

**DELEGATED POWER**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to ask the area board to consider whether it wishes to delegate power to the Community Area Manager to take certain urgent decisions during the five month period which has arisen between meetings, due to the elections in May 2013. The next meeting of the Southern Wiltshire Area Board following that on 31 January, is scheduled for Thursday 6 June 2013.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 If an issue, such as an urgent grant application, arises then this would normally require an extraordinary meeting.
- 2.2 The proposal to grant delegated power to the Community Area Manager would enable urgent decisions to be made without the need for an extraordinary meeting. The details of the decision would then be reported to the next meeting of the board to ensure transparency.
- 2.3 The delegated power is only intended to be used for matters of urgency which cannot wait until the next meeting of the area board on Thursday 6 June 2013 and would not be used as a matter of routine.

**3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 It is proposed that the area board agrees that in order to facilitate the smooth and efficient running of Area Board business and to reduce the need for unnecessary extraordinary meetings:

The Southern Wiltshire Area Board will grant delegated authority to the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the relevant unitary councillors on the Area Board, to make any necessary decisions (such as agreement of CATG funding allocations and Community Area Grant Funding), with an end date of any financial related decisions of 31 March 2013.

A report explaining any decisions and the reasons why they were considered to be urgent shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the area board to ensure that such decisions are subject to public examination.

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**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:** None