

Wiltshire Council

Leader of the Council

Subject: Determination of application for Area Board funding

Cabinet member: Cllr Jane Scott OBE – Leader of the Council

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary

The Marlborough Area Board is unable to determine three applications for funding from different applicants, as 2 of the 4 Area Board Councillors were not present at the special grants meeting held on 22 July 2014, leaving the Area Board inquorate. As such, the three applications are referred to the Leader of the Council for determination.

Proposal

That the Leader of the Council approves the three applications for funding as set out in the attached report (see appendix 1), following consideration of the recommendations from the Area Board.

Reason for Proposal

As the Area Board is unable to take the decision.

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Purpose of Report

1. To seek a decision on three applications for Area Board funding.

Background

2. The Chairman of Marlborough Area Board decided in consultation with the other members, to cancel the area board meeting due to take place on 22 July 2014. This was due to there being a lack of agenda items that were locally relevant or timely for the Marlborough community area. However, there were a number of grant applications due to be considered at this meeting that could not be deferred to the following area board because of the timescales of the projects involved.
3. Because of this, a special meeting to consider just these three grant applications was called to take place on 22 July instead. The ability to do this is in line with the findings of the recent area boards review. Details of this meeting can be found [here](#).
3. Two out of the four Councillors who make up Marlborough Area Board were not able to attend this meeting and thus the meeting was not quorate and no final decision on the grants could be made.
4. The Area Board Councillors that were present did consider each of the grants and made their own decisions on awarding the applicants funding. It was made clear at the meeting that these decisions would need to be ratified by the Leader of the Council before any funding can be paid.
5. The Councillors present chose not to award any of the grant applicants with the full amount they had requested. This was due to there being pressures on the area board's budget. Details of the amounts offered are shown in the table below:

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount offered
Avebury Day Committee	To put on a community day for residents of the parish of Avebury and visitors from elsewhere	£1,000	£750
Avebury Cricket Club	To resurface the training nets facility	£1,336	£1,000
MinalPlay	To install new play equipment for older children and outdoor fitness equipment in the village playground	£5,000	£4,000

Main Considerations for the Council

5. The attached report and application forms set out the applications and the officer's recommendations.
6. A decision is required before the end of the financial year as the funding has been allocated from the Area Board's 2014/15 budget.

Environmental and climate change consideration

- 7 See report attached at appendix 1

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

8. See report attached at appendix 1.

Financial Implications

9. See report attached at appendix 1.

Legal Implications

10. See report attached at appendix 1.

Options Considered

11. To approve or to refuse the applications and the amounts of funding that have been offered to each by Marlborough Area Board.

Conclusions

12. The Leader is asked to consider the recommendations from the Area Board, and to determine the applications.

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Background Papers

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report: None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Report to Marlborough Area Board 22 July 2014

Appendix 2 – Application forms

Appendix 3 – Minute extract from Marlborough Area Board 22 July