

**Subject: Determination of application for Area Board funding**

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

**Key Decision: No**

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### **Purpose of Report**

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

### **Background**

2. At its meeting of 19 May 2015, Marlborough Area Board was to consider three applications for community area grant funding from three separate applicants.
3. One of the four Councillors who make up Marlborough Area Board had sent apologies. Another Councillor declared a non-pecuniary interest with two out of the three applications being considered and took no part in discussions relating to them. Thus the meeting was not quorate and no final decision on two out of the three 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 two decisions would need to be ratified by the Leader of the Council before any funding can be paid.
5. Of the two applications to be ratified by the Leader of the Council, the Councillors present chose not to award the grant applicants with the full amount they had requested. This was due to there being pressures on the area board's budget and the nature of the different elements being requested. Details of the amounts offered are shown in the table below:

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount offered
<b>Manton in Bloom</b>	towards new planters and plants to help improve the village and as part of the entry for South West in Bloom	£1,000	£750 towards new planters but not funds for plants themselves
<b>Marlborough in Bloom</b>	towards different types of planters throughout the town and for plants as part of a project to build community pride, volunteering and as part of the town's entry for South West in Bloom	£1,500	£1,000 towards new planters but not funds for plants themselves

### **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 2015/16 budget. Ideally, a decision is required as soon as possible to allow both applicants the opportunity to buy the new planters requested and use them in time for the summer 2015 season.

### **Environmental and climate change consideration**

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### **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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