

ITEM NO. 10(c)

Report to the Warminster Area Board – 26th November 2009 Report from the Community Area Manager

REQUEST FOR CORE FUNDING TO WARMINSTER AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

Background:

At the beginning of 2009 the Implementation Executive (IE) approved the release of core funding for Community Area Partnerships. In accordance with that agreement, most Community Area Partnerships have drawn down one third of their annual requirement from the Board budget.

The IE made clear that the remaining payment (up to a maximum of 20% of the Area Board budget) 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 the remaining funding of £6,304 (representing the remaining two thirds of the available funding) to Warminster and Villages Community Area Partnership.

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.

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:

In view of the impending review and the IE's commitment, it is suggested that the release of the remaining grant to the CAP be made subject to the following conditions:

Before 1st April 2010 the Community Area Partnership should;

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