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| <b>Report to</b>       | <b>Chippenham Area Board</b>        |
| <b>Date of Meeting</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009</b> |
| <b>Title of Report</b> | <b>Community Area Grants Scheme</b> |

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Scheme.

Officer recommendations:

1. Chippenham Methodist Churches – Award £715 to purchase equipment and host workshops for youth clubs
2. Cepen Park North Residents Association - Award £400 for hire of halls and printing of initial newsletters
3. CAVE (Chippenham and Villages Environmentalists) – Award £2,299 to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera and print stationery, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

## 1. Background

- 1.1 A single and simple application process was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009 for use during 2009/10.
- 1.2 Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13<sup>th</sup> May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation Area Boards must operate within the policies set by the Leader and /or the Council. The Council has adopted an Area Grants policy, with funding criteria, to which the Area Boards must adhere.
- 1.3 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.

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| <b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10</li> <li>• Chippenham &amp; Villages Community Area Plan</li> </ul> |
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2009/10 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.
- 2.2. There will be 4 rounds of funding during 2009/10. The first took place on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009, the second is contained in this report the remaining rounds will take place on
  - 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010
  - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010

## 3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the Community Area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

The CAVE project will actively encourage householders to reduce their carbon footprint of by communicating energy efficiency messages in and will provide support for home energy efficiency measures.

#### 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Chippenham Area Board.
- 4.2. Following the awards made on 14<sup>th</sup> September, Chippenham Area Board has a Community Area Grant Budget of £14,800.
- 4.3. If Community Area Grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations contained in this report, Chippenham Area Board will have a balance of £11,386.

#### 5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

#### 6. HR Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

#### 7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Project Proposals”.

#### 8. Officer recommendations

| Ref | Applicant                     | Project proposal   | Funding requested |
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| 8.1 | Chippenham Methodist Churches | To purchase equipment and host workshops for youth clubs | £715              |

##### 8.1.1 Chippenham Methodist Churches – Award £715 to purchase equipment and host workshops for youth clubs.

- 8.1.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.

- 8.1.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan Update 2009 “Provide support to active and successful clubs that provide outlets for youth.”

8.1.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through encouraging positive lifestyle changes, young people's participation in positive activities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.

8.1.5 A decision not to fund this project will result in a delay in delivering the workshops, and the applicant will not be able to purchase the new equipment.

| Ref | Applicant                              | Project proposal                              | Funding requested |
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| 8.2 | Cepen Park North Residents Association | Hall hire and printing of initial newsletters | £400              |

8.2.1 **Cepen Park North Residents Association – Award £400 for hall hire and printing costs of initial newsletters.**

8.2.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.

8.2.3 This application does not demonstrate a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan Update 2009 however, Officers are of the opinion that the project will promote neighbourhood engagement.

8.2.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through encouraging positive lifestyle changes, participation in positive activities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.

8.2.5 A decision not to fund this project will prevent the applicant from publicising the newly formed Residents Association and the meetings, and is also likely to prevent large meetings from being held.

| Ref | Applicant  | Project proposal                  | Funding requested |
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| 8.3 | CAVE (Chippenham and Villages Environmentalists) | Purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera | £2,299            |

8.3.1 **CAVE (Chippenham and Villages Environmentalists)– Award £2,299 to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera , conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**

8.3.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.

- 8.3.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan Update 2009 – “Address the causes of climate change, offer surveys to show household heat wastage”.
- 8.3.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities by reducing the carbon footprint of households across the county by communicating energy efficiency messages in local communities and providing support for home energy efficiency measures.
- 8.3.5 CAVE is collaborating with the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre who will provide support and advice to householders regarding energy efficiency measures.
- 8.3.6 A decision not to fund this project will result in a delay in the purchase of the equipment and prevent the project from going ahead this winter.

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| <b>Appendices:</b> | <b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Chippenham Methodist Churches</b><br><b>Appendix 2 Grant application – Cepen Park North Residents Association</b><br><b>Appendix 3 Grant application – CAVE (Chippenham &amp; Villages Environmentalists)</b> |
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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