

Report to	Corsham Area Board
Date of Meeting	31/05/2019
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Corsham High Street Project Project Title: Corsham High Street Project CHSP View full application	£4000.00

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2018/2019 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

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.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2827	Corsham High Street Project	Corsham High Street Project CHSP	£4000.00

Project Description:

The Corsham High Street Project CHSP has the potential to be one of the most interesting and significant projects ever to be undertaken in Corsham. In the famous Pevsner Architectural Guides to the Buildings of England there is a volume on Wiltshire but Corsham is summarised in just a few pages although Sir Nicolaus Pevsner asserted that Corsham has no match in Wiltshire for wealth of good houses and there are a few of really high merit. The main aim of the project is to record as many buildings as possible in the High Street - their architecture fabric and building techniques - through photography documentary research sketches and surveyed drawings and archaeological investigation eg dendrochronological tree ring dating by taking core samples of selective timbers if appropriate and permitted. The objectives are to produce records of individual buildings an archive which will be curated at the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre and eventually a publication which will be of interest and use to local people schools historical groups Corsham Town Council etc. The project is being promoted by the Corsham Civic Society in collaboration with Wiltshire Buildings Record who will provide advice training and some specialist services. The involvement of local volunteers and their training is an important element of the project and we have had encouragement from the Heritage Lottery Fund HLF in submitting a grant application. Meanwhile start-up funding is available through Corsham Civic Society. The project committee comprises local people who have expertise that the HLF recognises. The Honorary Chairman Julian Orbach is the editor of the forthcoming updated edition of the Wiltshire volume of the Buildings of England. The Patron Tom Brakspear is a conservation architect living in Pickwick Manor Corsham from a dynasty of architects including the famous Sir Harold Brakspear KCVO 1870 1934 a noted restoration architect and archaeologist. Internal recording of buildings will be undertaken strictly as agreed beforehand with owners such work will be supervised at all times copies of insurance and HS documentation including Risk Assessment forms will be provided. The aim is to

record only internal features of historic significance modern alterations and additions are not of interest and will not be noted. In every sense it is intended that such work is non-intrusive. The launch of the project will take place on 12 April 2018. The CHSP committee will ensure that every owner taking part will be provided with a free illustrated copy of their buildings record and acknowledgement in the WSHC archives and the publication.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

- The project has the potential to benefit the Corsham area in many ways including through volunteering and learning opportunities, strengthening communities, increased tourism, fostering a sense of place and so on.
- The project meets the grants criteria and can be considered for funding
- The community engagement manager has discussed the wider benefits including linking in with other heritage lottery projects that have or will occur locally.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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