

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM

MALMESBURY AREA BOARD  
3 July, 2013

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**Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership (MVCAP) Claim for Core Funding 2013/2014**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1. To seek the Board's approval to core funding to MVCAP covering the financial year 2013/14 to be agreed at this meeting, 3 July.

**2. Background**

- 2.1. Officers are required to provide recommendations in a report, however the decision to support the community area 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 2013/14 (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 MVCAP that the second tranche can be requested at the November, 2013 Board after evidence has been received of how the first tranche has been spent.
- 2.3. Malmesbury Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of £53,137 for community grants, community partnership core funding, digital literacy and councillor led initiatives.
- 2.4. Community Area Partnerships have been invited to apply for up to 20% of the community grants scheme budget. 20% of the Malmesbury Area Board grants budget 2013/14 is £8,032.

**3. Main Considerations**

- 3.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that core costs awarded in the 2013/14 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 3.2. MVCAP were awarded £8,118 in 2012/2013. The balance of MVCAP funds as at May, 2013 was £1,120. This level of reserves is perfectly acceptable to the Partnership Development Officer given the staff MVCAP employ and the level of work they carry out.

- 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 MVCAP'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, MVCAP are required to complete a work plan. This work plan has been reviewed and endorsed by Wiltshire Council's Partnership Development Officer and Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnership's (WfCAP's) Manager as a workable document.
- 3.5. Malmesbury area board meet MVCAP formally twice a year to review their work plan and discuss projects and future plans. The most recent meeting was held on 16 April 2013. In addition the chairman of the area board meets regularly with the chairman of MVCAP to share ideas and joint working.
- 3.6. Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership submitted a 2013/14 claim for £8,032 total core costs. This figure falls slightly below previous year's levels. In discussion with MVCAP, Malmesbury Area Board has agreed to increase the funding available to the 2012/13 amount using other funds available. Malmesbury Area Board is able to award £8,118 at this meeting. 50% of this can be considered in the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche. The area board can therefore award up to £4,059 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 Corsham 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 MVCAP 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 £8,118 with an agreement to release the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche of £4,059 immediately.
- agree to the release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche at the November 2013 area board 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 MVCAP Annual Workplan, 2013/14

Appendix 2 MVCAP Core activities, 2013/14