

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	26 March 2012
Title of Report	Area Board Projects

Purpose of Report

To consider the following Area Board Project Bids:

- **Clir Hubbard** has applied for **£1800** towards street based youth work in King George V Playing Fields.
- Cllr Petty has applied for £2735.50 towards the purchase of defibrillators for Melksham.

1. Background

- 1.1 In addition to the Community Area Grant Scheme, Area Boards may wish to use a proportion of their funding for projects which fall outside the criteria of the Community Area Grant Scheme. These projects would be initiated by Area Board members for consideration and approval by the Area Board.
- 1.2 As stated in the Cabinet report: In considering requests the Area Board will need to bear in mind the impact this will have on the amount of funding available to support applications from local community groups and organisations.
- 1.3 The Cabinet Report stated that any project initiated by a Councillor outside of the Community Grants system must have the approval of the Area Board and should clearly set out one or more of the following:
 - Evidence of community need
 - Clear links to the community plan
 - Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System
- 1.4 If the community grants and CAP core funding are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Melksham Area Board will have a balance of £3031. This means there is sufficient funding to grant this area board project with a remaining total of £16.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report

Draft Melksham Community Plan

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to consider whether the application meets one or more of the following:
 - Evidence of community need
 - Clear links to the community plan
 - Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

3.1. Area Board Project bids 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. Funds allocated must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Melksham Area Board.

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 Diversity Implications

7.1 Implications relating to individual grant applications, if applicable, are outlined within section 8 "Officer Comments".

8. Officer Comments

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Cllr Hubbard	Street based youth work	£1800

8.2 Outcome: The reduction of anti social behaviour in King George V Playing Fields, Melksham

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8.1	Clir Petty	Melksham Defibrillators	£2735.50

8.2 Outcome: To enable members of the public to save lives in the event of cardiac arrest – there are currently no defibrillators in the Melksham area.

Appendices:	Appendix 1: Application from Cllr Hubbard Appendix 2: Application from Cllr Petty
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