

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Chippenham Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>27 April 2015</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Funding</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask councillors to consider the following application for funding:

### Applications for Community Area Grant Funding

1. Chippenham Cricket Club award £4,000 towards an outdoor practice facility, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

To ask Councillors to note

### Other/Area Board Operational Funding

1. The allocation of £1,000 to support the Chippenham Community Area participation in the Magna Carta celebrations. This funding is allocated from the 11-19 Youth Fund under delegated authority to the Community Area Manager in consultation with the Area Board Chairman.

## 1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria 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 wish to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
- 1.5. For the 2015/16 financial year Chippenham Area Board has been allocated a budget of **£154,595** as follows:
  - 1.5.1. Community Area Grants, Area Board/Councillor led initiatives, Area Board Operational Funding **£89,894**
  - 1.5.2. Digital Literacy Grants **£1,500**
  - 1.5.3. Community Area Transport Group (CATG) funding **£18,087**
  - 1.5.4. Annual 11-19 Youth Funding **£10,209**
  - 1.5.5. Local Youth Network (LYN) Funding **£34,095**
- 1.6. In addition to Community Area Grants and Digital Literacy Grants, Wiltshire Councillors may submit an Area Board/Councillor-Led Initiative. This enables Area Boards to tackle community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet has emphasised that these initiatives are not to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls.
- 1.7. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which do not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,001 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The Area Board will rarely award more than £5,000. Funding is available for capital projects. [Community Grants Scheme](#)
- 1.8. Chippenham Area Board is keen for local Town and Parish Councils to engage with local projects. Applicants will be asked to confirm whether the local Town/Parish Council supports the project and whether a financial contribution from the Town/Parish Council has been secured. The Area Board is unlikely to award funding to projects that do not have the support of the Town/Parish Council.

- 1.9. A ring-fenced budget of £1,500 has been provided specifically for Digital Literacy Grants, although the Area Board may spend more. Up to £500 per project is available for capital projects.
- 1.10. There 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. [Community Grants Scheme](#)
- 1.11. 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.
- 1.12. The decision to support applications is made by Chippenham Area Board Councillors.
- 1.13. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.14. A ring-fenced budget of £18,087 has been provided for the Community Area Transport Group (CATG). Details of this funding are contained in a separate CATG report.
- 1.15. A ring-fenced budget of £34,095 has been provided for the Youth Projects via the Local Youth Network (LYN.) [Youth Funding](#) Details of this funding are contained in a separate LYN report.
- 1.16. 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 the [Chippenham Our Community Matters website](#) Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.
- 1.17. Approved inter-meeting spending of up to £1,000 was agreed as follows:
  - 1.17.1. *On 30th April 2012, Chippenham Area Board took the decision to delegate responsibility to the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Area Board Chairman and/or Vice Chairman, to approve expenditure of up to £1,000 between Area Board meetings. The delegated power is only intended to be used for matters of urgency which cannot wait until the next meeting of the area board and would not be used as a matter of routine. The majority of decisions will continue to be taken at a public meeting.'*

<p><b>Background documents used in the preparation of this report</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2015/16 as approved by delegated decision Community Grants Scheme</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">Chippenham Community Area Plan Chippenham and Villages Community Plan</a></u></p> <p>Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment for Chippenham 2014 <u><a href="#">What Matters to you? - outcome of voting</a></u></p>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this report.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2015/2016 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.3. This is the first funding round of the 2015/16 financial year. Future rounds will take place as follows:
  - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 for consideration on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015
  - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015 for consideration on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015
  - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September for consideration on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015
  - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 For consideration on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016
  - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 for consideration on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016

## 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 Chippenham Area Board.
- 4.2. If funding is allocated as outlined in this report, Chippenham Area Board will have the following balances:
  - 4.2.1 Community Area Grant Funding **£85,894**
  - 4.2.2 Digital Literacy Funding **£1,500**
  - 4.2.3 Annual 11-19 Youth Funding **£9,209**

## 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 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.

## 8. Applications

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Chippenham Cricket Club	Chippenham Cricket Club Outdoor Practice Facility	£4,000

8.1.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting Chippenham Cricket Club a community area grant of £4,000 towards an outdoor practice facility, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.1.2. This application meets current grant criteria 2015/16.

8.1.3. Chippenham Cricket Club wishes to update and refurbish its current practice facilities which have become unsafe and dangerous. This will involve the resurface and refurbishment of the existing three lane non-turf cricket practice area. The initial facility was built installed in 2004 but the normal lifespan of an outdoor net facility is 10 years and so over the last decade the net facility has deteriorated rapidly and has become unfit for purpose.

8.1.4. The club currently caters for players of all ages and abilities, including juniors from under 9s through to senior players and women and girls players of all ages. Through use of the existing nets in recent years, the club and its players have identified several health and safety issues including: - Dangerous bounce of the Cricket ball, otherwise known as 'Tennis Ball' bounce, risk of slips, trips and falls because of the uneven surface, Balls being hit and escaping the nets, thus placing danger to spectators and players participating in other areas of the Cricket ground.

8.1.5. Having quality practice facilities is an essential for a club wishing to offer a quality coaching programme for its players. Also, without net facilities, it means that coaching sessions have to take place on the Cricket outfield which takes up space and means less players can be catered for on one given evening. With all of this in mind, the availability of high quality and safe

practice facilities at the club will prevent the club and its players from potentially having to travel to facilities away from the club.

- 8.1.6. The improvement of the facilities will also make them safe to use once again and will enable more space to be created on coaching evenings for both juniors and seniors. This will free up the club to cater for more players.
- 8.1.7. Therefore, in terms of community benefits, the Cricket club not only believes that improved practice facilities may help to improve the experience for (and therefore retain) current members but it also believes that it will free up capacity and make the club a more attractive proposition for people looking to engage in Sport with Cricket as their Sport of choice.
- 8.1.8. This project demonstrates a link to the Chippenham JSA which identified a 'Need for improved sport and leisure facilities in Chippenham. Several clubs could grow participation but for lack of facilities'.
- 8.1.9. The applicant confirms an approach has been made to Chippenham Town Council, but on this occasion a funding contribution has not been possible because the next funding round is not until the 20<sup>th</sup> August and the Cricket Club would not wish to delay the purchase of the cricket nets and miss so much of the cricket season. Chippenham Town Council also stated their level of funding would be unlikely to match their request of £4,000.
- 8.1.10. The application has the full support of the Senior Sports Development Officer. 'Chippenham Cricket Club is a thriving community club who already offer a high quality service to the local community. The current state of the cricket nets means sessions cannot be delivered in this area currently and that batsman are not accessing the same quality of provision as in previous years. Upgrading these facilities will improve the quality of provision as well as increasing capacity to deliver coaching sessions to more people due to the increased training space etc'.

Ref	Area Board Operational Funding Expenditure Date	Purpose	Amount
8.2.	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	Support for Chippenham Community Area participation in Magna Carta celebrations	£1,000

- 8.2.1. The Council's participation in the Magna Carta pageant was approved by the Wiltshire Legacy Board following a meeting with representatives of Salisbury Cathedral. Area Board Chairs have been consulted and have supported the idea of all 18 community areas participating in the pageant on the evening of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in Salisbury
- 8.2.2. The proposal is to commission the creation of 18 community barons – giant, shoulder carried puppets – each representing a community area. The baron will be the centre piece of each community's element of the pageant procession and will feature in a re-enactment of the Magna Carta signing at Runnymede. Each processional element will reflect the community area concerned and will be shaped

by local groups and young people who have agreed to participate.

8.2.3. The event in Salisbury will feature:

- The community pageant – a carnival style procession featuring over 350 people from 18 community areas - from the Market Square to the Cathedral.
- A VIP reception in the Cathedral Cloisters
- Banners featuring the name of each area and modern day Magna Carta clauses
- A 'March of the Mayors' bringing together as many of the County's mayors as are free to attend
- Community performances featuring groups drawn from all over Wiltshire – Town Criers, Mummers, Morris Dancers, Brass Bands, Choirs, majorettes, and much more.
- A theatrical re-enactment of the Magna Carta signing at Runnymede
- Access to the real Magna Carta for participants
- A choral ensemble featuring 400 voices
- A 'sans et lumiere' performance featuring giant illuminated white horses – and further performances in other Towns across the County (subject to Arts Council funding bid)
- A non-airborne pyrotechnic finale

8.2.4. The Cathedral authorities have approved the format of the proposed pageant and are actively supporting the event. They will also arrange promotion.

8.2.5. Community involvement will be delivered by the Council's 18 Community Area Managers and Community Youth Officers and work is already underway to recruit participants across Wiltshire.

8.2.6. To facilitate the delivery of the event, Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts (DOCA) and the Ageis Salisbury International Arts Festival have been commissioned to deliver core elements of the programme and provide overall creative management. Both of these organisations have a proven track record of delivering high profile and large scale street arts festivals and have extensive contacts with leading makers and producers in the industry.

8.2.7. DOCA will also produce the 18 Community Barons. The Barons will be centrally made but not decorated. They will come complete with backpack support, cloak, hair and animated hands and an art kit for use by community groups. The Barons will subsequently belong to each community involved.

8.2.8. DOCA will deliver a workshop on the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> of May for community representatives; this will brief them on how to decorate their Baron and what materials are most suitable. DOCA will also be available through either telephone or in-person contact to support communities to decorate their Baron. Groups can begin to research their

local history and prepare their designs ahead of delivery of the barons.

8.2.9. The groups involved are being encouraged to deliver a local element – an event in each of Wiltshire’s community areas – as well as forming part of the procession in Salisbury.

8.2.10. Funding will support:

- Local research
- A contribution towards the cost of the community area Giant Baron
- Local art workshops, room hire and purchase of materials
- A local event in the community area
- Transport to and from Salisbury on 15<sup>th</sup> June

8.2.11. The allocation of £1,000 to support the Chippenham Community Area participation in the Magna Carta celebrations was made from the 11-19 Youth Fund under delegated authority to the Community Area Manager in consultation with the Area Board Chairman.

8.2.12.

<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 – Chippenham Cricket Club - Outdoor practice facility
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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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