

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE		Report No. 12
Date of Meeting	6 November 2008	
Title of Report	Cash for Communities Update	
Portfolio	Partnership Working/Resources & Democracy	
Link to Corporate Priorities	Partnership Working	
Key Decision	No	
Executive Workplan Ref	B408	
Public Report	Yes	

<p>Summary of Report</p> <p>To report to Members a 6 month review of projects and awards from the 2008/09 Cash for Communities budgets.</p> <p>The maps attached at Appendices 1-6 illustrate the allocation of funds across the District.</p> <p>Officer Recommendations</p> <p>It is recommended that</p> <p>The Executive note the progress of the awards process from the Cash for Communities budgets 2008/09.</p>

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.				
Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
yes	None	yes	no	no
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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This report provides feedback from the Cash for Communities budgets featured in the March Edition of Improving North Wiltshire.

2. Options and Options Appraisal

- 2.1. It is recommended that
 - 2.1.1. The Executive note the progress of the awards process from the Cash for Communities budgets 2008/09.

3. Background Information

- 3.1. The March edition of Improving North Wiltshire set out the opportunities which the Council would be giving local people to apply for funding to improve their communities.
- 3.2. There were many different ways in which local people and community groups could access funds by applying to the Council. As in previous years each of the Area Committees was allocated a budget to award to projects and activities within the relevant community area.
- 3.3. The Council also made specific provision for a number of key areas of community importance including CCTV, Energy Efficiency, Post Offices and Sports Activities.
- 3.4. This report focuses on providing feedback and information on awards made from the following Cash for Communities Budgets;
 - CCTV
 - Community Area Award Funding (for each of the 5 Community Areas)
 - Executive held Community Award Funding
 - Funding for additional sports activities across North Wiltshire
 - Funding Support for communities at risk of losing their Post Office Service
 - The Energy Efficiency Awards Scheme

4. Overview of Funding

- 4.1. The maps included in the Appendices (1-6) highlight where awards have been made from the Cash for Communities Budgets. In addition to those detailed in the paragraph above Members will note that the maps include information relating to funding that has been provided to the Council's Leisure Centres.

5. Key Funding Highlighted Areas of Focus

5.1. CCTV

- 5.1.1. As a part of the Council's commitment to combating vandalism and antisocial behaviour Town Councils were invited to submit proposals to install or improve CCTV schemes in their Towns. The following awards were made;

Town	Description of Proposal	Awarded Funds
Calne	Upgrade of system and Relocation of CCTV Monitoring Suite	£10,000 for contribution towards relocation
Chippenham	Upgrade of current system including switch to digital recording and provision of a live link to the Police	£15,000 For live link to Police contribution to Digitisation
Corsham	Upgrading columns to deploy existing camera	£3,000 for 3 new locations for mobile camera
Malmesbury	Introduction of a CCTV Scheme including local monitoring suite	£22,000 for implementation of a new CCTV system
Wootton Bassett	Upgrade current system to digital and provide new wireless camera located at the Southern end of the High Street near White Hill lane	£10,000 for an additional camera

- 5.1.2. Five of the market towns in North Wiltshire will now have a CCTV scheme Malmesbury did not previously have any scheme. The Council has supported the capital investment required to implement and establish the schemes, each of the Towns will remain responsible for the on going running costs of the new and improved schemes.

5.2. Community Area Award Funding

- 5.2.1. Each of the Area Committees has been making awards to community projects within the relevant community area. Each Area Committee was allocated a budget of £40,000 for capital based projects and £12,000 for revenue based projects.
- 5.2.2. Each Area Committee also has an allocation of £10,000 to be spent on projects that improve the physical environment or streetscene.
- 5.2.3. In September the Executive resolved to allocate each Area Committee £10,000 from under spending in year budgets. As this is in year underspend the £10,000 can be spent on either capital or revenue projects at the discretion and priority of the Area Committee and is referred to as the project budget.
- 5.2.4. Both the maps and the detailed list of awards (at Appendix 7) show that a significant number of projects have been awarded funds in this year. As with previous years the applicants have been required to demonstrate a clear benefit to the community and a link to the relevant community plan. Members are then assured that the projects that are being funded by the Council are in line with identified community need.

5.3. Executive held Community Award Funding

5.3.1. Where a project is of particular significance or scale or where the communities benefitting are community wide or span across more than one community area applications for funding are considered by the Executive.

5.3.2. The table below details those awards made by the Executive so far this year.

Applicant	Project	Amount Awarded
CVS North Wiltshire	Provision of 2 new computers to support the Volunteer Centre and the Information services provided to the voluntary and community sector through CVS North Wiltshire.	District wide £1,063
Malmesbury Youth Football Club	The project provides a clubhouse to include changing facilities for Malmesbury Youth Football Club at the Red Bull site. The Executive contribution is a match to £20,000 awarded by the Area 1 Committee in September 2007. Historic criteria allowed for such a request.	Area 1 £20,000
Seagry, Startley and Great Somerford Village Hall	The overall will provide a new community hall with modern facilities for Seagry / Startley and Great Somerford. Phase one - the restitution of the eco friendly pond on the site (in Seagry) is complete. This award supports Phase Two – the forming of a footway from the bus stop and the base access into the site.	Area 1 and Area 3 £9,759
Sherston Parish Council	Support for the purchase of Sherston Old School. This overall project has two phases, the first to purchase the building and the second to convert it to community and commercial and retail use.	Area 1 £50,000
Colerne Parish Council	A project to convert the Old School in Colerne resulting in four units of affordable accommodation, a Village playgroup, two community rooms, accommodation for the Parish Clerk and secure storage. This funding supports an early phase to demolish an old 1940's toilet block and rebuild as a storage facility in the long term for bins, bicycles and playgroups equipment. In the short term the storage facility will be used as storage during the main building conversion.	Area 4 and Area 3 £25,876
Chippenham Sports Club	The project will provide a home for Netball in North Wiltshire through the construction of an Airhall indoor sports facility on land owned by the Club. This project is part of the sports club's plans to become the first 'Hub Club' in Wiltshire. Sport England has set aside funding for Hub Clubs in the South West with a view to increasing participation by focusing on multi-sport provision and the promotion of physical activity. In February 2008 Area 3 awarded a total of £17,500 to the project and requested that the Executive consider matching that amount or more. Historic criteria allowed for such a request.	District wide based in Area 3 £80,000
North Wilts Citizens Advice Bureau	Improving access to telephone advice through the implementation of an improved telecommunications system.	District wide £9,699
Kandu Arts	Provide funds towards the purchase of equipment for media based activities specifically aimed at engaging traditionally hard to reach groups in North Wiltshire's communities.	District wide £2,400
Wiltshire Search and Rescue	To provide high visibility weatherproof jackets for all operational volunteers.	District wide £2,237

5.4. Funding for additional Sports Activities Across North Wiltshire

- 5.4.1. The Council allocated an additional £30,000 to the Sports Development budget this year. The funds have been used to provide additional sports activities across the District targeted at different locations, communities and age groups. There have been a number of key events that aim to increase opportunities to access sports activities and participation.
- 5.4.2. Major events include Midsummer Bike Night at Castle Combe race circuit in June and Corsham Alternative Sports Event in September these attracted over 1500 people between the two events. Young people tried climbing, parkour, mountain biking, skateboarding and bmx-ing during a day of alternative sports activities at Corsham whilst Castle Combe saw people of all ages involved in a high quality cycling experience to celebrate National Bike Week. January will see the launch of 'Return to Sport' projects for adults and a programme of Dance in Calne and Wootton Bassett alongside the development of an alternative sports club in Chippenham.
- 5.4.3. The following list provides a summary of the activities provided to date with an indication of the levels of participants.
- Gifted and Talented projects in Wootton Bassett and Chippenham for 6 and 7 year olds - 37 participants
 - Malmesbury and Calne Summer Holiday Activity Project - 81 participants
 - CASE - up to 1000 participants
 - Midsummer Bike Night - 412 participants
 - Malmesbury Over 50's activity sessions - 12 participants
 - Chippenham Mums and Daughters Football project - 13 participants
 - Club School Link Projects - Tag Rugby (District Wide) and Cricket (Malmesbury) - 310 participants
 - Wootton Bassett Young People's Activity Sessions - 20 participants
 - Corsham Tai Chi Project - starts November, 12 participants signed up

5.5. Funding Support for communities at risk of losing their Post Office Service

- 5.5.1. This particular fund was set up by the Council to provide support to local communities where there are initiatives that could save Post Office Services that are threatened, or support alternative proposals. It was intended that this could be in the nature of some funds for initial (basic) structural works which allow for a basic Post Office service to be maintained within an existing business or community facility.
- 5.5.2. In May 2008 the Executive agreed to a proposal from Kington St Michael and awarded £2,500. Officers have been working with representatives of the Kington St Michael Village shops where there was agreement to provide postal services for the community.

5.6. The Energy Efficiency Award Scheme

- 5.6.1. This awards scheme was set up to provide grants to improve energy efficiency in buildings that are for community use for example Community or Parish halls. Expressions of interest for the scheme were sought in March and April this year.
- 5.6.2. The scheme centres around an energy efficiency audit undertaken by the Council's partner the Severn Wye Energy Agency. Each audit makes a series of recommendations for areas of improvement, these recommendations are for both physical improvements and behavioural changes. Each recommendation has been

prioritised and has an estimated implementation cost. Facilities with a completed audit were invited to apply to the Council for funds to implement the improvements.

- 5.6.3. A total of 39 expressions of interest were completed and returned by the deadline date. Of those 39 applications 36 met the required criteria and were put forward for an energy audit.
- 5.6.4. Each of the 36 community facilities has been provided with an energy meter that will monitor usage. The project is promoting local suppliers as a means to delivering the recommended improvements by encouraging local suppliers to contact the community asset holders and provide quotations for the work.
- 5.6.5. In addition to environmental benefits from reducing carbon emissions this project should see a future reduction in the running costs of the facilities.
- 5.6.6. The table on the following page details which community facilities have been awarded funds for what energy efficiency improvement measure. The facilities are currently gathering quotations for works, once quotes have been approved the energy efficiency measures are being implemented.

Measure	Walls	Loft	Floor Insulation	New Heating	Controls	Double Glazing	Secondary	Doors	Lighting	DP	Lagging	TRVs	Appliances	Other
Ashton Keynes Village Hall		✓		✓			✓		✓					
Biddestone Village Hall					✓					✓				✓
Bradenstoke Village Hall & Rec Centre				✓										
Broad Town Village Hall	✓	✓						✓		✓				
Cherhill Village Hall	✓	✓					✓			✓		✓		
Colerne Parish Council		✓		✓			✓		✓					
Colerne Village Hall	✓				✓			✓						
Cricklade Jenner Hall		✓				✓								
Cricklade Pre-School Playgroup				✓			✓		✓	✓				
Cricklade Town Hall	✓	✓		✓		✓								
Crudwell Village Hall	✓	✓		✓		✓						✓		
Englands Social Centre	✓	✓							✓	✓				
Goatacre Village Hall	✓	✓		✓					✓	✓				✓
Grittleton Village Hall	✓	✓		✓			✓			✓			✓	✓
Kington Langley Village Hall				✓										
Kington St Michael Village Hall			✓	✓						✓	✓			✓
Lacock Village Hall		✓					✓		✓					
Langley Burrell Village Hall	✓	✓												
Little Somerford Parish Hall	✓	✓												
Luckington Village Hall		✓												✓
Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall	✓	✓			✓	✓								
Lyneham Village Hall	✓				✓				✓				✓	
Neston Memorial Hall	✓	✓		✓										
Purton Village Centre	✓	✓		✓					✓	✓				
Purton Village Hall	✓	✓		✓		✓					✓			
Sherston Village Hall	✓			✓			✓	✓		✓				
St Michael & All Angels Church of England	✓	✓												
St Peter's Church & Community Complex				✓										
Sutton Benger Village Hall					✓				✓					
The Marden House Centre	✓	✓		✓		✓					✓			
Tockenham Village Hall				✓			✓			✓				✓
Wooton Bassett Memorial Hall		✓		✓					✓	✓				
Wooton Bassett Methodist Church	✓	✓												
Yatton Keynell Village Hall	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓					

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. This report reviews the decisions made from budgets featured in the March Edition of Improving North Wiltshire, Cash for Communities. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7. Community and Environmental Implications

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

8. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 8.1. Awards give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes. The specific nature of some of the funds included in this report specifically target key community issues that may not have otherwise been offered financial support.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appendix One Area Awards map• Appendix Two Area Two Awards map• Appendix Three Area Three Awards map• Appendix Four Area Four Awards map• Appendix Five Area Five Awards map• Appendix Six District Overview of Awards map• Appendix Seven list of awards by Community Area
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