

AREA 4 COMMUNITY AREA FUNDING DISTRIBUTION 2005/2006

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To ask Members to consider a change of circumstances for an application seeking 2005/2006 Community Area Award funding.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. **To ask Members to review a funding award made during 2005/06 following a change of financial circumstances.**
- 2.2. **To endorse the award to Corsham Rugby Football Club of £5,000 from the capital budget made on 13th September 2005.**

3. Links to the Corporate Business Plan Priorities:

- 3.1. Community Area Awards can be linked to the Council's priority of Partnerships, Community and Involvement and in practise, through community based projects, can support the delivery of Community Plans and other Council Priorities including those associated with Equalities and Diversity and Healthy Lifestyles.

4. Background

- 4.1. Appendix 1 provides details of the 2004/05 geographical distribution of awards across Area 4, in an attempt to assist members in distributing funding across the whole of the Community Area.
- 4.2. Members agreed at their 8th March 2005 meeting that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget would be allocated to applications which demonstrated explicit links to identified priorities in the Corsham Area Community Plan. The remaining 25% would be available for those schemes that fell outside the Community Plan, but remained important for local people.
- 4.3. Funding criteria for 2005/06 were reviewed by a Working Party, which included representatives of all five Area Committees. The revised policy and procedures were subsequently approved by the Executive Committee on 3rd February 2005. Should Members therefore wish to act in contravention of this policy, the matter will need to be referred to the Executive.
- 4.4. On 13th September 2005, Area 4 Committee awarded £5,000 to Corsham Rugby Club for a project to repair the floodlights at the ground. The total project cost at that time was £38,226. Other Funders had agreed to support the project with amounts ranging from £2,000 to £5,000.
- 4.5. The Rugby Club intended to make up the balance of the project costs from their own funds and a bank loan of £16,000.

5. Funding

- 5.1. Members are reminded that all applications in 2005/06 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.
- 5.2. Members need to be aware that at present there is no indication that unallocated capital funding will be rolled forward to 2006/2007. Any remaining revenue funding will not be carried forward.

6. Officer Observations & Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.1.	Corsham Rugby Club See Appendix 2	To purchase and install training floodlights at the Rugby ground	Capital	£ 5,000

- 6.1.1. Corsham Rugby Club has written to advise the Committee that the total project cost has now reduced to £29,159. This is due to new advice from Southern Electricity, which states that cables and power supply no longer require upgrading as originally thought.
- 6.1.2. The reduction in the cost of the scheme is a material change of circumstances, and must therefore be reported back to this Committee. The applicant has requested that this change in circumstances does not affect the award made by this Committee.
- 6.1.3. Members attention is drawn to the fact that a contribution of £5,000 is less than 50% of the total project costs and therefore meets the funding criteria.
- 6.1.4. All other Funders have agreed to honour their original awards.
- 6.1.5. The original application received wholehearted support from the Committee.
- 6.1.6. The reduction in costs will allow the Rugby Club to reduce the amount of loan required.
- 6.1.7. **Officer Recommendation** –The award of £5,000 made on 13th September 2005 remains unchanged.

6.1.8. Financial Implications

- 6.2. Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 4 Committee as outlined in section 4.1 of this report.
- 6.3. If Members make awards in line with officer recommendations, Members will have a capital balance of £2,949.
- 6.4. Consideration needs to be made to ensure a balance of funding across towns, villages and hamlets within the Community Area.

7. Community and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. 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.

8. Human Resources Implications

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

Documents used in the preparation of Report

Community Area Grant Proposal Forms

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