

Report to	Salisbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	27 June, 2013
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider officer recommendations in respect to:

Community Area Grant

- Harnham Memorial Hall: Award £897 towards replacement windows

Area Board Project Bid

- Brown Signs: Award £10,000 for Brown tourist signs on main roads entering Salisbury

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Adult Care, Communities and Housing (5 April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance 2013/2014](#).
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. The area board may want to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Local Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
- 1.5. Salisbury Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of **£109,336** for community area grants, digital literacy grants, community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and area board/councillor led initiatives. In 2013/14 only capital funding is available for community area and digital literacy grants.
- 1.6. In addition to CAGs and digital literacy grants councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls.
- 1.7. In support of the Olympic and Paralympic legacy, in 2013/14 the Salisbury Area Board invites applications that encourage young people and people with disabilities to become more actively involved in sports, outdoor activities, recreation, arts and volunteering.
- 1.8. Applications of up to and including £500 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £501 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000. Grants of up to £500 are available for Digital Literacy projects.
- 1.9. New for 2013/14 is a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The application process and

funding criteria can be found [here](#).

- 1.10. Area boards will not consider CAG applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.11. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire councillors on the area board.
- 1.12. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.13. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete an evaluation form as soon as the project has been completed and provide receipts if requested. Groups are encouraged to up-load information and photographs about their project on to their area board [blogsite](#). Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

Background documents used in the preparation of this report	Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2013/14 as approved by delegated decision http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/salisbury-community-area-plan.pdf http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards/aljsa2011.pdf
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Salisbury Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of £109,336 that may be allocated through Community Area Grants, Digital Literacy Grants, Area Board/Councillor Led Initiatives and core funding for the CAP.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this

report.

- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2013/2014 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.4. There are now 4 funding rounds remaining during 2013/14. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are as follows:
 - 1 August, 2013 for consideration on 12 September, 2013
 - 3 October, 2013 for consideration on 14 November, 2013
 - 21 November, 2013 for consideration on 09 January, 2014
 - 30 January, 2014 for consideration on 13 March, 2014

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. Area Board Grants 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 Salisbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in accordance with officer recommendations Salisbury area board will have a balance of £98,439.

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 and Small Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications will be outlined in section 8, "Officer Recommendations" of the funding report

8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Harnham Memorial Hall	To replace 6 double glazed uPVC windows	£897

8.1.1. Officers recommend that Harnham Memorial Hall is awarded £897.00 towards the replacement of 6 double glazed uPVC windows.

8.1.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.

8.1.3. Harnham Memorial Hall is a Charity No 2411906. The object of the Charity is the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Harnham.

8.1.4. The replacement of the six windows will mean that all the windows are in the same style (plastics/double glazed) as all the other Memorial Hall windows.

Lead Ward Councillor	Project proposal	Funding requested
Cllr Richard Clewer	Brown Tourist Signs for Salisbury	£10,000

Brown Tourist Signs was an Agenda item at the 5 July, 2012 Area Board meeting where it was agreed that £10k be sought to fund Brown tourist signs for the city.

£10k was Awarded at the 6 September, 2012 Area Board towards two Brown Tourist Information Signs which were placed on the A30 London Road and the A345 Castle Road.

This request seeks £10k for Brown Tourist signs on other radial routes into the city.

This bid meets Councillor led project criteria in terms of:

- Evidence of community need (see 'Our Salisbury' Community Plan)
- Clear links to 'Our Salisbury' community plan: Our Economy & Tourism pp 47 – 52. Action: Improve signage in and around the city.

Appendices	Appendix 1 Grant Application – Harnham Memorial Hall Appendix 2 Area Board Project Application – Brown Signs

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

report other than those requested in the funding criteria e.g. estimates.

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