

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Devizes Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sep 2014</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 2014/15 Community Area Grant Funding.

1. **Potterne Cricket Club** are seeking £4,254 towards indoor nets at Lavington School

## 1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Adult Care, Communities and Housing (5<sup>th</sup> April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance.
- 1.2. In 2014/15 the officer is required to only ensure that the request meets the funding criteria but not to make any recommendations.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. The allocation for Devizes Area Board in 2014/2015 has not been fully agreed but is likely to be similar to 2013/14. This is a capital only grants system
- 1.5. Applications of up to and including £1000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1001 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.6. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (CAG) applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.7. In addition to CAGs, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls.
- 1.8. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.9. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.10. Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council web site with the area board agenda papers and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.11. The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areboards/areboardscommunitygrantsschem>

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- 1.12. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Area Board Grant Guidance as presented for delegated decision</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Devizes Community Area Plan</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Devizes Joint Strategic Needs Document</a></li></ul>
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2013/14 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to decide whether the community benefit will warrant the request.
- 2.3. This is the second round of funding during 2014/2015.

## **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

- 3.1. Area Board Grants 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 Devizes Area Board.
- 4.2. All awards are subject to the condition that no payment will be made until all other match funding has been confirmed.

4.3. If the award is granted, there will remain £40,456 capital money.

## 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 will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – Officer Recommendations.

## 8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8	<b>Potterne Cricket Club</b>	Indoor Nets	£2,043 towards a project costing £4,087

- a. This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project
- b. The project is to purchase and install new indoor cricket nets at Lavington School.
- c. Although the project is being led by Potterne Cricket Club, the new facility will not be solely for their clubs use. It will be for the hire and use of the whole community.
- d. Funding is being put in from the club's reserves as well as contributions from the MCC Foundation and Wiltshire Queries CC
- e. The project helps address the Area Board priority of supporting more positive activities for young people.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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