Item 11

Report to	Warminster Area Board
Date of Meeting	4 th March 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider five applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding

- 1) Warminster and District Foodbank, Community Concert £1,000. Officer recommendation to support the application.
- 2) Warminster Cycling Group, Warminster Wobble (two day event) £500 Officer recommendation to support the application.
- 3) Wylye Coyotes Afterschool Club, Road Runner Community Transport £1,560 Officer recommendation to allocate £1,134 towards the project (see 8.3 below for explanation).

Total if grants supported in full £3,060 (leading to a deficit of £426) Total if grants supported in line with officer recommendations £2634

1. Background

- 1.1 A single and simple application process for Area Grants was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13th May 2009 for use during 2009/10. Appendix 1 contains the Community Area Grants Pack, which has been developed and includes details of the grants process and criteria.
- 1.2 Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13th May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation Area Boards must operate within the policies set by the Leader and /or the Council. The Council has adopted an Area Grants policy, with funding criteria, to which the Area Boards must adhere.
- 1.3 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.

Background documents used in the preparation	 Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10 Warminster and Villages Community Plan 2005-2015
of this Report	

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2009/10 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before 31st March 2010.
- 2.2. There have been three rounds of funding during 2009/10 with the fourth and final round of applications is contained in this report.

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. The remaining budget for 2009/10 is £2,634 (after CAP core costs and existing grant/other commitments).
- 4.2. If the grants contained in this report are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Warminster Area Board will have a zero balance.

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 "Project Proposals".

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Warminster and District Foodbank	Community Concert	£1,000

- 8.1.1 It is recommended that the Area Board supports this application.
- 8.1.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10 and the project will have commenced by 31st March 2010. The event itself will take place in May 2010, but costs will be incurred during March 2010 (booking venue/choir/publicity etc). Without funding during this financial year, the project will be at risk of cancellation. As the amount sought is relatively small, receiving significantly less would put the project at risk.

- 8.1.3 The Application demonstrates a link to the Warminster and Villages Community Plan, see pages 8, 10, 12 and 18.
- 8.1.4 The application meets the following Wiltshire Council priorities:
 - Engage with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions.
 - Increase the number of local people involved in regular volunteering.
 - Improve young people's participation in positive activities.
- 8.1.5 The Warminster and District Foodbank is a non profit organisation.
- 8.1.8 Warminster Foodbank is hoping to expand the service they offer during 2010/11. To do this they need to raise money to invest in the charity. This is the first of several planned fundraising activities planned by the group.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Warminster Cycle Group	Warminster Wobble (two day event)	£500

- 8.2.1 It is recommended that the Area Board supports the application.
- 8.2.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10 and the project will have commenced by 31st March 2010. The event itself will take place in June 2010, but costs will be incurred during March 2010. Without funding during this financial year, the project is at risk. As the amount sought is relatively small, receiving significantly less would put the project at risk.
- 8.2.3 The Application demonstrates a link to the Warminster and Villages Community Plan, see pages 12 and 15.
- 8.2.4 The application meets the following Wiltshire Council priorities:
 - Engage with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions
 - Increase the number of local people involved in regular volunteering
 - Encourage people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of themselves and their families
 - Improve adult participation in sport
 - Improving young people's participation in positive activities
 - Reduce perceptions of anti-social behaviour
 - Reduce deaths through accidents
 - Increase awareness of climate change...

- Reduce carbon emissions from transport...
- 8.2.5 Warminster Cycling Group is a non profit organisation.
- 8.2.8 This event is reliant on funding, without which it cannot go ahead. Funding will be required annually and it should be noted that the group cannot expect to receive funding from the area board for the same project next year.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Wylye Coyotes After School Club	Road Runner (Community Transport)	£1,560

- 8.3.1 It is recommended that the Area Board supports the application.
- 8.3.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10 and the project will have commenced by 31st March 2010.
- 8.3.3 The Application demonstrates a link to the Warminster and Villages Community Plan, see pages 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17
- 8.3.4 The application meets the following Wiltshire Council priorities:
 - Engage with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions
 - Increase the number of local people involved in regular volunteering
 - Improving young people's participation in positive activities
 - Reduce carbon emissions from transport...
- 8.3.5 Wylye Coyotes After School Club is a non profit organisation.
- 8.3.8 Due to the potential deficit in the area board budget, the community area manager has contacted Wylye Coyotes After School Club and has identified that the project can progress if awarded £426 less than requested. If this is the case, the group has expressed their intention to apply for the remaining funding at the next available meeting (6 May 2010).

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Criteria
Appendices.	Appendix 2 Grant application – Warminster and District Foodbank
	Appendix 3 Grant application – Warminster Cycling Group
	Appendix 4 Grant application – Wylye Coyotes Roadrunners

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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