

REPORT TO THE CALNE AREA COMMITTEE			Report No. 6	
Date of Meeting	16 th September 2008			
Title of Report	Area Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/2009			
Link to Corporate Priorities	Partnership Working			
Public Report	Yes			
Summary of Report				
To ask Members to consider 5 applications with recommendations for funding from the 2008/09 Community Area Award Scheme.				
Officer Recommendations				
Members agree funding distribution of the Calne Area Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/2009:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Calne and District Twinning Association – Award £441 from the project budget for the purchase of a data projector and screen, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 2. Castlefields Canal and River Park – Award £2,500 from the streetscene budget for the creation of Chaveywell Gardens, a proposed area of attractive planting centred on the existing Chaveywell Spring, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 3. Tommy Crocker Memorial Playing Fields – Award £2,378 from the streetscene budget for provision of an interpretation sign, two log seats, litter bins and replacement of grass maintenance equipment, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 4. Calne Alpha Four ASA Synchronised Swimming Club – Award £2,500 from the capital budget towards improvements to club equipment and training, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 5. Reach Out Wiltshire – Award £2,420 from revenue towards a six month pilot of structured workshops, which will lead to development of a 5 day programme, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 				
Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
Yes	None	Yes	None	Yes
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report considers 5 applications for 2008/2009 Community Area Award funding and, where appropriate, links them to issues and priorities identified in the Northern Community Area Plan.
- 1.2 Following the funding awards made at the Calne Area (5) Committee on 22nd July 2008, Calne Area Committee has a capital balance of £0 and a revenue balance of £3,179 for distribution during the remainder of the 2008/09 financial year.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 provides details of the distribution of awards so far in 2008/09 to assist Members when distributing grants across the whole community area.

2. Funding Levels

- 2.1 The 2008/09 budget made provision for Cash for Communities. An element of that budget was for each of the Area Committees to award funds to local projects. Each Area Committee was allocated a budget of £40,000 for capital projects and £12,000 for revenue projects.
- 2.2 Members of the Executive have agreed that the £50,000 budget set aside for Streetscene and physical environment improvements in 2008/09 can be distributed by the Area Committees through the Community Awards scheme. This budget has historically been managed by the Assets Design and Estates Team in consultation with the Area Committees.
- 2.3 Each Area Committee now has an allocation of £10,000 to be spent on projects that improve the physical environment or streetscene. This £10,000 is reflected in Appendix One. There are funding requests included within this report that could be met from the streetscene budget.
- 2.4 As Appendix One shows the Calne Area Committee has an uncommitted balance of £3,179 revenue and a zero balance in the capital budget. Some of the other Area Committees have also exhausted their original funding allocations, and requests were made to the Executive for additional funds to allow more projects to be supported.
- 2.5 On 4th September 2008 the Executive considered a report that recommended that each Area Committee is allocated £10,000 from under spending in year budgets. Members resolved to award each Area Committee £10,000. As this is in year underspend the additional £10,000 can be spent on either capital or revenue projects at the discretion and priority of this Committee.

3. Options and Options Appraisal

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Calne and District Twinning Association Appendix 2	Purchase of a data projector and screen	From Project Budget	£441

- 3.1 **Option 1: Calne and District Twinning Association – Award £441 from the project budget for the purchase of a data projector and screen, conditional**

upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.

- 3.1.1** This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria for the Calne Area Committee. Although, these require that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget be allocated to applications that demonstrate links to the Plan, the remaining 25% will be available for those projects that fall outside of this but remain important for local people.
- 3.1.2** The Calne and District Twinning Association was set up in 1970 when Calne became twinned with Charlieu, France. Since then Calne has also twinned with Caln Township, Pennsylvania, USA and Eningen-unter-Achalm, Germany. The aim of the association is to foster friendship between Calne and its 3 twinned towns.
- 3.1.3** The association aims to raise its profile within the community, particularly in the local schools, and increase membership. The projector and screen would be used to give presentations on aspects of twinning and picture shows of previous twinning visits, in order to help the association meet this aim. In order to raise funds, maintain the current membership, and attract new members, the Calne and District Twinning Association have begun to develop a more active schedule of social events, which take place about once a month. The projector and screen would also be used at these events as a general aid (e.g. for quiz nights). The Association would aim to have between 30 and 50 people at these events.
- 3.1.4** The other European twin towns receive guaranteed income from their local governments. Calne Town Council have made a recurring award for the next 3 years, to meet the costs of both European twin towns coming to visit Calne in 2010, showing it's commitment to the association both now and in the future. This award will not cover the cost of the projector and screen.
- 3.1.5** A decision to fund this project will result in the Calne and District Twinning Association being able to purchase the projector and screen, and able to give the aimed presentations. This would be a real opportunity to involve the wider community in twinning.
- 3.1.6** The total cost of this project is £441. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of 100% of the project. Further details are provided in the application at Appendix 2.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Castlefields Canal and River Park Association Appendix 3	Chaveywell Gardens, a proposed area of attractive planting centred on the existing Chaveywell Spring.	From Streetscene Budget	£2500

- 3.2** **Option 2: Castlefields Canal and River Park Association – Award £2,500 from the streetscene budget towards creation of Chaveywell Gardens, a proposed area of attractive planting centred on the existing Chaveywell Spring, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 3.2.1** This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria for the Calne Area Committee and demonstrates clear links to the Calne Community Area Plan. (Environment, Land-Based and Countryside)

- 3.2.2** Calne has few public open spaces, and Castlefields Park is the largest park close to the town centre. The park has undergone gradual improvements over the past few years, however much potential still remains.
- 3.2.3** The Chaveywell Gardens project would provide an attractive year round focal point, centred on the old park walls and the unique Chaveywell Spring lying at the foot of the walls. Immediately next to the spring runs the main path through the park which also forms part of the Sustrans National Route 4 cycle path. The park is used extensively by a wide variety of people including casual walkers, joggers, dog walkers, cyclists, fishermen, keep fit trail users and many others. These number many thousands throughout the year, all of whom would benefit from this proposed garden, located either side of the existing path and centred on the spring.
- 3.2.4** Castlefields Canal and River Park Association (CARP) is an established charity, with a positive track record of delivering improvements to Castlefields Park through working with NWDC, Calne Town Council, and local groups and organisations. Through a combination of fundraising and volunteers physically working on projects, improvements have included the building of a pocket park, trim trail, new paths and seating, wild flower meadow, art works, new park gates, new drainage, annual river rubbish clearance, as well as holding community events, such as the Easter Egg hunt.
- 3.2.5** A decision to fund this project would prevent delaying the purchase and planting of the vegetation for the garden while the necessary funds were raised by CARP. This will prevent any disruption of the planting programme for the garden.
- 3.2.6** The total cost of this project is £2,500. If Members make an award in line with the Officer recommendation this will represent 100% of the total project costs. Further details are provided in the application at Appendix 3.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Tommy Crocker Memorial Playing Fields Appendix 4	Interpretation sign, two log seats, litter bins and replacement of grass maintenance equipment.	From Streetscene Budget	£2,378

- 3.3 Option 3: Tommy Crocker Memorial Playing Fields – Award £2,378 from the streetscene budget for provision of an interpretation sign, two log seats, litter bins and replacement of grass maintenance equipment, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 3.3.1** This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan by addressing the severe shortfall in recreational and sporting facilities, protecting public open spaces, and by maintaining and increasing recreational land and facilities.
- 3.3.2** The playing field is situated close to the busy village hall and is used for outdoor play activities by the groups who meet there (including Scouts, youth groups and 2 toddler groups), as well as use by local residents and visitors. The playing field is in the centre of the village, allowing local children to walk/cycle to the play area and home again safely.
- 3.3.3** RoSPA provide a regular safety inspection to satisfy the playing fields insurance provider, and have made various recommendations. In order to comply with RoSPAs Play Safety recommendations and enable renewal of the playing fields insurance, various alterations need to be made. These are an interpretation sign to inform the community about the rules for using the playing field, provision of

additional seating to enable more supervision of play activities, and two new litter bins. Also the grass maintenance equipment needs replacing to ensure safe grassed areas for all play activities.

- 3.3.4** A decision to fund this project will ensure all the necessary work can be completed prior to the insurance renewal date. Further details of this application are provided in the application at Appendix 4.
- 3.3.5** The total cost of this project is £2,378. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of 100% of the project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Calne Alpha Four ASA Synchronised Swimming Club Appendix 5	Improvements to equipment and training	Capital from Project Budget	£2,500

- 3.4 Option 4: Calne Alpha Four ASA Synchronised Swimming Club – Award £2,500 from the capital budget towards improvements to club equipment and training, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 3.4.1** This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan by involving young people and children in activities, and using leisure activities to engage with children and young people.
- 3.4.2** Calne Alpha Four (CAF) provides a fun healthy activity for young people. Currently the club caters for 30-40 swimmers aged from 6 to 18. The club is in a position to expand, but is unable to do so due to a lack of trained volunteers. The requested funding would enable the club to develop its personnel and offer more places to young people who wish to join. The teaching handbooks will ensure the volunteers have up to date technical knowledge, developing their skills and helping the swimmers to improve more effectively.
- 3.4.3** By training volunteers and teenagers as synchro teachers, the club can maintain motivation towards the club, offer the opportunity of a potential career in swimming coaching, as well as securing the long term sustainability of the club.
- 3.4.4** In order for the swimmers to hear the music underwater while practicing their routines, specialist underwater speakers are required, and the clubs current equipment needs replacing, especially if they are to attract new swimmers to the club.
- 3.4.5** The club also wishes to buy club tracksuits to be available to members on loan for competitions, increasing the sense of identity and self esteem the young people gain from representing their club.
- 3.4.6** A decision to fund this application will allow the club to expand and offer the benefits to a greater number of young people. Further details of this application are provided in the application at Appendix 5.
- 3.4.7** The total cost of this project is £2,864. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of approx 87% of the project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Reach Out Wiltshire Appendix 6	Six month pilot of structured workshops which will lead to development of 5 day programme	Revenue	£2,420

3.5 Option 5: Reach Out Wiltshire – Award £2,420 from the revenue budget towards a six month pilot of structured workshops, which will lead to development of a 5 day programme, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.

3.5.1 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and Reach Out is explicitly mentioned in the Calne Community Area Plan, under providing those suffering from substance misuse having access to help and support.

3.5.2 Reach Out was formed in early 2001 to deal with the growing heroin problem in North Wiltshire. They are a voluntary organisation and all of their workers are volunteers. Reach Out offer guidance and advice to young people at open access drop in centres, currently in Calne and Chippenham, and work with people at every stage of their drug use.

3.5.3 Having worked with this client group for 6 years and supported several clients to gain structure to their lives and move into education, employment or training, the management have seen the need to develop the project to provide daily support and education. This is also an opportunity to make Reach Out more sustainable and to respond to future community needs. The current support provided is adequate for the less vulnerable, but the very vulnerable require much more structured support.

3.5.4 Reach Out currently operates 3 days per week (2 in Chippenham, and 1 in Calne) as a support group. There is a real need for a 5 days per week reintegration project, based in Calne. Workshops will include; budgeting, diet and nutrition, maintaining a tenancy, sexual health, developing and maintaining a support network. All other workshops will be client focussed and will be developed in partnership with Reach Out's service users.

3.5.5 A decision to fund this application will allow the pilot workshops to go ahead, and with this, Reach Out will then be able to draw down funding from both local and national sources, ensuring this valuable service will be able to continue in Calne long term. Further details of this application are provided in the application at Appendix 6.

3.5.6 The total cost of this project is £4,920. If Members make an award in line with the Officer Recommendation this will represent a contribution of approx 49% of the project.

4 Timescales

4.1 The Deadlines for the next 2 funding rounds are as follows;

- 12th November 2008 (deadline for receipt of applications – 3rd October 2008)
- 14th January 2009 (deadline for receipt of applications -19th December 2008)

4.2 Applications can be made electronically via the Council's website, www.northwilts.gov.uk or via a paper version. Details about the 2008/9 Community Awards Scheme can also be downloaded which includes information relating to

criteria and the application process as well as advice about alternative sources of funding. All enquires should be made to community@northwilts.gov.uk or 01249 706448 (requests for paper versions of the Community Area Awards Funding Pack can be made via this number too).

- 4.3** Funding can be drawn down by successful applicants when all award criteria have been met (e.g. match funding is in place) and on confirmation that the project which funding has been awarded to will proceed in the next 3 months. **All funding awards must be paid to or invoiced by the recipient prior to 31st March 2009 - it is the recipients responsibility to ensure this condition is met. Failure to do so will result in the award being withdrawn.**

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Calne Area Committee as set out in Section 2 of this report.
- 5.2 If Members make awards in line with the recommendations in this report the budget balances will be as follows;

Capital £0
Revenue £759
Streetscene £5,122
Project Budget £7,059

- 5.3 Members will need to be satisfied that awards granted in the 2008/09 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before March 31 2009. The last date that applications must be received by is December 19 2008. This Council will not be in a position to guarantee the availability of funding after that time. With this in mind the award criteria (point 4) clearly states that;
- 5.4 Funding can be drawn down by successful applicants when all award criteria have been met (e.g. match funding is in place) and on confirmation that the project which funding has been awarded to will proceed in the next 3 months. All funding awards must be paid to or invoiced by the recipient prior to 31st March 2009 - it is the recipients responsibility to ensure this condition is met. Failure to do so will result in the award being withdrawn.

6. Community and Environmental Implications

- 6.1 All of the awards can be directly linked to priorities identified in the Calne Community Area Plan.
- 6.2 Awards made by Area Committee to successful applicants will contribute to the continuance and/or the 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.

7. Equality & Diversity Implications

- 7.1 Community Area Awards give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2 An Equality Impact Assessment for the Community Area Awards has been undertaken and copies are available on the Council's website.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 distribution of Calne Area Committee awards 2008/9 • Appendix 2 Application - Calne and District Twinning Association • Appendix 3 Application – Castlefields Canal and River Park Association • Appendix 4 Application – Tommy Crocker Memorial Playing Field • Appendix 5 Application – Calne Alpha Four ASA Synchronised Swimming Club • Appendix 6 Application – Reach Out Wiltshire
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	<p>Community Area Award Funding Criteria 2008/9 Calne Community Area Plan 2004 – 2014 Calne Community Area Plan Update 2006</p>

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
Community Area Awards Criteria 2008/9 Budgets	<p>Executive 7th February 2008 Council 26th February 2008</p>	<p>E182 C83</p>