

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Warminster Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>11 November 2010</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

**Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 4 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Warminster Development Trust, Study into the feasibility of alterations to the Development Trust office, £1,500, officer recommendation - approve
2. Warminster Health and Social Care Group, Weaning Project, £510, officer recommendation – approve
3. Warminster Environmental Pride Team, Volunteer Resources, £650, Officer Recommendation – approve
4. Warminster Blueznuz, transport to Christmas Party, £175, Officer Recommendation - approve

## 1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. EXAMPLE Two applicants withdrew their applications and hope to reapply at a future date. One application did not meet the funding criteria and was referred to Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek funding from elsewhere. CIB work on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. Warminster Area Board was allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £47,752 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 1.7. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.8. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11</li><li>• Warminster Community Area Plan</li><li>• Warminster Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</li></ul>
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The fourth is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
  - 13 January 2011
  - 10 March 2011

## **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 Warminster Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Warminster Area Board will have a balance of £15,117 before second tranche CAP core costs.

## **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 – “Officer Recommendations”.

## 8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1 030_10	Warminster Development Trust	Study into the feasibility of alterations to the Development Trust office	£1,500

8.1.1. Officer recommendation - Approve

8.1.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (theme 1: Future Initiatives - secure future of information services, encourage sale of locally produced goods)

8.1.4. The application meets locally agreed priorities; In 2006 the Town Council committed to a 3 year service level agreement (SLA) for information provision, extended for another 3 years. Wiltshire Council is seeking to localise community responsibilities as well as its civic responsibilities. The CAB, when reconfigured, will be suitably resourced and located.

8.1.5. The Development Trust is a not for profit organisation.

8.1.6. The Development Trust aims to submit a Community-builders application for the main investment into building work at the existing site. As part of that application, they must submit a feasibility study into their proposed alterations. This application would cover 50% of the cost of this study. The Trust leases the building from Wiltshire Council and they are currently in discussion with property services regarding transfer of the asset.

8.1.7. The feasibility study does not in itself promote equality and access or reduce disadvantage, however, the planned work to the building will make the facility and services provided there more accessible.

8.1.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the shortfall would have to be made up from elsewhere. If it had to come from reserves, it would put at further risk the sustainability of the Warminster Information Centre.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. 031_10	Warminster Health and Social Care Group	Weaning Project	£510

- 8.2.1. Officer recommendation - Approve
- 8.2.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan; to reduce health inequalities, coaching young people in skills (teenage mums), develop preventative healthcare, engaging people pg. 22, 7, 17, 18.
- 8.2.4. The application meets locally agreed priorities; the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment highlights the need to tackle childhood obesity in Warminster.
- 8.2.5. Warminster Health and Social Care Group are a voluntary group, being one of the pillar groups of Warminster and Villages Community Partnership.
- 8.2.6. The project aims to work with young, disadvantaged families through the children's centre, to provide facilitated weaning sessions. The sessions will teach parents the importance of giving their children nutritious fresh, rather than processed, food. They will learn the skills to prepare and store blended meals and be provided with a hand blender and ice cube trays so that they can put what they have learned into practice.
- 8.2.7. The project will benefit low income families, who will learn how cost effective it can be to prepare fresh food.
- 8.2.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project it will not be able to go ahead until/unless alternative funding can be found.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.032_10	Warminster Environmental Pride Team	Volunteer resources	£510

- 8.3.1. Officer Recommendation - approve
- 8.3.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.3.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (see pages 9, 12, 14, 19)
- 8.3.4. The Application meets local priorities, as the issue has previously been raised with the Area Board. Warminster Town Council is also committed to maintaining a high level of street and public space cleanliness.
- 8.3.5. WEPT is a newly formed community group, which grew out of community pressure at the Area Board to tackle the problem of dog fouling and litter. The group is informal and does not have a bank account. The Friends of Warminster Park have offered to hold funds and make purchases on behalf of the group.

- 8.3.6. The project aims to provide information and equipment to local volunteers, who will monitor the cleanliness of specific areas that are important to them. They will carry leaflets and free dog waste bags, offering advice to other members of the public about where to find a bin, what the group is about, and the importance of respecting the local environment. The equipment provided by this grant will lead to a consistent message being given by the volunteers, across the town.
- 8.3.7. The project will be fully inclusive and will give power to local people who want to protect their local environment.
- 8.3.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project it will be delayed until alternative funding can be found. This will mean missing the opportunity to engage with local events over the Christmas period (e.g. Christmas Market).

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.032_10	Warminster Blueznuz	Transport to Christmas Party	£175

- 8.4.1. Officer Recommendation - approve
- 8.4.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.4.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (see pages 12, 19)
- 8.4.4. The project is already supported by Wiltshire Police and they are putting significant resources into delivering this event and the wider Blueznuz scheme.
- 8.4.5. Blueznuz is a project, rather than organisation, run by the Police for the benefit of local young people. The project offers young people an opportunity to enjoy themselves without the threat of drugs, alcohol or tobacco.
- 8.4.6. The project aims to provide transport to Westbury for up to 70 young people from Warminster. The event (venue, DJ etc) has been organised and the costs covered. This application enables the police to take a much larger group than they would otherwise be able to do.
- 8.4.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project it will still go ahead, although without many young people from Warminster.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Warminster Development Trust</b> <b>Appendix 2 Grant application – Warminster Health and Social Care Group</b> <b>Appendix 3 Grant application – Warminster Environmental Pride Team</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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