

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Warminster Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>13 January 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Warminster Cricket Club, purchase of fine turf mower, £1498, officer recommendation to 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 has been 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></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. The final round of Community Area Grant funding will take place on;

- 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 £8,361

## **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 (Grant Register ref no)	Warminster Cricket Club	Purchase of fine turf mower	£1,498

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 (see pages 12-13)

8.1.4. The application would contribute to the health of local young people and adults by participating in sport, an issue highlighted in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

8.1.5. Warminster Cricket Club is a not for profit organisation which provides a high quality facility for the people of Warminster, including those from surrounding villages. The club offers a women's team and actively encourages the participation of spectators and players alike.

8.1.6. The club's existing mower is worn out and needs to be replaced. The club has raised enough money to part fund a new machine and is looking for a 50% contribution from the area board.

8.1.7. The club has active women's and girl's teams (making up to 85% of the women's county team). The club works closely with local village teams, working with them to stage events and matches.

8.1.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the project will be delayed and the club will incur costs to repair the existing equipment.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Warminster Cricket Club</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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