

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item No.12

BRADFORD ON AVON AREA BOARD  
20 July, 2011

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**Bradford on Avon Community Area Partnership (BoACAP) Claim for Core Funding 2011/2012**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1. To seek the Board's approval to core funding to BoACAP covering the financial year 2011/12 to be agreed at this meeting, 20 July, 2011 so that it can be paid into BoACAP's bank account immediately.

**2. Background**

- 2.1. Officers are required to provide recommendations in a report, however the decision to support the community partnership and to what level, is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 2.2. There will be 2 tranches of funding to community partnerships during 2011/12 (up to 50% of their total projected costs in each tranche). The first is contained within this report, and the Partnership Development Officer will advise BoACAP that the second tranche can be requested at the January, 2012 Board when evidence is received of how the first tranche has been spent.
- 2.3. Bradford on Avon Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £47,075 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 2.4. Community Area Partnerships have been invited to apply for up to 20% of the area board budget. 20% of the Bradford on Avon Area Board budget 2011/12 is £9,415.

**3. Main Considerations**

- 3.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that core costs awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 3.2. BoACAP were awarded £7,932.49 in 2010/2011. The balance of BoACAP funds as at March, 2011 was £11,900.70. BoACAP will be rolling forward all of this £11,900.70 into 2011/12 to be spent on activities in this coming financial year. This figure includes an operational reserve of £5,250. Given

the number of staff that BoACAP employs and the level of activity it will be carrying out, the Partnership Development Officer is satisfied that this is an appropriate level of reserve.

- 3.3. All partnerships funded by Area Boards are required to sign a Community Area Partnership Agreement (CAPA), which will be countersigned by the Chair of the Area Board. The CAPA is to be signed by both parties at this meeting if BoACAP's core funding is awarded.
- 3.4. In order to show how the community area partnership aims to meet the commitments set out in the CAPA, BoACAP are required to complete a work plan. This work plan has been reviewed and endorsed by Wiltshire Council's Partnership Development Officer as a workable document.
- 3.5. BoACAP submitted a 2011/12 claim for £9,403.32 total core costs. 50% of this can be considered in the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche. The area board can therefore award up to £4,702 at this meeting to be paid immediately.

#### **4. Implications**

##### 4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 4.1.2 The community partnership contributes to the continuance and improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon individual projects.

##### 4.2. Financial Implications

- 4.2.1 Core costs awarded to the community partnership must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Bradford on Avon Area Board.

##### 4.3. Legal Implications

- 4.3.1 There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

##### 4.4. HR Implications

- 4.4.1 There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

##### 4.5. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 4.5.1 Community partnerships have agreed to the terms of the Community Area Partnership Agreement, which requires them to be fully inclusive. Membership of BoACAP is open to anyone with an interest in the community area.

## 5. Recommendation

The Partnership Development Officer recommends that the area board:

- approve the whole year's core funding of £9,403.32 with an agreement to release the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche of £4,702 immediately
- agree to the release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche in early 2012 as long as conditions set by the Partnership Development Officer and agreed by the Board, have been met

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 BoACAP Annual Workplan, 2011/12

Appendix 2 BoACAP Budget Form, 2011/12