

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Southern Wiltshire Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>7 April 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants and Performance Reward Grant</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider an application seeking 20011/12 Community Area Grant Funding:

1. Pitton Village Tennis Club - £1,376

## 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 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.
- 1.3. We can signpost groups to the 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.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Southern Wiltshire Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £41,036 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2010/2011 budget is £-7. This leaves a total budget of £41,029 for the 2011/2012 financial year. The amount spent so far this year is £50 leaving £40,979 up to March 2012.
- 1.6. A decision was made that from 2010/2011 and thereafter 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.
- 1.7. 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>• Southern Area Community Plan 2004 – 09</li><li>• Southern Wiltshire Community Plan 2010 - 2015</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 at least 6 more rounds of funding during 2011/12, including this meeting. The deadline for submitting applications to the Community Area Manager is about 4 weeks prior to the meeting. For the actual date see:  
[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard)

## **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 Southern Wiltshire Area Board. Grant applications totalling **£1,376** have been received for this meeting.

## **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.

## 8. Grants

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW01/11	Pitton Village Tennis Club	Repair tennis court service	£1,376

### **Officer recommendation: Refuse due to available funds in reserves**

- 8.1.2. Application meets grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.1.3. Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15
- 8.1.4. This project is to fund repairs to the court to offset the need to resurface for another 8 years. The total project cost is £2,826 and they require from the Area Board £1,376. The court was resurfaced 8 years ago and now needs this repair work as membership has declined in the last year. It is envisaged that this work will improve the membership once more.
- 8.1.5. The Club have free reserves of £7,438 which is set aside for future resurfacing. The Club would like to safeguard these funds so that they can meet the costs of a completely new surface when required, likely to be in 8 – 10 years.
- 8.1.6. As the Club makes a surplus year on year, although it fell last year, the club can raise its own funds to cover the up keep of the court. As is seen by the accumulated surplus of £7,438. This is the reason for the recommendation.
- 8.1.7. The Area Board recognises the need to support valued local facilities and should be concerned if membership continues to decline as promoting active lifestyles throughout the community area is very important.

### **Matters to consider:**

- Surplus available to the Club
- This is a well used community facility which needs support
- Can the Parish Council help to support with funding the project in future?

- 8.1.8. If the Board does not fund this project then the Club would fund it from reserves.

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