

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Warminster Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> March, 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Performance Reward Grant Scheme</b>
<p><b>Purpose of Report</b></p> <p>To ask Councillors to consider the details of 4 applications for funding from the Performance Reward Grant Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Warminster and Villages Development Trust is seeking £50,000 for the “Go Bustards!” project</li> <li>b) Wylde Coyotes are seeking £20,000 for the purchase and refurbishment of a mobile unit for their before &amp; after school and holiday club</li> <li>c) Wiltshire’s Neighbourhood watch schemes are seeking £20,000 for the Crime Detection through Ultra Violet Scanning – smart water kits.</li> <li>d) Splitz Support Service is seeking funding of £41,169 for “Respect” accredited work with male perpetrators of domestic abuse.</li> </ul>	

## 1. Background

- 1.1 Wiltshire agreed a Local Public Service Agreement with government that ended in March 2008. This contained 12 ‘stretch’ (difficult) targets that required a number of organisations to work together to achieve the improvement. Our performance against these targets earned Performance Reward Grant (PRG) of £5.4m. This is paid by government over two years; half in 2009 and half in 2010.
- 1.2 This presents a unique opportunity for us to put additional resources into our Local Agreement for Wiltshire (LAW) and to combat the recession in Wiltshire through the Action for Wiltshire programme. £1.6m of this grant will be reinvested in the target areas that earned the grant, to take forward Wiltshire’s ambitions. Another £1m will support some countywide initiatives under Action for Wiltshire. The balance of £2.8m is available over two to three years for bids supported by Area Boards that propose initiatives that take forward those things in the LAW and Action for Wiltshire that are important to local people.
- 1.3 Ideally all community areas of Wiltshire will benefit from this scheme, and there will be a spread of initiatives across LAW ambitions and Action for Wiltshire. We understand that not all bids will be made at the same time, and that proposals will take time to develop. The timing of local initiatives will also vary. To help ensure that projects in all community areas have the

opportunity to bid, the funding will be released in 3 month tranches of £250,000. We will keep this under review and if appropriate will vary the timing and amount of funding in each tranche. At the end of the tranche any unallocated money will go back into the pool for future bids. Any bids pending when all the money in that tranche has been allocated will be carried forward to the next tranche.

- 1.4 The government imposes a grant condition that the grant must be used half for capital and half for revenue expenditure. Guidance on what counts as 'capital' is given in the funding pack on the Wiltshire Council website. Experience so far is that bids tend towards revenue expenditure, so it may be easier to get funding for 'capital' type initiatives.

Bids will initially be submitted as 'Expressions of Interest' to the local appropriate Area Board. The Area Board will make a decision as to which bids it supports. Lack of support from the Area Board does not rule out the bid going forward to the grant scheme.

Full details of the Scheme and a Funding Pack are available from the Wiltshire council website:

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/.../localagreementforwiltshire/performanceawardgrantscheme.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/.../localagreementforwiltshire/performanceawardgrantscheme.htm)

## **2. The Applications**

### **2.1 Warminster and District Development Trust – “Go Bustards”**

- 2.1.1 This will be a Wiltshire-wide project spearheaded by Warminster.
- 2.1.2 The Trust is gaining significant support for the Go Bustards project which will be a county wide series of community arts events in 2012 that will create and build spirit and pride in Wiltshire around the central theme of the Greater Bustard, the Wiltshire emblem. It will be a project similar to Lions of Bath in 2010. There will be a significant economic, tourism and community cohesion benefit and a strong conservation message.
- 2.1.3 Particular emphasis will be placed on the involvement of youth in all elements of the planning, preparation and delivery of this project. A figure of 80% will be sought.
- 2.1.4 Another feature will be the emphasis on encouraging strongly entrepreneurial activity by the young throughout all the various supply chains that the activities create.
- 2.1.5 The project specifically supports Wiltshire's aims of building resilient communities, improving outcomes for children and young people, combating the recession and supporting economic growth.
- 2.1.6 This is a joint initiative with Wiltshire Council. It has the full support of Wiltshire Council's 2012 Steering Group and the Leader.
- 2.1.7 The Trust believes that this is a fun and unusual project will benefit people from all backgrounds, ages, genders and abilities to contribute to a sentinel project for the area which when combined with the Olympic and Diamond

Jubilee events will also benefit business, tourism and the economy and pride of Wiltshire as a whole and Warminster and Villages in particular.

2.1.8 The full application can be seen at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/warminsterareaboard](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/warminsterareaboard)

## **2.2 Wylie Coyotes**

- 2.2.1 Wylie Coyotes currently offer before and after school and holiday club provision to 25 local children aged 3 – 12 each day, including dedicated places for children with disabilities. They currently offer high quality, freshly cooked meals, using locally sourced ingredients.
- 2.2.2 The PRG funding will allow the group to extend their services to offer meals on wheels service, and a weekly pensioners lunch club and to provide daily hot meals for the local preschool. This will offer supported employment opportunities young adults with learning disabilities. They will deliver the meals with their community transport vehicle. They will offer employment opportunities during school hours, which will particularly suit local single parents.
- 2.2.3 The group is aware, through local discussion, of on-going problems for parents – particularly mothers, to find employment during school hours. We are also aware, through on-going discussion, about the difficulty of finding any form of paid employment for young adults with learning disabilities.
- 2.2.4 After 12 months of operation, the project will be offering supported employment to at least 2 young adults with learning disabilities. It will be providing daily hot meals to at least 20 pensioners / disabled individuals, and to 15 preschool children. It will have offered jobs to at least one chef, one support worker and one driver. It will be offering 25 childcare places each day, and we will have a daily occupancy rate of at least 50% for breakfast club, and 80% for afterschool club.
- 2.2.5 The project contributes towards Wiltshire's priorities of Lives not Services, Supporting Economic Growth, Resilient Communities and Improving the Outcomes of Children and Young People.
- 2.2.6 A mobile building is being provided by Sure Start Capital funding. However, in order to provide enough space for the proposed provision, the group is aiming to purchase an additional mobile unit to attach to this building with the £20,000 from PRG funding. £15,000 for the mobile unit and £5,000 for refurbishment.
- 2.2.7 Any award would be subject to planning permission being obtained for this extension, together with the planned external decking and canopy.
- 2.2.8 The group is currently obtaining 3 quotes for the work.
- 2.2.9 The application overview can be viewed at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/warminsterareaboard](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/warminsterareaboard)

### **2.3 Wiltshire's Neighbourhood Watch Schemes – Ultra Violet Scanning through smart water kits**

- 2.3.1 Wiltshire Police are applying for £20,000 across all community areas to purchase 500 UV3C Twin Task Torches. As a joint initiative with Smart water technology Limited, Wiltshire Police have offered members of Neighbourhood Watch schemes across the county Smart water property marking kits at a discounted price.
- 2.3.2 Smart water kits provide a direct link between marked property and the lawful owner. Police require the facility to regularly scan the items for property marking such as smart water or selecta DNA.
- 2.3.3 The purpose of this initiative is to seek funds for the purchase of UV scanning torches for issue to Police Officers on operational duties.
- 2.3.4 The tools will support Wiltshire's priorities by enabling a positive Police response to crime and it will help to reduce the fear of crime through and increase in detections. It will support the ambitions of building resilient communities, safer communities and combating the recession.
- 2.3.5 Impact will be measured through a decrease in people's fear of crime; an increase in public confidence in Wiltshire Police and furthering the aim to make Wiltshire the safest county in the country.
- 2.3.6 The application overview can be viewed at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/warminsterareaboard](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/warminsterareaboard)

### **2.4 Splitz Support Service – Respect accredited work**

- 2.4.1 Splitz support service is seeking funding of £41,169 from the PRG programme for "Respect" accredited work with male perpetrators of domestic abuse, who voluntarily engage with Splitz services
- 2.4.2 Participants are primarily drawn from military / ex-military personnel and undertake 30 weeks of studies across five modules. Complementary work is undertaken with spouses / partners and children to ensure their safety. The work is predicated on effective military / civilian integration as well as studies on soldiers returning from war zones and the trauma and stresses evident on their return.
- 2.4.3 The project is linked to LAA ambitions of Safer Communities, Building Resilient Communities, Lives not Services and Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People.
- 2.4.4 Splitz views the initiative as a local priority in that the Men's Groups seek to address male perpetrator behaviour, primarily with military and ex-military personnel. Wiltshire is a county with 11 military bases. Returning personnel can bring home their traumatic experiences and may not cope with the stress of re-adjustment with families and / or the experiences of removal of a constant alert state, sleep disturbances, flashbacks or potentially post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). All can exacerbate domestic abuse.

- 2.4.5 The successful engagement of the male perpetrator in the Men's groups is aimed to mitigate against repeat reoffending and the reconstruction of relationships, including the re-integration of the formally abusive partner into the family, providing improved social and economic security and wellbeing.
- 2.4.6 77% complete and splitz target is 85%
- 2.4.7 Project match funding is from Lloyds TSB (£36k); Henry Smith Charitable Trust (£12k); Porticus UK (£23k); Plain Action (£28,128); Guinness Trust (£4k)
- 2.4.8 The application overview can be viewed at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/warminsterareaboard](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/warminsterareaboard)

### **Recommendation**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Area Board considers the applications to decide whether or not it supports them to go through to the PRG panel.

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