

Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider two applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding:

1. **Westbury Carers Support:** Application for £1000 for a six week training course aimed at carers in the Westbury area. The course would focus on healthy living.

It is recommended that Westbury Carers Support is awarded a grant of £1,000.

2. **Westbury Youth Football Club:** Application for £4,800 towards a £10,000 project to host a tournament and festival of football for up to 2000 boys and girls from within and outside the county. Also to promote football for girls involving a new playing strip and training kit (£1300 of total amount of project).

It is recommended that Westbury Youth Football Club is awarded a grant of £4,800

1. Background

1.1 Area boards have authority to approve grants under powers delegated to the area boards by the leader of Wiltshire Council (13 May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation area boards must operate within the policies set by the leader and/or the council. Wiltshire Council has adopted an Area Grants Policy, with funding criteria, to which the area boards must adhere.

1.2 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an area board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the leader, the appropriate cabinet member or the Cabinet.

1.3 In 2010/11 the Westbury Area Board has been allocated a budget of £40,447. This is the first opportunity to consider grant applications in this financial year.

2. Main Considerations

2.1 Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before 31 March 2011.

2.2 Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting until 31 March 2011.

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

3.1 Community Area Grants will 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 Westbury Area Board.

4.2 If both grant applications are approved, there will be £34,647 left in the Westbury area board budget for 2010/11.

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 give all local community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

7.2 Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – Officer Recommendations.

8. Officer recommendations

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112	Westbury Carers Support	Funding for a six week training course aimed at carers in the Westbury area. The course would focus on healthy living.	£1,000

8.1.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.1.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of engaging with local people; increasing numbers involved in volunteering; encouraging people to make healthy lifestyle choices.

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009	Westbury Youth Football Club	Project to host a tournament and festival of football for up to 2000 boys and girls from within and outside the county. Also to promote football for girls involving a new playing strip and training kit (£1300 of total amount of project).	£4,800

8.2.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2010/11 grant criteria however area board members may like to consider whether this grant would not just support Westbury community but also young people outside of the community and possibly the county.

8.2.2 This application links to Wiltshire Council priorities of improving young people's participation in positive activities, engaging with local people; encouraging people to make healthy lifestyle choices.