

## WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

### WARMINSTER AREA BOARD

4 July 2013

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### **Warminster & Village Community Partnership (WVCP) Claim for Core Funding 2013/2014**

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1. To seek the Board's approval for core funding WVCP covering the financial year 2013/14 to be agreed at this meeting, 4 July 2013

#### **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 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 WVCP that the second tranche can be requested at the November, 2013 Board when evidence is received of how the first tranche has been spent.
- 2.3. Warminster Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of £66,951 including community grants, youth funding, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 2.4. Community Area Partnerships have been invited to apply for up to 20% of the community area grant budget. 20% of the Warminster Area Board grant budget 2013/14 is £10,334.

#### **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. WVCP were awarded £9,294 in 2012/2013. The balance of WVCP funds as at March, 2013 was £3,350. WVCP will be rolling forward all of this balance into 2013/14 to be spent on activities in this coming financial year in addition to any funding received from the area board. The figure being rolled forward into 2013/14 represents all of WVCP available funds. They also hold £4,000

as a reserve from previous years which it is deemed prudent to maintain for an organisation of this size. This reserve was not funded from Area Board sources.

- 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 by Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnerships as a workable document.
- 3.5. Warminster & Villages Community Partnership has submitted a 2013/14 request for £10,334 total core costs. This level of funding is within the maximum 20% allocation from Warminster Area Board's budget. 50% of the sum awarded can be considered as the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche. The area board can therefore award up to £5,167 at this meeting if it approves this funding request.

#### **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. Recommendation

It is recommended that the area board:

- approve the core funding request for £10,334 with an agreement to release the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche of £5,167 immediately.
- agree to the release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche at the November Area Board meeting on condition that the final Warminster and Villages Community Area Plan is published in October 2013 at the latest and
- two further theme groups of the partnership have been established as detailed in the workplan by October 2013.

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Appendices:  
Appendix 1 WVCP Annual Workplan, 2013/14  
Appendix 2 WVCP Budget Form, 2013/14