

Report to Devizes Area Board

Date of meeting 16 May 2016

Title of report Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider a councillor-led initiative requesting funding from the Area Board.

Applicant	Amount requested	
Cllr Laura Mayes	£1,232	

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2016/2017 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria and practice papers for <u>councillor-led initiatives</u>
- 2.4. Best practice advises that applications relating to young people or highways and transport should be considered by, and seek a recommendation from, the Local Youth Network or Community Area Transport Group.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Councillor led-projects are designed to enable councillors to tackle issues in their area, including projects and initiatives which have been initiated by the community eg. a community issue. Councillor-led projects should not be used to fill gaps where there are service shortfalls or where it is possible for the matter to be resolved through the use of the Community Area Grants scheme.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure. The Community Area Grants scheme which funds Councillor-led initiatives can only provide capital funding.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

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There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

9. Applications for consideration

Application Name	Provider	Project Proposal	Requested
Cllr Laura Mayes	NBC Bird and Pest Control	Falconry and Nest/Egg	£1,232
		Removal	

Project description

Over the past few years, an increasing number of herring Gulls have been nesting at the Garden Trading Estate in Devizes. The estate is adjacent to residential housing with the result that the occupiers have had to experience extreme noise and bird fouling. The situation became so bad that a petition was handed to the Area Board asking if we could help address the problem during the autumn of 2014.

A programme of Falconry and Nest/Egg removal was undertaken in the Spring/Summer of 2015. The work was a great success with the number of eggs being removed in the last visit of the summer being significantly lower than the first visit. However, for work of this kind it is recommended that work continues over a 3 year period as this is the life cycle of the birds. As such the working group set up last year has proposed a similar programme of work to be carried out in 2016.

The total cost of this work is £11,232. However, Roundway Parish Council have allocated £10,000 to this project for this year and as such only require the relatively small amount of £1,232 from Devizes Area Board to complete the work.

The breakdown of the cost of the work is:

NBC Bird and Pest Solutions – Falconry and egg/nest removal at regular intervals throughout the critical months of Spring and Summer - £10,112.00 Cherry Picker and High Lift Cost - £1,232

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Cllr Laura Mayes for £1,232

Background documents used in the publication of this report:

Quotes/estimates for this proposal can be obtained from the Community Engagement Manager upon request.

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