

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Corsham Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>08 December 2009</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding.

1. Corsham Rugby Club – seeking £899 to purchase a scrummage machine to allow junior members the chance to train correctly.
2. Wiltshire Scrapstore and Resource Centre – seeking £1,000 to purchase specialised dies to cut recycled material into useable craft material shapes.

## Background

- 1.1. A single and simple application process was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13 May 2009 for use during 2009/10. The Community Grants Pack includes details of the grants process and criteria and may be found either on the Councils website at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or as a paper version through the report author.
- 1.2. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13 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 a budget of £24,117 to distribute through the Community Area Grants Scheme for 2009/2010. Following awards made at the October meeting the budget remaining for distribution was £21,992

<b>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10</b></li><li>• <b>Corsham Community Area Plan 2005-2015</b></li><li>• <b>Corsham Community Area Plan Update 2009</b></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 applicants where projects can realistically proceed before 31 March 2010.
- 2.2. There are 3 rounds of funding opportunities during 2009/10. The second is contained in this report the remaining will take place on
  - 2 February 2010
- 2.3. Community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils are encouraged to submit funding applications to the 2 February 2010 area board.

## 3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1. Consideration has been given to each application and implications are outlined within section 8 of this report.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Corsham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Corsham Area Board will have a balance of £20,093.

#### **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. Wiltshire Council is committed to Equality and Inclusion. 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. Consideration has been given to each application and implications are outlined within section 8 of this report.

#### **8. Officer Recommendations**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project proposal</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>
8.1.	Corsham Rugby Club	To purchase a scrummage machine	£ 899

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that Corsham Rugby Club is awarded £899 to purchase a scrummage machine to allow junior members to be able to train correctly.
- 8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Community Plan 2005 – 2015 and the 2009 revised plan in respect of providing activities for young people.
- 8.1.4. Providing sporting facilities encourages people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their family. This application also links to the Council's priority of building sustainable communities.
- 8.1.5. The Wiltshire Council Sports Development Officer is of the opinion that Corsham Rugby Club has a thriving youth membership and this equipment will enhance the current opportunities for young people.

- 8.1.6. A decision not to fund this application may result in a delay while the applicant either reconsiders priorities for spending for 2009/10 or delays proceeding with this project until next year when funding can be sought from the 2010/11 budget.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Wiltshire Scrapstore and Resource Centre	To purchase specialised dies to cut recycled material into useable craft material shapes.	£1,000

- 8.2.1. It is recommended that Wiltshire Scrapstore and Resource Centre is awarded a grant of £1,000 to enable them to purchase specialised dies to enable them to re-use material destined for landfill for art and craft materials used in the community.

- 8.2.2. Officers are of the opinion that whilst Wiltshire Scrapstore is in receipt of a Service Level Agreement from Wiltshire Council this specific project falls outside of this arrangement so therefore meets the 2009/2010 grant application criteria.

- 8.2.3. This application demonstrates a direct link to the Corsham Community Area Plan 2005 – 2015 and the revised plan in respect of recycling and recreation activities for young people and gives a good example to children and adults of how waste can be re-used in creative ways.

- 8.2.4. Wiltshire Scrapstore is a not for profit organisation and while it operates across Wiltshire, this element of the project is run by 7 volunteers from Corsham giving them work experience and offers this service to 12 voluntary/community organisations and 24 parent and toddler groups specifically in the Corsham Community Area..

- 8.2.5. A decision not to fund this application will probably result in the equipment not being able to be purchased, resulting in this part of the service being omitted this year.

<b>Appendices:</b>	Appendix A Grant application – Corsham Rugby Club Appendix B Grant application – Wiltshire Scrapstore and Resource Centre
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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