

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Malmesbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>10 September 2014</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Funding</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask councillors to consider a funding application from:

1. First Malmesbury (King Athelstan) Scout Group, who are seeking £1,368 capital funding towards the replacement of an old dilapidated kitchen.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve funding under delegated powers. Under the Scheme of Delegation area boards must adhere to the [area board funding criteria and guidance 2014/15](#).
- 1.2. Key aspects of the 2014/15 criteria include:
  - The decision to support a funding application and to what level will be the decision of the area board, with no officer recommendation.
  - Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding, however the area board will look more positively on applicants where they are able to contribute some funding towards their project.
  - Amounts of £1,001 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding.
  - The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
  - Malmesbury Area Board's Community Area Grants scheme will be for capital projects only.
  - The area board will prioritise funding to projects under the two JSA 2013 -2015 headings, *Health & Wellbeing* and *Leisure* (details of which can be found [here](#)), having identified them as top areas for community and area board attention during the coming year.
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- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. There will only be 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.](#)
- 1.7. Funding will be considered at every area board and these dates including the [deadline for receipt of applications can be found on the Malmesbury area board webpage.](#)
- 1.8. There are 3 funding rounds remaining during 2013/14. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are as follows:
- **20 September 2013 for consideration at 6 November 2013**
  - 22 November 2013 for consideration at 15 January 2014
  - 24 January 2014 for consideration at 5 March 2014
- 1.9. Within the capital budget, £1,500 capital is ring-fenced for digital literacy grants of up to £500 each.
- 1.10. Malmesbury Area Board was allocated a budget of £34,527.87 capital funding and £6,093 revenue in 2014/2015.
- 1.11. At the 9 July area board, councillors approved a capital only community grants scheme for 2014/15 and allocated:
- £4,059 revenue to MVCAP
  - £5,000 capital to Brinkworth Heritage Society
- 1.12. The area board current balance is £29,527.87 capital and £2,034 revenue.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this report</b>	<p><a href="#">Area Board Community Area Grant Scheme and Digital Literacy Grants – information and funding criteria 2014/15</a></p> <p>Minutes of the 9 July area board</p>
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded by the area board satisfy [2014/15 area board funding criteria](#) and financial regulations of the council and can proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. On 7 May, Malmesbury area board agreed to prioritise two themes from the 2013-15 Joint Strategic Assessment, which had been highlighted at the 'What Matters to You', event held in April. These were *Health & Wellbeing* and *Leisure*.

## **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 Malmesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded as outlined in this report, Malmesbury area board will have a capital balance of **£28,160** and a revenue balance of **£2,034**.

## **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, of the funding report.

## 8. Applications for Consideration

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	First Malmesbury (King Athelstan) Scout Group	Replacement of the kitchen	£1,368 capital

- 8.1.1. This application meets the grant criteria 2014/15. It also links to the area board's two Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) priorities for 2014/15; health and leisure.
- 8.1.2. The applicant is keeping the costs to the very minimum by ensuring that the majority of the labour (skilled and un-skilled) is undertaken by volunteers.
- 8.1.3. The applicant is seeking 50% of the costs of the project.
- 8.1.4. The kitchen has become very dilapidated, but is currently used almost every day by numerous community groups, including Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Girl Guides, Cross Hayes Preschool and a children's drama group. In total about 280 Malmesbury children and their families regularly use the hall.
- 8.1.5. It is hoped that with an attractive new kitchen which meets health and safety standards, the hall can be marketed for wider community use including parties. This additional income will help with maintenance of the listed building.
- 8.1.6. The area board has awarded modest amounts of funding to this organisation before; most recently in November 2013, £483 to insulate the loft.
- 8.1.7. The applicant needs to develop a charging policy which will ensure it builds up a fund for maintenance and emergencies. They may also wish to consider approaching [The Garfield Weston Foundation](#) when next seeking funding support.

<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 First Malmesbury (King Athelstan) Scout Group Application
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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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