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| Report to | Trowbridge Area Board |
| Date of Meeting | 13 November 2014 |
| Title of Report | Area Board Funding Applications |

Purpose of Report

- 1.** To ask Councillors to consider 2 funding applications to the community area grants fund scheme (Appendix 1)
 - 1.1** West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club- £3,000 requested to upgrade toilets/changing rooms and create a fitness suite
 - 1.2** The Big Community Grow - £2,000 requested to create a community garden with children in Trowbridge Town Park

Total Amount requested = £5,000

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. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance.
- 1.2 Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a capital budget for 2014/2015 of £ 75,942.18 and £13,402 revenue budget. Funding allocated to date:
- TCAF - £13,402 for revenue funding
 - Gloucester Road Allotment Association - £1,200 for the enhancement of facilities for gardeners with Disabilities
 - Monday Wednesday Club - £500 for a portable skittle alley
 - Trowbridge Academy of Boxing - £757 for equipment for a community Boxing Club
 - Alzheimer's Support - £4,500 for the Refurbishment of Mill Street Day Club
 - West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club - £3,000 for gymnastics equipment for young people
 - Paxcroft Mead Community Centre - £2,350 for a replacement heating system
 - North Bradley Progressive Hall - £1,706.50 for replacement windows
 - Trowbridge Child minding Network- £957 for the purchase of tablets to support children in their learning

The Board currently has a capital budget of £60,971.68 remaining.

- 1.3 Area Boards will be encouraged to develop ways of linking grant funding to locally agreed priorities emerging from the Joint Strategic Assessment, the local community plan or other relevant local evidence.
- 1.4 Area Boards will not consider 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.
- 1.5 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 for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.6 In addition to CAGs, Councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or 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.
- 1.7 Funding applications will be considered at every ordinary Area Board meeting.
- 1.8 Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an

attempt to reduce paper. They are however available to view on the Wiltshire Council web http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard_grants/grants_list.php

- 1.9 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.

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| Background documents used in the preparation of this Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Area Board Grant Guidance 2014/15 as presented for delegated decision |
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 3.1. Community Area Grants will 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 budget allocated to the Trowbridge Area Board. If the grant requests are allocated the Board will have £55,971.68 remaining

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 Diversity Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give local community and voluntary groups, an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 where appropriate.

8. Community Grant Applications Summary

| Applicant 8.1 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club | To upgrade toilets/changing rooms and create a fitness suite | £3,000 |

8.1.1 The application meets the grant criteria and will benefit young people amongst others.

8.1.2 The applicant is contributing 50% of other funding towards the project

| Applicant 8.2 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| The Big Community Grow | To create a community garden in Trowbridge Town Park | £2,000 |

8.2.1 The application meets the grant criteria and will benefit children and young people

8.2.2 The applicant is contributing 50% of other funding towards the project

9. Recommendations

9.1 It is recommended that the Area Board makes decisions whether to allocate funding to the applicants

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| Appendices: | Appendix 1 - Community Area Grant applications |
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