

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett &amp; Cricklade Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 21 January 2015</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Investing in Our Community</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask councillors to consider the following:

- To note the area board budget and funding criteria for 2014/15
- Dance Common Management Group – requests £3,800 towards a capital improvement project
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – requests £2,657 towards the creation of a community garden
- Cricklade Community Choir – requests £996 for the purchase of an digital piano and accessories
- Purton War Memorial and Village Centre Charity – requests £516 for the purchase of fire retardant curtains and blinds
- To note the joint application to the Dog Fouling Fund for £789 from Cricklade Town Council and Purton Parish Council
- To note that £2,800 of the previously provisionally approved funding for a youth project led by GreenSquare has been agreed
- To note the area board current budget balances.

## 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 Grants Guidance 2014/2015](#).
- 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.
  - The area board will prioritise funding to projects relating to priorities chosen by the board according to the What Matters to You? event held in March 2014, having identified them as top areas for community and area board attention during the coming year.
- 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.
- 1.4. 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 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.
- 1.5. 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. Access to the online grants application process is [here](#).
- 1.6. Funding will be considered at every area board. There are 5 funding rounds remaining during 2014/15. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are as follows:
  - 11 June 2014 for consideration at 23 July 2014 area board meeting
  - 20 August 2014 for consideration at 24 September 2014 area board meeting
  - 22 October 2014 for consideration at 26 November 2014 area board meeting
  - 10 December 2014 for consideration at 21 January 2015 area board meeting

- 4 February 2015 for consideration at 18 March 2015 area board meeting.
- 1.7. Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board has been allocated a capital budget of **£47,392.98** for Community Area Grants and Digital Literacy grants, and a separate revenue budget of **£8,804.64** in 2014/15.
  - 1.8. Within the capital budget, £1,500 capital is ring-fenced for digital literacy grants of up to £500 each.
  - 1.9. Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) budget for 2014/15 of **£16,626**. The CATG will consider appropriate schemes for funding and make appropriate recommendations to the Area Board for approval.

Background documents used in the preparation of this report	<a href="#">Area Board Community Area Grant Scheme and Digital Literacy Grants – information and funding criteria 2014/15</a>
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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 6 July 2011 the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board took the decision to delegate responsibility to the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Area Board, to approve expenditure of up to £250 between meetings of the Area Board for the purpose of booking public meeting rooms for Area Board purposes. Any expenditure incurred under this delegation will be reported back to the Area Board at the next public meeting.

## **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 Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board.

## **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 will be outlined in section 8 of the funding report.

## 8. Applications for consideration

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Dance Common Management Group	Capital improvement project	£3,800 capital

- 8.1.1. The application meets the Community Area Grant criteria 2014/15.
- 8.1.2. This project aims to culvert the drainage channel to enable public access to the Common, upgrade the bridle path to allow access for less able people and install bollards to prevent vehicle access, include safety fencing and an information board.
- 8.1.3. The application helps us to meet our community-led Joint Strategic Assessment priorities for this year by encouraging greater use of the natural environment with access to information about its flora (Culture); help promote of the area as a healthy lifestyle community (Health & Wellbeing); increase opportunities for individuals to participate in outdoor exercise (Leisure); and demonstrates that people are working on self-help projects in the community to help create cohesion (Our Community).
- 8.1.4. The total cost of this project is £7,600 – this grant represents 50% of the total project cost. The balance of funding comes from landowner contributions and professional and volunteer contributions in kind.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	Community garden	£2,657 capital

- 8.2.1. The application meets the Community Area Grant criteria 2014/15.
- 8.2.2. This project aims to create a community garden at Lyneham, in partnership with Lyneham Primary School and the Army Welfare Service, where local people, military and civilian, will be helped to grow and cook their own food.
- 8.2.3. The application helps us to meet our community-led Joint Strategic Assessment priorities for this year by helping to identify and address the increasing hardship of children and young people in innovative ways (Children & Young People); improving access to equipment within the local community and share low cost storage (Culture); encourage greater use of the natural environment (Culture); making the most of opportunities with the redevelopment of RAF Lyneham (Economy); promote the area as a healthy lifestyle community (Health & Well-being); and enable different sectors in the community to interact and understand

each other (Our Community).

- 8.2.4. The total cost of this project is £5,357 – this grant represents 50% of the total project cost. The balance of funding comes from the other grant applications and partner contributions.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Cricklade Community Choir	Digital piano and accessories	£996 capital

- 8.3.1. The application meets the Community Area Grant criteria 2014/15.
- 8.3.2. This project aims to address the problem the choir face when asked to perform at a venue with no piano.
- 8.3.3. The application helps us to meet our community-led Joint Strategic Assessment priorities for this year by helping sustainability by growing own participants and audiences (Culture); increase participation across all sectors of the community (Leisure); and enable different sectors in the community to interact and understand each other (Our Community).
- 8.3.4. This total project cost for this application falls below the £1,000 and therefore it does not require match funding.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.	Purton War Memorial and Village Centre Charity	Fire retardant curtains and blinds	£516 capital

- 8.4.1. The application meets the Community Area Grant criteria 2014/15.
- 8.4.2. This project aims to supply flame-retardant, fully-lined, curtains for the main hall and washable, flame retardant, vertical blinds for the male and female changing rooms and bathrooms.
- 8.4.3. The application helps us to meet our community-led Joint Strategic Assessment priorities for this year by improving community space, encourages people to work on self-help projects in the community to create cohesion and enables different sectors in the community to interact and understand each other (Culture).
- 8.4.4. The total project cost for this application falls below £1,000 and therefore it does not require match funding.

## **9. Joint application to the Dog Fouling Fund - £789**

- 9.1.1. Cricklade Town Council and Purton Parish Council have joined forces to deliver an educative programme to reduce dog-fouling in their areas.
- 9.1.2. The programme will cost £449 in Cricklade and £340 in Purton – see appendix 2 for a breakdown of the costs.
- 9.1.3. The application meets the criteria set out in the Dog Fouling Task Group's final

report considered at the Area Board meeting held on 24 September 2014.

9.1.4. The joint campaign will run from 7 - 14 February 2015 and includes:

- making up packs for school children
- holding a short story competition for both adults and children
- holding awareness session in the High Street including dog warden leaflets, health hazard leaflets and bags
- visit from the Dog Trust dog chipping service
- posters around the towns, highlighting dog fouling using spray paint,
- articles in local magazine and local media

**10. Positive Leisure Activities for Youth**

GreenSquare had agreed the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Local Youth Network's bid to them for £2,800 funding towards the youth project outlined at the last meeting.

**11. Inter-meeting spend**

No inter-meeting spend was made between the November and January meetings.

**12. Area Board Budget Balances**

If grants are awarded in accordance with this report, the area board will have the following balances remaining:

Community Area Grants, Digital Literacy - Capital	£27,801.98
Revenue	£8,591.64
Community Area Transport Group	£3,300 approx
Positive Activities for Youth	£16,578 plus a local fund tbc
Dog Fouling Fund	£1,171

<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 – individual grant applications and supporting details Appendix 2 – Dog Fouling Campaign costs Appendix 3 – Dog Fouling Campaign poster
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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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