

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

BRADFORD ON AVON AREA BOARD 18 July, 2012

Bradford on Avon Community Area Network (BoACAN) Claim for Core Funding 2012/2013

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek the Board's approval of core funding to BoACAN covering the financial year 2012/13 to be agreed at this meeting, 18 July, 2012 so that it can be paid into BoACAN'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 2012/13 (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 BoACAN that the second tranche can be requested at the January, 2013 Board when evidence is received of how the first tranche has been spent.
- 2.3. Bradford on Avon Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 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 2012/13 is £9,415.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that core costs awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 3.2. BoACAN were awarded £9,403 in 2011/2012. The balance of BoACAN funds as at March, 2012 was £5,403. BoACAN will be rolling forward all of this £5,403 into 2012/13 to be spent on activities in this coming financial year.

Rolling forward this figure to be spent in this financial year with leave BoACAN without an operational 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 BoACAN'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, BoACAN 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 2012/13 claim for £9,403 total core costs. 50% of this can be considered in the 1st tranche. The area board can therefore award up to £4,702 at this meeting to be paid immediately.
- 3.6. It should be noted that this year, BoACAN's staffing costs alone come to almost the limit of funding available from the area board. In future years when BoACAN no longer has reserves of funding that can be used to bolster their running costs, they will have to be more careful in budgeting for the year.

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 BoACAN 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 with an agreement to release the 1st tranche of £4,702 immediately
- agree to the release of the 2nd tranche in early 2013 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 BoACAN Annual Workplan, 2012/13

Appendix 2 BoACAN Budget Form, 2012/13