

Report to	Westbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	Wednesday 16th September 2009
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Bratton Parish Council (on behalf of the 5 Parish Councils in the Westbury Community Area) - Community Speedwatch - £1,000 requested.
Recommendation £1,000

1. Background

- 1.1 A single and simple application process 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.
- 1.4 In 2009/10 the Westbury Area Board has been allocated a budget of £30,335. After the deduction of 20% of this budget to core fund the Community Area Partnership a total of £22,246 remains to distribute through Community Area Grants.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10• Westbury Community Area Plan
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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 Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting until 31st March 2010. There will be 3 rounds of funding during 2009/10. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on
 - 10th December 2009
 - 11th February 2010

Deadline for applications will be six weeks prior to each Area Board 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 Westbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations Westbury Area Board will have a balance of £21,246

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. Project Proposals

The full application is attached (Appendix 2)

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Bratton Parish Council (on behalf of the 5 Parish Councils in the Westbury Community Area)	Community Speedwatch - to purchase equipment to record the speed of traffic through the villages to be shared and owned by the Parishes of Bratton, Coulston, Dilton Marsh, Edington & Heywood. The police will train volunteers and maintain the equipment.	£1,000

- 8.1.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10

- 8.1.2 The application directly links to the Westbury Area Community Plan

8.1.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

8.1.4 It is recommended that the grant of £1,000 to Bratton Parish Council is approved.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Criteria Appendix 2 Bratton Parish Council Grant Application
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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