

## **LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET MEMBER FOR MILITARY-CIVILIAN INTEGRATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE, ARTS, TOURISM, AND HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**Cllr Richard Clewer**

### **COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

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**REFERENCE: L04-21**

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## **AREA BOARD DECISIONS - ONLINE MEETINGS (PERIOD 4)**

### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out funding decisions requested from Area Boards between 12 - 30 July 2021

Area Board meetings have been held online and have been accessible to the public via Microsoft Teams for those wishing to take part and contribute to discussions on grant funding. In addition, meeting recordings could be viewed through a link provided on the agenda and meeting page from the council website (published 5 clear days in advance).

This report seeks a decision from the Leader of the Council to confirm decisions, following the discussions and recommendations at the Area Board meetings. It is not possible for the Area Boards to formally make the decisions at this time as they are unable to meet in person on public-health advice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Consultation**

The Leader will make decisions following discussion and subsequent questions of the Area Board members and members of the public.

All funding bids will be detailed within the agenda packs for the relevant Area Boards and available to view online (available 5 days prior to the meeting dates). Members of the public wishing to make representations on the funding decisions should feed this in at the relevant Area Board meeting to be factored into the Board's recommendation to the Leader. An account of any feedback and recommendations made at each Area Board will be presented to the Leader.

### **Options Considered**

Since formal (in-person) Area Board meetings are not taking place during the COVID-19 pandemic it is considered that determination by the Leader (following recommendation from the Area Board) ensures timely and transparent decision-making with local area input.

An alternative option would be for the Leader to make the decisions following recommendation from the local members, however the proposed process is preferred as it also allows for discussion with the public about grant applications at online meetings.

Each Area Board's funding decisions will be considered on its merits and in light of representations received from Area Board members and the public during the 5 days consultation period ahead of the meeting, and any raised during the meeting.

### **Reason for Decision**

To ensure determination of Area Board decisions in a timely manner.

### **DECISION MADE**

I approve that:

All funding recommendations made by Area Boards held online between 12 – 30 July 2021 as set out in the minutes published online, be approved.

This decision was published on 25 July 2021 and will come into effect on 3 September 2021.

### **The following report and appendices are attached:**

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### **links:**

[12 July – Salisbury AB Extraordinary Meeting](#)

[12 July – Tidworth AB](#)

[14 July – Bradford on Avon AB](#)

[22 July – Corsham AB](#)

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Date:...25 August 2021.