation of a new website for the partnership. This will be a very accessible site and will be

used for polls and other ways of gathering public opinion as well as being a means of communicating with residents. The website and the reasons for developing it have the approval of the Partnership Development Officer.

- 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 has been signed by both parties prior to this meeting.
- 3.4. In order to show how the community area partnership aims to meet the commitments set out in the CAPA, DCAP 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 and is included as Appendix B of this report.
- 3.5. Devizes Community Area Partnership submitted a 2012/13 claim for £13,579. This figure is greater than the 20% or £11,638 of Area Board funding which is available to Community Area Partnerships towards their core costs. Increasing this figure and awarding more than the 20% limit to DCAP is at the discretion of members on this Area Board.
- 3.6. 50% of the amount awarded can be considered in the 1st tranche. The area board can therefore award up to 50% 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 Devizes Area Board.
- 4.2.2 If Devizes Area Board decide to award DCAP with the amount they have requested, it will mean there will be less funding available for other projects and grants as they arise throughout the year.

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 DCAP is open to anyone with an interest in the community area.

5. Recommendation

The Partnership Development Officer recommends that the area board:

- approve the year's core funding at the 20% level of £11,638 with an agreement to release the 1st tranche of £5,819 immediately
- agree to the release of the 2nd tranche in January 2013 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 DCAP Covering Letter 2012/13
Appendix 2 DCAP Annual Workplan, 2012/13
Appendix 3 DCAP Budget Form 2012/13