

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

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### **AREA BOARD DECISIONS - ONLINE MEETINGS (PERIOD 6)**

#### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out decisions requested from Area Boards between 16 – 30 September 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, decisions on delegations and key priorities. 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 funding decisions, delegations and agreed priorities following discussion and reflecting subsequent questions of the Area Board members and members of the public.

All items 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 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 community priorities are met by the projects identified by allowing determination of Area Board funding decisions in a timely manner.

### **DECISION MADE**

I approve that all funding decisions, decisions on delegations, and key priorities taken at Area Boards held online between 16 – 30 September 2021, be approved.

Thursday 16 September 7.00pm Warminster Area Board  
Monday 20 September 7.00pm Pewsey Area Board  
Tuesday 21 September 7.00pm Malmesbury Area Board  
Wednesday 22 September 7.00pm Melksham Area Board  
Thursday 23 September 6.30pm Stonehenge Area Board  
Monday 27 September 7.00pm Chippenham and Villages Area Board  
Wednesday 29 September 6.00pm RWB and Cricklade Area Board  
Thursday 30 September 6.00pm Salisbury Area Board

The decision was published on Tuesday 12 October 2021 and will come into effect on Thursday 28 October 2021.

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

L07\_21\_Area\_Board\_Decision\_Report  
Summary of Decisions 16 - 30 September

### **The following supporting documents are available from the officer named above:**

[16 September – Warminster AB](#)  
[20 September – Pewsey AB](#)  
[21 September – Malmesbury Area Board](#)  
[22 September – Melksham Area Board](#)  
[23 September – Stonehenge Area Board](#)  
[27 September – Chippenham and Villages Area Board](#)  
[29 September – Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board](#)  
[30 September – Salisbury Area Board](#)

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Date: Wednesday 20 October 2021