

**AMESBURY AREA BOARD
8TH DECEMBER 2009**

STONEHENGE COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

Purpose of Report

1. To explain the background and approach agreed by the Implementation Executive in March 2009 concerning funding for new Community Area Partnerships.

Background

Funding in 2009/10

2. In March 2009 the Implementation Executive (IE) approved the release of core funding for Community Area Partnerships (up to a maximum of 20% of the Area Board budget). In accordance with that agreement, most Community Area Partnerships have drawn down one third of their annual requirement from the Board budget.
3. The first third drawn down by the Stonehenge Community Area Partnership (SCAP) is £3,335.00. The total 20% that the Board could allocate in 2009/10 is £10,106. This therefore leaves £6,771.00 that SCAP could apply for to help with their core running costs in 2009/10.
4. The IE made it clear that the remaining payment may be claimed from the Board as required later in the year. In accordance with this arrangement the Board is requested to approve the release of further funding to SCAP to assist with their core running costs in 2009/10. SCAP will present details of the funding it requires to the Board on the 8th December.

Funding in 2010/11

5. In committing the Council to support the local Community Area Partnerships in 2010/2011, the IE agreed that future funding was to be more closely linked to the agreed outcomes and commitments in the Community Area Partnership Agreement. All funding released by the Council so far has been subject to acceptance of the CAPA by each Partnership.
6. It should be noted that the Council's support for Community Area Partnerships and Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnerships was considered at the Community Leadership and Governance (CLG) Steering Group in September 2009. The CLG Steering Group agreed to review support and funding arrangements ahead of April 2010, which may result in some changes in the funding arrangements next year.

Recommendation

7. In view of the impending review and the IE's commitment, it is suggested that the release of further funding, (in addition to the £3,335 previously authorised by the IE) up to £6,771 be agreed subject to the following conditions:

Before 1st April 2010 the Stonehenge Community Area Partnership should:

- (a) set out how it is working to achieve the objectives and commitments of the Community Area Partnership Agreement
- (b) demonstrate its progress in producing a community area plan
- (c) give a breakdown of its anticipated operating costs for 2010/11.

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