

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Tidworth Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> September 2010</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Everleigh Parish Council – seeking a grant of £1,873 towards the cost of providing facilities for children aged 12 and over. A BMX track will be constructed around open air, mini gym, exercise equipment to promote physical training and recreation.  
**Officer Recommendation - Approval**

## 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 Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. During 2010/2011 all applicants are being encouraged to contact the Charities Information Bureau which is working on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and other national funding sources.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2010/11</li><li>• Tidworth Community Area Plan</li></ul>
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Tidworth Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £50,237 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £213. This sum plus a further £487 from the 2010/2011 allocation was approved at the Area Board meeting on 15 March 2010 for Grant No. TID: 016/09 "Eco Bikes", leaving a total of £49750 for the remainder of 2010/11. Following Community Area Grants from the May meeting (£1,000), the July meeting (£924) and the first tranche of the annual funding to Tidworth Community Area Partnership (£5,000), this leaves a total budget of £42,826 for the remainder of 2010/2011.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can proceed realistically within a year of the award being made.
- 2.3. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The third round is contained in this report, the remaining rounds will take place on:-
  - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010
  - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011
  - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011

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

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 Area Boards budget allocated to the Tidworth Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Tidworth Area Board will have a balance of £40,953.

## **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 give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils 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 – “Officer Recommendations”.

## 8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1. TID: 005/11	Everleigh Parish Council	Provision of facilities for children aged 12 and over. A BMX track will be constructed around open air, mini gym, exercise equipment to promote physical training and recreation.	£1,873

8.1.1 Officers recommend that Everleigh Parish Council is awarded £1,873 towards the provision of facilities for children aged 12 and over. A BMX track will be constructed around open air, mini gym, exercise equipment to promote physical training and recreation. .

8.1.2 The total project cost is £14,347. The Council have been awarded a Playbuilder Grant of £10,000 and put in £1,874 of its own funding plus the equivalent of £600 worth of man hours which have been contributed by volunteers. The grant requested matches the amount put in by the parish council.

8.1.3 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.1.4 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003 – 2013 under the Culture and Leisure and Health and Social Care themes in that it:-

- provides a BMX track and other facilities for young people for the area
- promotes healthy lifestyles through the mini-gym facilities provided.
- improves participation by young people in community life, creating opportunities for them to work together.
- encourages community involvement and volunteering.

8.1.5 The application also encourages young people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive effect on their health by encouraging more young people to take up active recreational activities. It also provides an opportunity for young people to participate in positive action and reduces perceptions of anti-social behaviour by providing a group of young people with an activity to benefit themselves.

8.1.6 Maintenance costs are not likely to be high once the project is completed this year... The Parish Council will fund these costs and engage in other fundraising efforts as necessary.

8.1.7 A decision not to fund this project will mean that the project would have to be delayed possibly until next year until sufficient funding can be obtained.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Everleigh BMX Track and mini gym facilities</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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