

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

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REFERENCE: L09-21

L09-21 - AREA BOARD DECISIONS - ONLINE MEETINGS (PERIOD 8)

Purpose of Report

This report sets out decisions requested from Area Boards held online between 1 – 30 November 2021.

Two Area Board meetings held online 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 online Area Board meetings. It is not possible for some Area Boards to formally make the decisions at this time as they have not met in-person 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 not all formal (in-person) Area Board meetings are 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 1 – 30 November 2021, be approved.

Thursday 25 November 2021 7.00pm Westbury Area Board
Tuesday 30 November 7.00pm Malmesbury Area Board

The decision was published on 3 December 2021 and will come into effect on 21 December 2021.

The following report and appendices are attached:

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Summary of Decisions 1 - 30 November

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

[25 November – Westbury AB](#)
[30 November – Malmesbury AB](#)

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Date:13 December 2021