

Wiltshire Council

Warminster Area Board

10 November 2011

Warminster & Villages Community Partnership (WVCP) Claim for Core Funding (tranche 2) 2011/2012

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek the Boards approval to the release of the 2nd and final tranche of core funding to WVCP covering the financial year 2011/12.

2. Background

- 2.1. Officers are required to provide recommendations in a report, however the decision to support the Community Area 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 Area Partnerships during 20011/12 (up to 50% of their total projected costs in each tranche).
- 2.3. Warminster Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £47,714 for community grants, Community Area 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 Warminster Area Board budget 2011/12 is £9,543.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. 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 Chair of WVCP has signed this agreement.
- 3.2. In order to show how the Community Area Partnership aims to meet the commitments set out in the CAPA, WVCP are required to complete a work plan. This work plan has been reviewed and endorsed by Wiltshire Council's Community Partnership Development Officer as a workable document (appendix 1: CAP Work plan 2011/12).
- 3.3. WVCP were awarded £4,752.50 first tranche funding at the 19 May 2011 Area Board where it was agreed that the 2nd and final tranche could be

requested at the November 2011 Board when evidence was received of how the first tranche has been spent. This evidence, which corresponds to CAP Work Plan commitments at Appendix 1, is detailed in section 5 of this report.

- 3.4. Warminster & Villages Community Partnership submitted a 2011/12 claim for £9,505 total core costs and 50% of this has already been awarded and paid. The area board can therefore award up to £4,752.50 at this meeting.

4. Implications

4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 4.1.2 The Community Area 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 Area Partnership must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Warminster 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 Area Partnerships have agreed to the terms of the Community Area Partnership Agreement, which requires them to be fully inclusive. Membership of WVCP is open to anyone with an interest in the community area.

5. Evidence against Workplan commitments

Applicant	Condition set at 19 May, 2011 Area Board meeting	Final tranche Funding requested
'Warminster & Villages Community Partnership (WVCP)	Decision: 4. To consider the release of the 2 nd tranche at the November Area Board meeting providing that the conditions set by the Partnership Development Officer and agreed by the Board have been met.	£4,752.50

5.1. WVCP have made the following responses to their work plan commitments as set out below.

i. To provide a list of the community groups that have been fostered and supported (as per Workplan commitment: Partnership Development)

Supported Economy and Tourism (E&T), Education and Life Long Learning (E&LLL) and Health and Social Care (H&SC) Groups by incorporating their Core Funding requirements in overall WVCP Bid and forwarding relevant information on a continuing basis.

Providing specific support to E&T Group in connection with the 'Warminster in Bloom Project'.

Supporting H&SC Group by providing Minutes Secretary (Sheila Thomson from October 2011).

Tim Trounson has resigned from the Partnership Committee and as Chairman of the E&LLL Group (having taken over from Community librarian Richard Violet) ahead of his re-location to Bratton. The WVCP Chairman is approaching the new Community Librarian Sabina Edwards with a view to involving her in Partnership matters, particularly in connection with the E&LLL Group.

WVCP Committee seeking to recruit a Focal Point from within E&T Group around whom a Group covering Countryside and Environmental matters might be formed in due course.

Large General Advert re WVCP placed in Warminster Journal. Associated Press release re appointment of DL as Coordinator resulted in a good accompanying article. Both pieces have been given wider circulation. As a result of this publicity WVCP was contacted by Warminster Area Community Orchard Group and advice given on funding possibilities.

Chris March from the Partnership will be working with Sam Shore (Youth Development Coordinator) to progress an initiative to enable young people from surrounding villages to be ferried to and from Warminster, so that they are able to access the activities in the town.

ii. To have carried out the planned Health and Housing Consultation and to be working towards developing 'model' practice for future consultations (as per Workplan commitment: Consultation)

The work and effort that was to go into the Health and Housing consultation will be put into a joint meeting with Warminster Area Board taking place on 12 January 2012. This will be a consultation event based upon the latest statistics for the area published as the area Joint Strategic Assessment. The event will be used to establish priorities for both the work of the area board and for community planning.

iii. To have engaged the services of a Partnership Administrator (as per Workplan commitment: Communication)

On loss of the Development Officer at end of June, aligned WVCP's approach with that of Wiltshire Council (emphasis now on planning and delivery of projects) and reflected this change in seeking a Coordinator instead of a new

Development Officer and an associated re-think on the originally planned Housing & Health consultation event.
Recruited Debra Leslie as WVCP Coordinator (from 12 Sep 2011)
Currently meeting Administrator requirements through combination of elements of Coordinator post (reflected in agreed salary being above budget figure); volunteer Minutes Secretary (Sheila Thomson from May 2011) and WVCP Chairman's efforts.

iv. To have begun to re-establish a quarterly newsletter promoting activities and news from WVCP (as per Workplan commitment: Communication)

Regarding this criteria, WVCP is hoping to get the existing groups to place Adverts & Articles in the Press by offering them WVCP support. The Coordinator's priority in this area is to update the Website on a rolling basis: her overall top priority is the review of progress against the Community Area Plan ('The Gap Analysis') as part of the Update.

v. To provide a 6-month report at the 10th November area board meeting detailing the activities of WVCP over the first half of 2011/12

Attached as Appendix 2.

6. Recommendation

Following consultation with the Community Partnership Development Officer, it is recommended that the area board:

- agree to the release of the 2nd and final tranche funding as long as Board Members are satisfied that WVCP's work plan commitments as detailed in this report are being met

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 CAP Work plan 2011/12
Appendix 2 CAP 6-month report on activities