

**ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR WORLD WAR ONE CENTENEARY
COMMEMORATION EVENTS**

Purpose of the Report

1. To agree to the allocation of up to £5,000 from the Area Board budget for local groups to apply for funding for events and activities to commemorate the World War 1 (WW1) centenary.

2. Background

2.1 2014 sees the centenary of WW1 and local communities will be holding events to commemorate the centenary. The Area Board has allocated funds in the past for specific events eg. Queen's Golden Jubilee and the 2012 Olympics. The process for how this funding scheme would be operated is outlined in the report.

3. Main Considerations

3.1 The Melksham Area Board has a budget of £ 71,229 for 2012/13 and currently has up to £5,000 remaining. It is proposed that up to £5,000 is allocated for a special project funding scheme for WW1 events organised by the local community.

3.2 The project funding scheme would consider bids of up to £1,000 from local community groups and parish councils who wish to put on events/activities that are specifically to commemorate the WW1 centenary.

3.3 The budget will be delegated to the Community Area Manager who will consult with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and Councillor Pat Aves re the approval or refusal of any funds. The guidelines for applicants to be as follows:

- Groups can apply for up to £1,000 for Capital to run events/activities that will commemorate the WW1 centenary for the benefit of the local community.
- Groups must have the bank account of a constituted organisation to pay the grant into.
- A simple application form will be made available; applications will only be accepted on this form.

- The deadline for applications to be 20 March 2014. After that date all applications will be considered and decisions made on funding. If there is more funding requested than is available then the applications will be considered in date order of those received.

The funding scheme will be advertised widely through mailing lists/schools/parish councils/TCAF etc.

Financial Implications

4. Up to £5,000 from the 2013/14 Area Board budget of £71,229 is proposed

Legal Implications

5. N/A

HR Implications

6. N/A

Equality and Diversity Implications

7. Funding will be for activities for all ages

Recommendations

8.1 It is recommended that up to £5,000 be delegated to the Community Area Manager to set up a scheme to fund events/activities to commemorate the WW1 Centenary as outlined in paragraph 3.3 of this report. Funding decisions to be finalised with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Area Board.

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