

Community Area Grants

Agenda Item 11

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider two applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding:

1. **Reeves Orchard Community Project:** Application for £231 for name plates, trees stakes, tree ties, rabbit guards and four new trees.

It is recommended that the Reeves Orchard Community Project is awarded a grant of £231.

2. **Westbury Music and Arts Festival:** Application for £950 towards the running and promotion of a music and arts festival to be held in September 2010.

It is recommended that Westbury Music and Arts Festival is awarded a grant of £950

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 2010/11 the Westbury Area Board was been allocated a budget of £40,447. Following the approval of grant funding at the area board of April 22, we now have £34,647 remaining for this financial year.

2. Main Considerations

2.1 Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before 31 March 2011.

2.2 Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting until 31 March 2011.

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 both grant applications are approved, there will be £33,466 left in the Westbury area board budget for 2010/11.

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

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029	Reeves Orchard Community Project:	Application to purchase name plates, trees stakes, tree ties, rabbit guards and four new trees. This application forms part of a long term project to maintain and enhance a 76 year old community orchard. The project will include a collection of Wiltshire species	£ 231

8.1.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.1.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of engaging with local people; increasing numbers involved in volunteering; encouraging people to make healthy lifestyle choices, encouraging tourism.

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031	Westbury Music and Arts Festival	Project to host a music and arts festival offering a variety of events and activities for all ages.	£950

8.2.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria however area board members may like to note that this must be a one off grant and cannot be reapplied for should the event re-occur next year.

8.2.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of improving young people's participation in positive activities, engaging with local people; encouraging tourism.