

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	7th October 2014
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors:

1. To consider an Area Board Project/Councillor Initiative – requesting £750 towards an air quality working group project that will provide 2 bicycles for the use of the Neighbourhood Policing Team.
2. To note the allocation of £200 to pump prime the 'Positive Ticket Initiative' being piloted in the Community Area to encourage the reduction of anti-social behaviour.

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve funding under delegated powers. Under the Scheme of Delegation area boards must adhere to the [area board funding criteria and guidance 2014/15](#).
- 1.2. Key aspects of the 2014/15 criteria include:
 - The decision to support a funding application and to what level will be the decision of the area board, with no officer recommendation.
 - Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding, however the area board will look more positively on applicants where they are able to contribute some funding towards their project.
 - Amounts of £1,001 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding.
 - The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
 - Calne Area Board's Community Area Grants scheme will be for capital projects only.
 - The area board will prioritise funding to projects which address the 3 priorities identified by local people under the JSA 2013 -2015 as top areas for the community and area board attention during the coming year.
 - Increase employment opportunities (especially through initiatives like apprenticeships and work experience) and social activities for and in consultation with young people.

- Recognise and address child poverty and childhood obesity.
 - Build a positive reputation for Calne Community Area to attract more visitors to venues and events.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons why this should justify an exception to the criteria which must be minuted.
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 - 1.5. In addition to CAGs and digital literacy grants councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet has emphasised it does not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls.
 - 1.6. There will only be a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. [The application process and funding criteria can be found here.](#)
 - 1.7. Funding will be considered at every area board and these dates including the [deadline for receipt of applications can be found on the Calne area board webpage.](#)
 - 1.8. There are 3 funding rounds remaining during 2014/15. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are as follows:
 - 28 October 2014 for consideration at 9 December 2014 area board meeting
 - 16 December 2014 for consideration at 3 February 2015 area board meeting
 - 1.9. Within the capital budget, £1,500 capital is ring-fenced for digital literacy grants of up to £500 each.
 - 1.10. Calne Area Board was allocated a budget of £38,536.98 capital funding and £6800.64 revenue in 2014/2015.
 - 1.11. Following decisions made in this financial year, the area board current balance is £31,348.98 capital and £600.64 revenue.

Background documents used this report	Area Board Community Area Grant Scheme and Digital Literacy Grants – information and funding criteria 2014/15
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded by the area board satisfy [2014/15 area board funding criteria](#) and financial regulations of the council and can proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. On 3 June, Calne area board agreed to prioritise three themes from the 2013-15 Joint Strategic Assessment, which had been highlighted at the 'What Matters to You', event held in March. These were to:
 - Increase employment opportunities (especially through initiatives like apprenticeships and work experience) and social activities for and in consultation with young people.
 - Recognise and address child poverty and childhood obesity.
 - Build a positive reputation for Calne Community Area to attract more visitors to venues and events.

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 Calne Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded as outlined in this report, Calne area board will have a capital balance of **£30,598.98** and a revenue balance of **£600.64**.

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 and Small 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 will be outlined in section 8, of the funding report.

8. Applications for Consideration

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Councillor Ansell Initiative – Area Board Air Quality working group project.	'Bobbies on Bicycles' to provide 2 bicycles that will be used by the local NPT to promote the Air Quality Campaign: 'Love Calne – Love Clean Air'	£750 capital

- 8.1.1. This application meets the grant criteria 2014/15.
- 8.1.2. Encouraging/enabling cycling is one of the focus points for the air quality working group, agreed by the area board on 5th August 2014.
- 8.1.3. This project also links to the area board's decision to promote the Clean Air Campaign in the Calne Community Area.
- 8.1.4. Encouraging cycling as a means to improve air quality in the town will benefit everyone that lives works, visits and goes to school in Calne and, in addition, as people cycle more they will experience other health benefits.
- 8.1.5. The aim of the project is to demonstrate the ease, convenience and benefit of travelling around the Community Area by bicycle, to encourage more people to get out of their cars and onto their bikes, to improve health and well being of local people and not add to the existing levels of air pollution.
- 8.1.6. The project will provide 2x bicycles, safety helmets, lights and accessories which will also be branded with the Air Quality Working group logo.
- 8.1.7. Officers will also use the bicycles to attend local events and activities and will further encourage greater cycling by offering bike identification stamping sessions.
- 8.1.8. The application is seeking 100% of the costs of the project; however it should be noted that the Neighbourhood Policing Team has agreed to cover all ongoing costs relating to the organisation, branding and maintenance of the project.

9. Funding decision delegated to the Community Area Manager.

- 9.1. Members are asked to note that, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Area Board, £200 was allocated by the Community Area Manager to pump prime a 'Positive Ticket Initiative' that is being piloted in the Calne Community Area by the Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- 9.2. A decision to delegate funding decisions under £500 to the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair was made by the Area Board in 2011, in order to respond quickly to work that the Area Board might wish to progress between scheduled Area Board meetings.

Appendices	Appendix 1 – Area Board/Councillor Initiative application
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report other than those requested in the funding criteria e.g. estimates.

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