

## Area 5 Community Area Funding Distribution 2006/2007

### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To ask Members to consider 2 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. **Calne Development Project Trust - Award £1,060 from the revenue budget, towards running a project which will involve young local people in the design and production of a mural to be installed in Calne town centre.**
  - 2.1.2. **Calne Music and Arts Festival – Award £1,500 from the revenue budget, towards adding additional elements to the Calne Arts and Music Festival in order to extend the Festival to the wider community.**

### 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. These applications are being brought to Area 5 in advance of the programmed round of funding because their individual project plans require funding to be in place before the next scheduled funding round, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006.
- 4.2. 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. On 14<sup>th</sup> 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 2006/07
- 4.3. Members agreed at Executive Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2006 that projects must either be able to demonstrate explicit links to the Calne Community Area Plan or be able to demonstrate that they meet a community-identified need.
- 4.4. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2006. Should Members therefore wish to act in contravention of this policy, the matter will need to be referred to the Executive.
- 4.5. Appendix 1 provides details of the 2005/06 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 (*Please note – the balance of revenue shown in this appendix is not available for Community Area Funding 2006/07*)

### 5. Funding

- 5.1. 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.

## 6. Officer Observations & Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.1.	<b>Calne Development Project Trust</b> (See Appendix 2)	To design and produce a town centre mural with a group of young people.	Revenue	£1,060

- 6.1.1. This application meets the essential funding criteria and meets Area 5 funding priorities through linking to visions identified in the Community Plan; providing '*Activities that encourage young people to take a constructive role in the community*'. (Culture page) In addition the proposal promotes a sense of community cohesion and well-being.
- 6.1.2. The applicant is looking for less than 50% of the funding required to run a project with young people that will produce a town centre mural.
- 6.1.3. This project is being supported financially by the Development Project Trust, Calne Town Council and, in kind, by a local building contractor who is donating the cost of installation materials time and labour.
- 6.1.4. The young people involved in this project have been identified through the Youth Development Service. The YDS is also supporting the Calne Development Project Trust to work with the young people through the preparation, design and production work involved in the project.
- 6.1.5. The preparation phase of the project has begun. The young people have started to take part in meetings and discussions with each other and the Project organisers, in order to create a feeling of membership within the team and ownership of the project.
- 6.1.6. The Development Project Trust has dedicated a great deal of effort and thought into ensuring the success of this project. Officers believe that delaying the next stage, in order to apply to the arranged funding round in June 2006, could cause the project to lose momentum and relevance to the young people.
- 6.1.7. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £1,060 from the revenue budget.

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6.2.	<b>Calne Music and Arts Festival</b> See Appendix 3	The running of new, community focussed elements within the Music and Arts Festival	Revenue	£ 1,500

- 6.2.1. This application meets the essential funding criteria and Area 5 funding priorities through addressing the aim of the Calne Community Area Plan (Culture section) to '*encourage a vibrant community which involves all elements of the society*'. It also achieves the specific milestone laid out in the plan to '*encourage the **Music & Arts Festival** to incorporate activities targeted towards children and young people*'.
- 6.2.2. The Festival received a previous grant award from Area 5 Committee in 2004. However, this application represents the introduction of new elements to the annual Festival, which can be seen to be a serious attempt on the part of the organisers to attract a wider audience, especially young people.
- 6.2.3. The organisation and running of these new elements represent a clearly defined, new project for the festival organisers and this funding application is distinctly separate from the funding of established festival events.
- 6.2.4. The applicant is looking for funding that forms less than 50% of the total cost of the project.

6.2.5. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £1,500 from the revenue budget.

## **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 £ 72,989 and a revenue balance of £ 5,440.

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).

### **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC MANAGER TO AREA 5 COMMITTEE 11 APRIL 2006.**

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