

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NO. 09

**CORSHAM AREA BOARD
13 OCTOBER 2009**

COMMUNITY AREA GRANTS

Purpose of the Report

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

Officer recommendations:

1. Colerne Community Plan Steering Group – Award £1,000 to carry out the consultation phase of the preparation of a strategic Parish Plan for the community of Colerne conditional upon the balance of the funding being in place.
2. Amateur Football Club Corsham – Award £995 to purchase kit to help expand boys' football to include under17s and to encourage girls to participate.
3. One Mile Running Club – Award £200 to enable the club to purchase materials to produce certificates.

Background

- 1.1 A single and simple application process was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13th May 2009, for use during 2009/10. The Community Area Grants pack is available at:
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboard/areaboardcommunitygrantsscheme.htm> (hardcopies are available from the Community Area Manager) and includes details of the grants process and criteria.
- 1.2 Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13th 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.
- 1.4 Corsham Area Board was allocated for 2009/10 a budget of £32,887 after the deduction of £8770 of this budget to core fund the Community Area

Partnership, a total of £24,117 remains to distribute through the Community Area Grants Scheme.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10• Corsham Community Area Plan Update 2009• Corsham Community Area Plan 2005 - 2015
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Main Considerations

- 1.5 Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2009/10 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before 31st March 2010.
- 1.6 There will be 2 further rounds of funding during 2009/10. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on
- December 8th 2009
 - February 2nd 2010

Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 1.7 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.

Financial Implications

- 1.8 Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Corsham Area Board.
- 1.9 If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Corsham Area Board will have a balance of £21,922

Legal Implications

- 1.10 There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

HR Implications

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

Equality and Diversity Implications

1.12 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.

1.13 Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined below.

Reasons for the Proposals

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
1.14	Colerne Community Plan Steering Group	Consultation phase of the preparation of a strategic Parish Plan for the community of Colerne	£1,000

1.15 Colerne Community Plan Steering Group – Award £1,000 to carry out the consultation phase of the preparation of a strategic Parish Plan for the community of Colerne conditional upon the balance of the funding being in place

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

1.17 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Community Plan “providing a dependable reference source to the priorities and aspirations of this particular community and providing more evidence based research”.

1.18 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through encouraging positive cohesive and resilient communities.

1.19 This application will seek to engage with local people from a variety of backgrounds across the community so will therefore enhance equality and inclusion.

1.20 A decision not to fund this project will result in a delay in carrying out the consultation process.

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1.21	AFC Corsham	To purchase kit to help expand boys football at AFC Corsham to include under 17s and to encourage girls to participate	£995

1.22 AFC Corsham – Award £995 to purchase kit to help expand boys football at AFC Corsham to include under 17s and to encourage girls to participate

- 1.23 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.
- 1.24 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Community Plan Update 2009 – “Access to a wide range of sporting activities” and “enhanced facilities for young people”.
- 1.25 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through encouraging positive lifestyle changes, young people’s participation in positive activities.
- 1.26 The Wiltshire Council Sports Development Manager has confirmed that the applicant has a thriving youth membership, and this equipment will enhance the current opportunities for young people.
- 1.27 Corsham AFC is positively encouraging girls to participate in football in the community and therefore enhancing equality and inclusion.
- 1.28 A decision not to fund this project will result in a delay in the purchase of the equipment, which will in turn impact upon the ability to expand membership of the club.

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1.29	One Mile Running Club	To enable the club to purchase materials to produce certificates	£200

1.30 One Mile Running Club – Award £200 to enable the club to purchase the materials to produce certificates

- 1.31 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.
- 1.32 This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Community Plan update - “Access to a wide range of sporting activities” and “enhanced facilities for young people”.
- 1.33 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through encouraging positive lifestyle changes, young people’s participation in positive activities.
- 1.34 The Wiltshire Council Sports Development Manager has confirmed he is happy to support this application.

1.35 A decision not to fund this project will result in the club being unable to produce certificates for members.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Grant application – Colerne Community Plan Steering Group

Appendix 2 Grant application – Amateur Football Club Corsham

Appendix 3 Grant application – One Mile Running Club

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