

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

CORSHAM AREA BOARD 19 September, 2013

Corsham Community Area Network (CCAN) Claim for Core Funding 2013/2014

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek the Board's approval to core funding to CCAN covering the financial year 2013/14 to be agreed at this meeting, 19 September.

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 1 tranche of funding to CCAN during 2013/14. The decision to award this funding is to be made at this area board meeting.
- 2.3. Corsham Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of £53,418 for community grants, digital literacy projects, 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's grant budget. 20% of the Corsham Area Board's grant budget 2013/14 is £8,079.

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. CCAN were awarded £8,450 in 2012/2013. The balance of CCAN funds as at April, 2013 was £1,548. CCAN will be rolling forward all of this into 2013/14 to be spent on the Network Co-ordinator's activities in this coming financial year. Rolling CCAN's full balance to be spent in 2013/14 will leave CCAN without any Reserves. Given CCAN employ one staff member, the Network co-ordinator, the Partnership Development Officer recommends a certain level of funds are kept by CCAN as a contingency.
- 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. This document has been looked at jointly by CCAN and Corsham Area Board and amendments specific to this community area have already been agreed. This version of the CAPA is included as Appendix C. The CAPA is to be signed by both parties at this meeting if CCAN'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, CCAN 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.
- 3.5. For 2013/14, CCAN's structure has changed from previous years. CCAN will no longer operate with a Steering Group. CCAN's existing Co-ordinator will operate in a more Networking capacity in order to support the many existing community groups, societies and clubs already operating successfully within the Corsham Community Area. This is a model that is working successfully in other areas of Wiltshire and has been previously discussed between Corsham Area Board and CCAN at the previous area board meeting on 18 July 2013.
- 3.6. The paper discussing this new way of working and previously presented to the area board meeting on 18th July is attached as Appendix A.
- 3.7. Corsham Community Area Network submitted a 2013/14 claim for £1,502 total core costs. The area board can therefore award up to £1,502 at this meeting. CCAN's 2013/14 budget is attached as Appendix B.

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 CCAN 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 £1,502 with an agreement to release the full amount after this meeting
- approve and endorse CCAN's new way of working, as previously mentioned, in a more Networking capacity.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1	CCAN Area Board Report & Proposal, 2013/14
Appendix 2	CCAN Budget Form, 2013/14
Appendix 3	Amended CAPA 2013/14, reflecting local changes for Corsham Community Area