

DISTRICT WIDE AWARD SCHEME – VIREMENT UPDATE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To provide Members with details of the criteria used to determine District-wide Awards
- 1.2. To inform Members of the process whereby District-wide Awards will be made in future
- 1.3. To ask Members to re-consider a virement from their 2006/07 Community Area Awards revenue budget.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. **To note the criteria and process whereby District-wide Awards will be made**
- 2.2. **To approve a one off virement of £1,000 from the Area 3, 2006/07 Community Area Awards revenue budget to the 2006/07 District-wide Awards revenue budget.**

3. Links to the Corporate Business Plan Priorities:

- 3.1. District-wide Area Awards can be linked to the Council's priority of Partnership Working and Customer Focus through community based projects supporting the delivery of Community Plans and Council Priorities, especially those associated with Equalities and Diversity.

4. Background

- 4.1. A request was made to this Committee on 3rd April 2006 to approve a virement from the Area 3 2006/07 Community Area Awards revenue budget to the District-wide Awards Scheme. Before the Committee could reach a decision, Members requested clarification about funding criteria and process.
- 4.2. The District-wide Award Scheme offers funding to those projects which cover more than one Community Area or the whole of North Wiltshire.
- 4.3. In 2006/07 all schemes which cover more than one Community Area or the whole district area will be submitted for a District-wide Award. This will include schemes that previously may have been considered by Area Committees.
- 4.4. If any Area Committee decides not to vire, £1,000 from their Community Area Awards revenue budget to the District-wide Award scheme for 2006/07, no virement from any Area Committee will take place.
- 4.5. To date Area 1 and 5 Committees have approved the virement. Area 2 Committee resolved to agree to the virement after consideration of their second round of Area Awards in October. Area 4 Committee will consider the request on 16th May.
- 4.6. If a virement is not agreed, there will be insufficient funding available to meet the demand previously accommodated by the Area Committees, since the 2006/07 level of District-wide Award funding stands at approximately £3,000.
- 4.7. Previously the distribution of District-wide Awards (amounting to some £7,600) was delegated to the Team leader, Community Partnerships, in consultation with the Lead Member for Partnerships.

5. Discussion

- 5.1. A copy of the District-wide Award funding criteria are attached, see Appendix 1. These reflect many of those currently used by the Community Area Awards.
- 5.2. Following discussion with the Lead Member for Partnerships, it is suggested that (pending the approval of the Area Committee virement) a District-wide Awards Advisory Panel is established to guide the Lead Member in making her decisions. A representative from each Area Committee would be made under 'Representatives to Outside Bodies'.
- 5.3. Officers have examined the historical spend of the revenue budget of each of the 5 Area Committees. In the 2005/06 financial year the Area 3 Committee allocated only £5,591 to community revenue projects.
- 5.4. Members of all five Area Committees must approve this recommendation before the virement can take place.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. Should Members approve the recommendation they will reduce their Community Area Award revenue budget in 2006/07 from £8,000 to £7,000.

7. Community and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Awards and District-wide Awards contribute to the continuance and or improvement of cultural, economic social and community activity and well-being in the Community Area.

8. Human Resources Implications

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

Documents used in the preparation of this report

Minutes of Council 21 February 2006
Minutes of Area 3 Committee 3 April 2006

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