

Area 5 Community Area Funding Distribution 2006/2007

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To ask Members to consider 6 applications seeking 2006/2007 Community Area Award funding.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To agree funding distribution of the Area 5 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2006/2007:

- 2.1.1. **Hilmarton Community Association - Award £8,200 from the capital budget, towards the creation of a community/school hall, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and upon receipt of evidence that the tenancy agreement between the Community Association and Wiltshire County Council includes a clause to ensure that, in the event of the lease being withdrawn from a community group user, this money will be returned to the District Council.**
- 2.1.2. **Cherhill Playgroup – Award £5,000 from the capital budget towards the provision and locating of a mobile classroom at a permanent site at Cherhill Primary School, to enable the relocation of the Playgroup, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 2.1.3. **Calne Area Transport – Award £1,000 from the revenue budget towards the audit, investigation and review of transport provision serving the Calne Community Area, conditional on the remainder of funding being in place.**
- 2.1.4. **Summer Fun in Calne Playscheme – Award £500 from the revenue budget towards a 4-week summer playscheme in Calne from 31st July to 26th August 2006.**
- 2.1.5. **Calne Family Action Group – Award £500 from the revenue budget towards a summer trip to Oxenwood for a ‘girls group’**
- 2.1.6. **Derry Hill and Studley Village Hall Trust – Award £7,279 from the capital budget towards the creation of a self contained meeting room extension at Lansdowne Hall, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**

3. Links to the Corporate Business Plan Priorities:

- 3.1. Community Area Awards can be linked to the Council's priorities of Partnerships and Customer Focus through community based projects supporting the delivery of Community Plans and all other Council priorities; especially those associated with Equalities and Diversity and Healthy Lifestyles.

4. Background

- 4.1. Funding criteria for 2006/07 were reviewed by a Working Party, which included representatives of all five Area Committees. The Executive Committee subsequently approved the revised policy and procedures on 2nd February 2006. (See Appendix 1). Should Members therefore wish to act in contravention of this policy, the matter will need to be referred to the Executive.
- 4.2. Funding Criteria require that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget is allocated to applications which demonstrate explicit links to issues, visions, milestones identified in the Calne Community Area Plan. The remaining 25% will be available for those schemes that fall outside of the Community Plan but remain important for local people and are able to demonstrate that they meet a community identified need.
- 4.3. Members are reminded that all applications in 2006/07 will be considered under the same Community Area Award criteria. Those schemes requesting £500 or less will not require any

matched funding, while those requesting more than £500 will not be awarded more than 50% of the total cost of their project.

5. Funding

- 5.1. In 2006/07 Area 5 Committee have been allocated with a capital budget of **£40,000** and a revenue budget of **£8,000** for distribution in the form of Community Area Awards. (Full Council on 21st February 2006 approved a reduction of £10,000 to Area Committee Community Revenue for 2006/07. The total revenue budget results in a revenue funding allocation of £8,000 for each Area Committee in 2006/07).
- 5.2. On 14th February 2006 the sum of £32,989 was carried forward from the 2005/06 capital budget resulting in a **total capital budget of £72,989 for distribution as Community Area 5 Awards for the remainder of 2006/07.**
- 5.3. When the Area 5 Committee met on 11th April 2006 a £1,000 virement from the revenue budget was made to the District wide award scheme, in addition Community Area Awards were agreed to the Calne Development Project Trust and the Calne Music and Arts Festival. As a result Area 5 now have a **revenue budget of £4,440 for distribution as Community Area Awards for the remainder of the 2006/07.**
- 5.4. Appendix 2 provides details of the 2006/07 geographical distribution of awards across Area 5, in an attempt to assist Members when distributing funding across the whole of the community area in 2006/07.
- 5.5. Appendix 3 provides details of the 2006/07 awards already agreed for Area 5.
- 5.6. Members are reminded that there will be three funding rounds during 2006/07. The first is contained in this report, and the remaining two will take place on:
- 10th October 2006 (deadline for receipt of applications – 1st September)
 - 27th February 2007 (deadline for receipt of applications – 12th January)

6. Officer Observations & Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.1.	Hilmarton Community Association (See appendix 4)	Creation of a community/school hall	Capital	£8,200

- 6.1.1. This application meets essential funding criteria and Area 5 funding priorities through linking to the vision identified in the Community Area Plan by increasing recreation facilities in the Calne Community Area. It also has the potential to promote a sense of community cohesion and well being.
- 6.1.2. This particular project has been identified, through consultation with local people, as a popular community desire and appears as a specific action point in the Hilmarton Parish Plan.
- 6.1.3. The applicant is looking for significantly less than 50% of the funding required to achieve a community building that will be accessible to all of the population.
- 6.1.4. Members should be mindful of the fact that the Local Education Authority, who are the main funders of this project, will become the owners of the hall and that the hall will be used in part by the local primary school. However the community section of the hall will be run independently from the school.
- 6.1.5. The applicant has secured a long lease on the hall (60 years), which can be renewed. They have also agreed terms, which will see the County Council return their element of funding (£75,000) should the lease be terminated.
- 6.1.6. The District Council's Solicitor, has advised that it would be reasonable for Area 5 to request that similar arrangements be put in place to ensure that any award granted to this project would be

returned to the District Council if the hall ceased to be used as a community facility. Wiltshire County Council officers have advised that it is feasible for such an arrangement to be put in place.

- 6.1.7. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £8,200 from the capital budget, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and upon the receipt of evidence that the tenancy agreement between the Community Association and Wiltshire County Council includes a clause ensuring that, in the event of the lease terminating and community use ceasing, this award will be returned to the District Council.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.2.	Cherhill Playgroup See Appendix 5	Provision and location of mobile classroom at Cherhill Primary School.	Capital	£5,000

- 6.2.1. This application meets essential funding criteria and Area 5 funding priorities. It connects with the overarching aim of the education and lifelong learning theme in the Calne Community Area Plan to 'ensure that learning opportunities are available to all members of the community area in an environment that encourages people to take part.'
- 6.2.2. Through relocation to a permanent, purpose located site, the applicant will be able to continue their existing work in a more stable environment. They will also gain the opportunity to move towards achieving their aspiration to reach a broader group of children with the provision of after school clubs and term and holiday childcare. This is likely to be unachievable at the present location of the playgroup.
- 6.2.3. The award sought from Area 5 will not cover the deficit in project income, however the applicant is actively seeking further sources of funding.
- 6.2.4. In addition to localised fundraising activities, the applicant has been successful in engaging the involvement of other local groups and individuals in this project, receiving voluntary labour and donations of equipment to the estimated value of £2,500.
- 6.2.5. Attempts to encourage further assistance from the local community have been undertaken through the local press and radio, however to date this has not been successful.
- 6.2.6. The Parish Council has granted a donation to this project and Members might be minded to applaud the financial commitment of this Parish Council to community originated projects.
- 6.2.7. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £5,000 from the capital budget, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.3.	Calne Area Transport See Appendix 6	Audit, Investigation and Review of Transport Provision Serving the Calne Community Area.	Revenue	£1,560

- 6.3.1. Calne Area Transport (CAT) is an effective community group working for the benefit of public transport users in the Calne Community Area. The group forms the 'Transport' theme group of the Calne Community Area Partnership and as such, this application can be seen to link to all transport issues and visions identified in the Calne Community Area Plan. As such the proposal meets Area 5 funding priorities and essential funding criteria.
- 6.3.2. This project provides an opportunity for CAT, and the wider community, to glean further information about the gaps between existing provision and community requirement and this will place the group in a stronger position from which to represent the needs of the whole Community Area.

- 6.3.3. Officers would alert Members to the fact that, whilst CAT can be seen to be applying a well considered and thorough approach to the issue of public transport issues, this application represents the collection of theoretical information rather than any tangible delivery on the ground.
- 6.3.4. The South West Regional Development Agency has been approached for funding but it should be noted that their support for this work has not yet been confirmed.
- 6.3.5. It should also be noted that County Council, Parish Councils and the Town Council have not, as yet offered any financial support for this project.
- 6.3.6. In addition Members are reminded that 2 further funding rounds are still to take place in this financial year and Area 5 Community Area Funding revenue budget for 2006/2007 stands at £4,440 as a result of awards made and the virement of £1,000 agreed on 11th April 2006. (see appendix 3)
- 6.3.7. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £1,000 from the revenue budget, conditional on the remainder of funding being in place.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.4.	Summer Fun in Calne Playscheme See Appendix 7	4-week summer playscheme in Calne from 31 st July to 26 th August 2006.	Revenue	£500

- 6.4.1. This application meets essential funding criteria and fits Area 5 funding priorities by providing facilities and activities for young people.
- 6.4.2. A wide range of organisations including Calne Town Council are supporting this project financially.
- 6.4.3. The applicant is looking for a modest contribution towards a 4-week scheme of summer play activities for children 5 years old and over.
- 6.4.4. Area 5 has supported this playscheme in previous years. However, each year a different programme is delivered to a different group of children and so it can be considered to constitute a distinctly different project.
- 6.4.5. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £500 from the revenue budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.5.	Calne Family Action Group See Appendix 8	Girls Group Summer Outing	Revenue	£500

- 6.5.1. This application meets essential funding criteria and fits Area 5 funding priorities by providing facilities and activities for young people.
- 6.5.2. The Girls Group is a relatively new youth group that has been formed as a result of consultation with the local community through an open day at the Coleman's Farm Learning and Community Centre during the summer of 2005. This event successfully identified the specific needs and requirements of a particular group within the community.
- 6.5.3. This project will provide opportunities for a disadvantaged and vulnerable group of young women to gain new skills and experiences that will help them to develop confidence and an awareness of the potential opportunities that are open to them., both individually and as a group.
- 6.5.4. Officers are of the opinion that this project and group are undertaking invaluable work within the community and are worthy of the support of Area 5 Community Area Funding.
- 6.5.5. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £500 from the revenue budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.6.	Derry Hill and Studley Village Hall Trust See Appendix 9	Self contained meeting room extension onto Lansdowne Hall	Capital	£7,279

- 6.6.1. This application meets essential funding criteria and fits Area 5 funding priorities highlighted in the Calne Community Area Plan by community recreation facilities in the town and villages.
- 6.6.2. The success of this community facility since its creation in 2000 has led to a need to extend the facilities provided there.
- 6.6.3. This extension project will enable the hall to accommodate and encourage further cultural and educational use of the building at all times by all members of the community.
- 6.6.4. A local businessman and the Bowood Estate have extensively supported the project and the award sought from Area 5 represents a modest contribution to the overall cost.
- 6.6.5. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £7,279 from the capital budget, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 5 Committee as outlined in section 4.1 of this report.
- 7.2. If Members make awards in line with officer recommendations, Members will have a capital balance of £ 52,510 and a revenue balance of £ 2,440.
- 7.3. Consideration needs to be made to ensure a balance of funding across towns, villages and hamlets within the Community Area.

8. Community and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. Awards made by Area Committee to successful applicants will contribute to the continuance and /or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and well being in the Community Area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent on the individual project.

9. Human Resources Implications

- 9.1. There are no Human Resources implications directly relating to this report.

Documents used in the preparation of Report

Community Area Grant Proposal Forms, Calne Community Area Plan (2004 – 2014), Calne Community Area Plan Update 2006.

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