

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM X

MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD
19 May 2015

Legacy 2015 Series of Events: Magna Carta Celebration

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To seek the approval of Marlborough Area Board for allocating £750.00 of Revenue funding already set aside from the 2014/15 budget the costs of the “Baron” head and other materials that will represent the Marlborough Community Area at the Procession to mark the Magna Carta 800th Anniversary celebration.

2. Background

2.1 2015 sees the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta by King John and a number of England’s leading Barons. To mark this event, Wiltshire Council and Salisbury Cathedral are holding a celebratory procession through the streets of Salisbury arriving at the Cathedral Close.

2.2 Each community area taking part in the procession will be led by a giant carnival-style “Baron” accompanied by flags and banners. All of these items will be decorated by local groups in a way that represents the area’s heritage and culture.

2.3 Once at the Cathedral Close the model “Barons” will take part in a re-enactment that will see them signing a modern-day Magna Carta for Wiltshire containing statements chosen by each community area that will set out how residents wish to live today.

3. Main Considerations

3.1 Wiltshire’s Legacy Board is funding the costs of the event. It is also funding 50% of the costs of the “Baron” heads and other materials.

3.2 The remaining 50% of these costs will come from a contribution from each local area board. This will be £750 per area.

3.3 In order to decorate the “Baron”, there will be paint and other material that will need to be bought. This amount will not be known until closer to the event once the decorations are complete.

4. Implications

4.1 Environmental Impact of the Proposals

This series of Legacy events contributes to the continuance and improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon individual projects.

4.2 Financial Implications

Revenue money is being provided from Marlborough Area Board's 2014/15 budget to provide funding that will allow the community to take part in events associated with Legacy 2015. Money remaining left over from this legacy fund will be returned to Wiltshire Council.

4.3 Legal Implications

There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

4.4 HR Implications

There are no specific HR implications with this scheme

4.5 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no specific Equality and Diversity implications related to this report.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

The Marlborough Area Board provides £750 of the Revenue funding already allocated from the 2014/15 budget to pay for the area's "Baron" and to enable the Marlborough community to take part in this activity organised as part of Legacy 2015