

ITEM NO. 10(a)

Report to	Warminster Area Board
Date of Meeting	26th November 2009
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

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

1. Chapel of St Lawrence, PA System, £587
Recommendation – to support the application.
2. Warminster Christmas Lights Committee, £2,000
Recommendation – to support the application.
3. Warminster Festival 2010, £600
Recommendation – to support the application.
4. Warminster Rugby Club, Car Park Surfacing, £4,000
Recommendation – to support the application.
5. Friends of Warminster Park, Teen Shelter, £3,000
Recommendation – to support the application
6. Warminster Education and Lifelong Learning Group, Website and Leaflet, £975
Recommendation – to support the application.

Total if all grants supported in full = £11,163

1. Background

- 1.1 A single and simple application process for Area Grants was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13th May 2009 for use during 2009/10. Appendix 1 contains the Community Area Grants Pack, which has been developed 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.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10• Warminster and Villages Community Plan 2005-2015
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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 31st March 2010.
- 2.2. There will be four rounds of funding during 2009/10. The first took place 24 September 2009, the second is contained in this report and the deadline for future grant applications will be:

3 December 2009 to be determined at 14 January meeting
21 January 2010 to be determined at 4 March meeting

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.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Warminster Area Board. The remaining budget for 2009/10 is £15,227 (after CAP core costs and existing grant commitments).
- 4.2. If the grants contained in this report are awarded in line with officer

recommendations, Warminster Area Board will have a balance of £4,064.

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
8.1	Chapel of St Lawrence	PA System	£587

8.1.1 It is recommended that the Area Board supports this application.

8.1.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10. It should be noted that the installation of a PA system will make the facility, which is used by a wide section of the community, more accessible. The PA system will not be used exclusively for religious ceremonies. The project will be completed by 31st March 2009.

8.1.3 The Application demonstrates a link to the Warminster and Villages Community Plan, with links to the Culture and Leisure / Improving Accessibility themes.

8.1.4 The application meets the following Wiltshire Council priorities:

- Increasing the number of people involved in regular volunteering
- Improving young people's participation in positive activities
- Improving access to primary care services for people with learning disabilities.

8.1.5 The Friends of the Chapel of St Lawrence is a non profit organisation.

8.1.8 The Chapel of St Lawrence is currently undergoing significant renovation. The Area Board is being asked to support this particular project as other fundraising is

focused upon repairing the tower.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Warminster Christmas Lights Committee	Replacement energy efficient bulbs	£2,000

8.2.1 It is recommended that the Area Board supports this application.

8.1.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10. The project will be completed by 31st March 2009.

8.2.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, with links to the Economy and Tourism / Culture and Leisure themes.

8.2.4 The application meets the following Wiltshire Council priorities:

- Increasing the number of people involved in regular volunteering
- Improving young people's participation in positive activities
- Improving the local area through intergenerational activities
- Increase uptake of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures
- Increase awareness of climate change adaptation, leading to action taken by individuals, communities and businesses.

8.2.5 Warminster Christmas Lights Committee is a non profit organisation.

8.2.6 The project aims to replace the existing bulbs with energy efficient ones. This is a requirement under EU legislation, with a view to reducing carbon emissions.

8.2.7 The project is aimed at the people of Warminster and visitors to the town. The Christmas light display encourages people to shop in the town.

8.2.8 Without funding the committee will struggle to meet its obligation to replace the bulbs. Failure to do so could ultimately prevent the provision of Christmas lights in the future.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Warminster Festival Committee	Contribution towards the 2010 Festival	£ 600

8.3.1 It is recommended that the Area Board supports this application.

8.3.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10. The project will be completed by 31st March 2009.

8.3.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (see pages 12, 14, 17 and 18).

8.3.4 The application meets the following Wiltshire Council priorities:

- Improving adult participation in sport
- Improving young people's participation in positive activities
- Improving the local area through intergenerational activities

8.3.5 Warminster Festival Committee is a non profit organisation.

8.3.6 The aim of the project is to deliver a wide range of events and activities throughout 2010/11. The Festival encourages people to visit Warminster and provides new and interesting experiences for local people. The committee works with a range of local providers to deliver these projects.

It should be noted that the Area Board has previously supported two projects linked to the Festival through Warminster Library (Poet in Residence and Story Teller in Residence).

8.3.7 The project is aimed at all sections of the community.

8.3.8 The committee is seeking funding from a variety of sources and this application forms part of that fund-raising.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Warminster Rugby Club	Car Park Surfacing	£4,000

8.4.1 It is recommended that the Area Board supports this application.

8.4.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10. The project will be completed by 31st March 2009.

8.4.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan through the provision of community sports facilities.

8.4.4 The application meets the following Wiltshire Council priorities

- Engaging with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions
- Increasing the number of local people involved in regular volunteering
- Encouraging people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of themselves and their families
- Improve adult participation in sport
- Improve young people's participation in positive activities
- Increase the number of people who feel safe in their community
- Improve the local area through intergenerational activities
- Reduce perceptions of anti-social behaviour
- Increase uptake of energy efficiency measures
- Increase awareness of climate change adaptation, leading to action taken by individuals, communities and businesses
- Reduce carbon emissions from transport through development, sustainable transport, traffic management and new technology.

8.4.5 Warminster Rugby Club is a non profit organisation.

8.4.6 Warminster Rugby Club is a new development, which aims to provide a quality sporting and recreation venue. The club has a large car park, which currently has a temporary surface.

8.4.7 The project targets people using the club and will make the venue more accessible.

8.4.8 Without the support of the Area Board, the project will be delayed while alternative funding is sought. No alternative funding has been identified at this time.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	Friends of Warminster Park	Teen Shelter	£3,000

8.5.1 It is recommended that the Area Board support this application, subject to the following conditions:

- Confirmation of full project costs
- Identification of the most appropriate equipment
- Further consultation with skate park users over the choice of equipment

8.5.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10. The project will be completed by 31st March 2009.

8.5.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan under the Culture and Leisure / Crime and Community Safety themes.

8.5.4 The application meets the following Wiltshire Council priorities:

- Engage with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions
- Improve young people's participation in positive activities
- Increase the number of people who feel safe in their community
- Improve the local area through intergenerational activities
- Reduce perceptions of anti-social behaviour.

8.5.5 The Friends of Warminster Park are a non profit organisation.

8.5.6 The aim of the project is to install a new youth shelter in the Warminster Skate Park. The project is the result of consultation with young people, some of whom attended the Area Board in June 2009 to highlight the need for investment in the skate park. A separate application is being developed to box in the ramps, which are currently used as shelter.

8.5.7 The project is aimed at young people, specifically those using the skate park.

8.5.8 It is possible that a shelter will be provided by Wiltshire Council at some point in the future. However, there is no budget for the provision of new equipment in the skate park at this time. By supporting the project, the Area Board will be responding directly to the needs of the skate park users.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	Warminster Education and Lifelong Learning Group	Website and leaflet	£975

8.5.1 It is recommended that the Area Board support this application.

8.5.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10. The project will be completed by 31st March 2009.

8.5.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (see page 17).

8.5.4 The application meets the following Wiltshire Council priorities:

- Encouraging people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact upon the health of both them and their family.
- Increasing young people's participation in positive activities.

- 8.5.5 The Education and Lifelong Learning Group is a sub-group of the Warminster and Villages Community Partnership (WVCP) and is a non profit organisation.
- 8.5.6 The aim of the project is to produce a leaflet and website promoting learning opportunities available to local residents of all ages. It aims to tackle unemployment by enabling people to re-train, improve basic skills and widen general knowledge.
- 8.5.7 The project is aimed at all residents of Warminster, although it will be targeted at those who are seeking or in need of educational opportunities.
- 8.5.8 Without Area Board funding the project will not proceed at this time. It is possible that the project could be funded through WVCAP, although their funding is intended for core running costs and not projects.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Criteria Appendix 2 Grant application – Friends of the Chapel of St Lawrence Appendix 3 Grant application – Warminster Christmas Lights Committee Appendix 4 Grant application – Warminster Festival Appendix 5 Grant application – Warminster Rugby Club Appendix 6 Grant application – Friends of Warminster Park Appendix 7 Grant application – Education & Lifelong Learning Group
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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