

PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT PANEL MEETING

22nd July 2010

Present: Bill Dowling; Steve Hedley; John Thomson; Steve Richards; Sharon Britton; Karen Spence; Mary Cullen.

Apologies: Niki Lewis

1. John Thomson was detained in another meeting and did not attend the panel meeting until Item 8 'Consideration of Bids' (i.e. after the decision on the Sherston bid had been made by the other panel members).

Notes of Last meeting and matters arising

2. The notes of the last meeting had been agreed by the Panel previously.

Matters Arising

3. Karen Spence and Sharon Britton updated the Panel on amounts of bids so far and how much funding there is available for this tranche. There was a brief discussion about the recent Area Board Chair's decision on how countywide bids should be considered. It was agreed at the Area Board Chairs meeting on 20th July 2010 to continue with the process they are currently using rather than adopting the 'fast track' process of provisional approval by Area Board Chairs as suggested at the previous panel meeting. This means that, in future all county-wide bids will need to be approved by all the Area Boards involved **before** coming to the panel for a decision.
4. The Panel also spoke of their concerns about the standards of the bids coming through from Area Boards. It was felt that Area Boards, when approving bids, needed to give greater consideration to the amount of money and consider the cost benefit of each bid. Some Area Boards currently appear to be having difficulty in refusing bids that either do not meet the criteria for the scheme or are not of sufficient quality. The guidance issued by the Performance Team should help to improve the quality of the bids, but we are still reliant on Area Boards to be robust in prioritising those bids that will really make a difference.
5. In addition, there is inconsistency in the quality of the information included in the application forms; some bidders are not including all relevant information on the actual form and therefore are not giving their scheme/initiative the best possible chance of being successful. The panel needs all information to be in a consistent format in order to be able to effectively compare bids. It needs to be reiterated to bidders that **all** relevant information should be put into the application itself, only sending appendices where absolutely necessary (e.g. photos, plans etc). However, if the panel subsequently request additional information this can then be sent in separate documents.
6. It was also felt that some Thematic Delivery Partnerships could be more robust in their views about whether or not they are supportive of the bids that they see.

ACTION: Karen to speak to Niki Lewis and/or Steve Milton about how we can work with the Area Board managers/members to ensure that the guidance on the development of bids is implemented at Area Board level and that the Boards feel able to be robust about which bids they approve for submission.

Update on previous bids

7. **Sherston Old School** - The Panel felt that there were a lot of merits to this bid, although they were asking for quite a considerable amount. It was noted that there was a lot of community involvement. At the last meeting the Panel asked to see a Business Case before making a final decision. The bidders sent in a development plan which has been referred to Business Link for their views. The proposal received a mostly positive response from the Business Link Start-up advisor who felt that the proposal made a good case for social enterprise and the management team was of high calibre. There was, however, some lack of clarity over the proposed legal structure and concern at the lack of a cashflow forecast. The suggestion was made that there is a condition attached to any grant award, that the group take advantage of the new Social Enterprise advice service for specific guidance including business planning preparation.

Decision: The Panel were supportive of this bid but did not feel that they could offer the full amount. They felt that it would be fair to offer a **£65,000** contribution, which is just above 50% of what was requested. The condition suggested above is to be included.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

8. 23 bids were submitted for the Panel to consider at this meeting, and their decisions are shown below:

<p>Application Ref. No. 31 Marlborough Area Board Bid: £5,000</p>	<p><u>Sustainable Christmas Lights</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>This initiative establishes the Christmas Lights illumination in Marlborough on a permanent basis. The MCLA (Marlborough Community Lights Association) Committee seek money to invest in expanding the illumination, marketing Christmas in Marlborough through using the illuminations and establishing a sustainable maintenance agreement to ensure the longevity of the display. In the light of potential economic decline in the High Street, MCLA is keen to attract business to Marlborough to support especially independent traders.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel did not feel that this was a suitable bid for PRG money; the bid had little support from Thematic Delivery Partnerships. It was also felt that it would set a precedent for other areas to attempt to bid for this kind of thing if it were approved. However, it was suggested that Area Boards have money to put into energy efficiency activity, and that they may like to consider this request.</p> <p>Decision: Not approved.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform the Community Area Manager of decision.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 32 South West Area Board Bid: £25,000</p>	<p><u>Skilled for Health</u></p> <p>Bill Dowling declared a slight connection with this bid and some knowledge of the scheme. This connection was not deemed by the panel to be significant and therefore Bill remained for the discussion and decisions.</p>

	<p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>The SfH programme integrates the goals of reducing inequalities in health with those of improving the literacy, language and numeracy skills of adults.</p> <p>In collaboration between NHS Wiltshire, Army Primary Healthcare and other partners, the programme works with, and supports the families of, service men and women through a series of short courses to improve confidence and self esteem, encourage learners to access further education to improve their skills/take employment. These courses include sessions on healthy eating, how to stop smoking, responsible drinking and fitness.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Thematic Delivery Partnerships were in support of this bid. Although, there was a 'Value for Money' concern from Resilient Communities and the Panel discussed the issue of sustainability of this project. However, the project has so far proven to be an excellent service which contributes to a very wide and varied community (including ethnic minorities, MoD personnel and their families, and wider local communities). It is in line with what partners are seeking to achieve within the Military Civilian Integration Programme. It also supports equality and diversity agendas and reaches a wide range of audiences</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform the Community Area Manager of decision, re-iterating in the letter that this is one-off funding.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 33 Amesbury Area Board Bid: £4,456</p>	<p><u>Great Wishford Outdoor Learning Initiative</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>To promote outdoor learning for reception and Year 1 children by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a larger fenced area to explore a semi-wild environment (already provided by the school). The Friends have provided 8 x all in one suits. • Using an all weather surface to allow greater use of existing and heavily used grass area (to be funded by the school/Friends). • Providing a covered area for shelter from the sun on hot days and wind and rain on cold ones, a quiet area for reading or water and sand play, and a shelter for parents while waiting to collect their children. (The shelter is the subject of this bid). <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel felt that whilst this was a good scheme, it was not suitable for PRG money. This type of scheme in other schools has been funded from sources such as Parents' Associations. The Panel felt that if they were to approve this bid it could easily set a precedent for other schools to bid for money for similar projects.</p> <p>Decision: Not approved.</p>

	ACTION: Karen to inform the Community Area Manager of decision.
Application Ref. No. 34 Cricklade Area Board Bid: £50,000	<p><u>High Street Car Park</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Construction and enhancement of a new town centre car park. This will provide an additional 48 spaces. It will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address the deficit of parking spaces in the town. • Help to generate and realise the potential of the retail sector in the town. • Promote a burgeoning tourism industry. • Ease the traffic congestion caused by double-parking, paralysing the High Street. <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel felt that whilst the need for a car-park is probably evident from this bid, it is not suitable for the PRG scheme.</p> <p>Decision: Not approved.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform the Community Area Manager of decision.</p>
Application Ref. No. 35 Warminster Area Board Bid: £26,411	<p><u>Community Radio Upgrade</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>To establish reliable media and communications service by upgrading WCR Community Radio studios in preparation for full time service to the population of Warminster and villages.</p> <p>WCR already work closely with Warminster Area Board, to promote the work of the board and to record the opinions of local people who are unable to attend the meetings.</p> <p>Without upgraded studio equipment WCR will be unable to apply for a full 5 year licence, which is vital for growth and ongoing services offered to the community and statutory bodies.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>This was a good bid and showed a lot of community involvement. Panel members were able to feed back that the station is especially popular with young people. It is a good promoter of local events and matters, and gives media training to young people. The Community Area Board will be working closely with WCR to promote their work and extend participation</p> <p>It was questioned whether the group had explored if it would be possible to get discounts on the equipment needed and whether they had more than the single quote supplied?</p> <p>It was suggested that perhaps Thematic Delivery Partnerships would be keen to use the radio station to provide information to the community.</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p>

	<p>ACTION: Karen to inform the Community Area Manager of decision. Also to ask if the radio station to provide their contact details to the Thematic Delivery Partnerships.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 36 Pewsey Area Board Bid: £66,000</p>	<p><u>WFRS Salamander</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>A programme of 12 Salamander courses to be delivered over three years.</p> <p>Salamander is a 5-day non-residential intensive diversionary activity course, designed and delivered by Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service (WFRS). It's aimed at young people (13-17 yrs) who are at risk of involvement in crime, recidivism, anti-social behaviour and/or of social exclusion. Within this, it is particularly relevant to any such young people whose behaviour is fire or road traffic related.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel felt that this is a good scheme and they noted that it has a lot of support from the Youth Offending Team. However, the panel did feel that the trainers (fire officers) shouldn't be funded with PRG money. It questioned why the Fire Service wasn't providing the staffing as an in-kind contribution as part of their prevention/partnership working.</p> <p>This is quite a high cost scheme and benefits quite a low number of young people, and it was difficult to see how this project could make a sufficient level of impact for the amount of funding requested. There is also the sustainability issue; the scheme is applying for PRG funding now as previous sources of funding have dried up.</p> <p>It was felt that the staffing element was not suitable for the PRG scheme, but that the panel would be happy to approve the capital and consumable costs.</p> <p>Decision: Approved capital costs of £18,000 only.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision and to explore whether this funding would be sufficient to protect the scheme for the next year. If the scheme does not run, this amount will not be released.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 37 Pewsey Area Board Bid: £75,000</p>	<p><u>Pewsey Skatepark</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>To create a skatepark facility for Pewsey. The skatepark to be sited close to Pewsey primary and secondary schools. As well as providing an area for young people to skate, it will also provide extended schools opportunities for all ages and a safe environment away from the village centre and carp parks. Young people will manage the facility.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel are supportive of bids of this kind, but felt that this particular bid was just not ready to consider yet. It seemed to be in the very early stages, and a lot more work needed to be done on it,</p>

	<p>the site has not been confirmed and consultation needs to be undertaken and planning permission obtained.</p> <p>The panel suggested that the bidders continue to develop the project with a view to submitting a new bid in the future. This would also offer the opportunity for the project to show that the young people involved were committed by perhaps starting to think of ideas for raising funds to kick-start this bid when re-submitting.</p> <p>It was suggested that they look at previous skatepark bids which have been successful in gaining PRG funding to see what they can do to help their bid.</p> <p>Decision: Not approved at this time.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision and suggest the bidders look on the website at successful skatepark bids.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 38</p> <p>Trowbridge Area Board</p> <p>Bid: £20,000</p>	<p><u>Extended Services</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Working with a variety of partners and providers to provide support based on consultation, they have successfully engaged with a large cohort of young people who would not otherwise have participated in activities. This is reducing levels of anti-social behaviour, increasing levels of health and fitness, improving the social Health and Well Being of students and families and building community spirit. While their activities are fully inclusive to all young people they are able to target low income or vulnerable families and children bridging the gaps in participation.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>This is a pilot project which should be funded by the Extended Schools funding if it is considered a priority. It was also felt that there could be sustainability issues with this bid. This bid wasn't felt suitable for PRG funding.</p> <p>Decision: Not approved.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 39</p> <p>Trowbridge Area Board</p> <p>Bid: £9,040</p>	<p><u>Studley Green Resource Centre</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Upgrading the IT equipment available to the public, purchasing more flexible, welcoming and moveable furniture, and providing a range of introductory courses to enhance the Studley Green Residents Resource Centre as a hub for the community and an improved venue for local training delivery and information provision. The provision of new facilities will act as a catalyst in re-marketing the venue to local residents and other organisations, and allow development of a range of volunteering opportunities.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel felt that this was a worthwhile scheme to have in the community. It appears to be a good outstation which provides</p>

	<p>necessary resources to the local community. However it was felt that money could be saved here by looking at re-using furniture and ICT equipment which is no longer in use from Wiltshire Council and/or other partners for this scheme (and possibly others like it). Whilst there may be information security or other issues with this option, we would like to fully explore it before making a decision on this bid.</p> <p>It was also suggested that some of the remainder of the money asked for (£3,440) could come from contributions from collaborative working with JobCentre Plus and Housing Associations. This would potentially add value to the scheme.</p> <p>Decision: To defer until information received from Wiltshire Council Property Services/IT and Police.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision. Also to contact Property Services, Service Director for IT and Wiltshire Police/other partners.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 40 Salisbury Area Board Bid: £40,000</p>	<p><u>The Unit</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Innovative youth promotions and volunteering initiative, based in a previously empty city centre shop unit in Salisbury. Working in partnership with a range of organisations and the local community to provide opportunities for young people to develop skills through volunteering and creative entrepreneurial activity. Creating new links and partnerships across Salisbury and South Wiltshire. Fostering youth citizenship and working across the community.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel all felt that this was a very innovative idea and it was noted that they are engaging a lot of people within the Salisbury community. However, they weren't supportive of providing revenue funding for posts for two years as this is not a suitable use for PRG. The panel recognised that perhaps the project might need a further period as pump priming money, but thereafter they would need to find sustainable ways of delivering the facility. The panel wondered how this project might link to the Citizenship Project being proposed by Government.</p> <p>The Panel felt that they could offer part funding for this scheme with a condition that the project should develop an information pack on how to set up successful schemes/initiatives like this one for use in other areas where there might be interest in doing something similar. They would also request that the scheme makes links with the local CAYPIG if it hasn't already done so.</p> <p>Decision: Approved £15,000.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision and request that the Area Board works with the bidders to establish their proposal about the type of information pack they would provide and how they would go about it, and about what would be a reasonable deadline for achieving this. Karen to contact Sandie Lewis/Steve Milton about how we might facilitate the sharing of this 'pack' once it is</p>

	developed.
Application Ref. No. 41 Salisbury Area Board Bid: £31,882	<p><u>Dream Space Resourcing</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Dream Space is a 3-year initiative aimed at engaging the community of Salisbury and the wider area in creative activity through using digital media in a series of projects, workshops and events organised and managed by Salisbury Arts Centre. The primary focus will be on making films including finding innovative ways to screen the work in the real world and online.</p> <p>In order to go ahead with this initiative Dream Space Resourcing require a complete refit of media facilities, which are now obsolete.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel didn't feel that this was suitable for PRG funding. It was felt that the level of impact was insufficient for the amount requested</p> <p>Also, they made a point that this duplicates provision already available through the colleges, etc.</p> <p>Decision: Not approved.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision.</p>
Application Ref. No. 42 Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board Bid: £11,100	<p><u>Holiday Activities for All</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Working in partnership with key agencies located within the network area to produce a holiday event planner for all children attending schools within the local area. Key agencies are Children Centres, Youth Development, Leisure Centre Managers, Childcare Development, Libraries, Splash and any other interested parties. The aim is to ensure there is something for all children within the local schools to do for each day of the school summer holidays.</p> <p>This will bring children and young people together during holidays, giving them a sense of stability and stimulation during such a long period off school, help to support parents at times when they can feel isolated and ensure that any unacceptable behaviour or crime is kept to a minimum.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The panel felt that this duplicates grant aiding already given under the PRG scheme to SPLASH for funding holiday activities across Wiltshire.</p> <p>The Panel felt that the bidders could make links with the SPLASH team to try and ensure that their needs are considered and possibly add value to whatever the SPLASH team can provide.</p> <p>Decision: Not approved.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision and pass on contact details for SPLASH.</p>

<p>Application Ref. No. 43 Salisbury Area Board Bid: £40,000</p>	<p><u>St. Michael's Community Centre "Warm-up" Project</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>In accordance with the Ward Plan for Bemerton, this bid is to improve the facilities in the Community Centre for the benefit of all groups from babies and toddlers to the over sixties, making the community centre a pleasant environment for activities for young, old and disabled people.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>This bid had some support from panel members who recognised the need for provision in Bemerton Heath and also the fact that the bid gives good evidence that it is well used by a wide variety of groups.</p> <p>However, the Panel had a few concerns about this bid. It was difficult to understand from the bid whether the refurbishment of the centre would be sustainable (is the facility worth spending this amount of money on?). Also, this bid seemed to be competing with the larger bid for improvements to the Bemerton Heath Community Centre.</p> <p>The Panel suggested that it may be possible for the scheme to seek funding from the Community First Village Hall Fund, or even with the Area Board who have a pot for 'hard to reach' groups.</p> <p>In any event, the panel felt that it was difficult for them to make a decision on the Bemerton Heath bids without further information about the links with/requirements of the Think Family initiative and a better understanding of whether there is a need for both of these facilities in the community (particularly if one of the facilities is being expanded).</p> <p>Decision: Not approved at this time (deferred).</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision. Also to make contact with the Think Family project and work with the Area Board to obtain further information about the needs of the Bemerton Heath Community.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 44 Salisbury Area Board Bid: £130,600</p>	<p><u>Bemerton Heath Community Centre Expansion</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>To build an extension to increase service provision at the Bemerton Heath Community Centre.</p> <p>This year Bemerton Heath Neighbourhood Centre (BHNC) is 10 years old. It was opened in September 2000 to promote social inclusion and provide a place of learning for the community of Bemerton Heath. The centre is located in a former shop unit on Bemerton Heath and has been funded primarily by, initially, Salisbury District Council and now by Salisbury City Council.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The panel was supportive of the need for this kind of provision in Bemerton Heath (see above) but did not feel that this was a particularly well thought out bid.</p> <p>This bid is still very much in the early stages, and it was noted that</p>

	<p>they don't yet have planning permission.</p> <p>The panel would have liked to have seen more evidence of support from the community and the City Council. It was suggested that they contact the City Council for funding for developing a better plan and beginning the process of obtaining planning permission and moving the project forward to a more detailed stage. The panel would also be keen to see evidence of applications to other sources of funding. The bidders should be encouraged to develop better, fully costed, plans and explore other sources of funding before submitting any further bid to this source of funding.</p> <p>In addition, this bid seemed to be competing with the smaller bid for improvements to St Michaels Community centre.</p> <p>The panel felt that it was difficult for them to make a decision on the Bemerton Heath bids without further information about links with/requirements of the Think Family initiative and a better understanding of whether there is a need for both of these facilities in the community (particularly if one of the facilities is being expanded).</p> <p>Decision: Not approved at this time. A more detailed bid may be considered by a future panel.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision. Also to make contact with the Think Family project and work with the Area Board to obtain further information about the needs of the Bemerton Heath Community.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 45</p> <p>Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board</p> <p>Bid: £150,000</p>	<p><u>WBSA Relocations</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>The project aims to relocate the Wootton Bassett Sports Association from its current 7 acre site (1 football pitch, 1 cricket square, 4 tennis courts) to a 26 acre site (3 senior & 2 mini football pitches, 2 cricket squares, 8 tennis courts), and in doing so not only provide the increase in sports facilities the community requires but notably secure and extend the legacy in which the land was first bequeathed to WBSA for sport.</p> <p>The new site is located opposite Ballards Ash Sports Ground, thus providing Wootton Bassett and surrounding parishes a state of the art sports hub.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel noted from the information provided that WBSA has an obligation under the trust to provide sports facilities anyway.</p> <p>It was noted that the initiative has significant funding already. And that approving this bid could undermine existing Leisure Services/provisions within the town. It was felt that this bid may not meet the needs of the whole community.</p> <p>An e-mail received from a member of the public was tabled at the meeting which was taken into account by the panel (attached at the end of these minutes).</p>

	<p>Decision: Not approved.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 46 Melksham Area Board Bid: £38,000</p>	<p><u>Semington Sports Club</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>After many years endeavouring to acquire suitable land in the village for a football pitch, Semington Parish Council will become tenancy holder of the land to the west of West Wilts Crematorium after agreeing a 15 year lease on behalf of Semington Sports Club.</p> <p>The site has already been prepared by a working party of volunteers with hedgerows tidied, the ditch cleared and water mains installed. Mole drainage, levelling, over seeding and regular mowing have all been performed; the playing surface is expected to be up to a good standard and ready for the start of the 2010/11 season.</p> <p>The next phase is to install appropriate changing facilities so that the site can accommodate both existing senior teams at the start of the 2010/11 football season. Returning to the village will be the platform for the future success of the club.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel felt that this was quite a significant sum of money, but noted that, in the groups favour, they do have some money to put towards it themselves. The question was raised as to whether there was scope for them to undertake some community fundraising to raise a further proportion of the funds required (the money currently in the pot was provided by the Parish Council).</p> <p>They seem to have a wide community support, as evidenced by considerable effort by volunteers to clear the ground and prepare the pitches.</p> <p>The Panel felt that they could contribute 50% of their total costs of £48,000 (which includes the £10,000 from the Parish Council).</p> <p>Decision: Approved £24,000.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 47 Melksham Area Board Bid: £50,000</p>	<p><u>St. Mary's Sports Pavilion</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>The pavilion will offer facilities to provide support for the current football league and junior teams in the village with an ongoing plan to improve and increase further sporting facilities on the site as well as providing a sustainable meeting space for existing youth/adult/elderly and disabled groups currently operating elsewhere. This will offer a convenient, multi-functional location which to date does not exist within Steeple Ashton. The pavilion will widen the scope and use of the playing fields, supporting more activities to a greater number and range of residents both from Steeple Ashton and the surrounding communities.</p> <p>The money will be spent on the timber frame building which provides</p>

	<p>changing rooms, referee/officials room, disabled facilities, a kitchen area and a multi-functional central area.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>This bid is for a significant amount of money and the panel did not feel that it was a priority for PRG funding. There is already alternative provision in the community which could be made use of, including temporary changing facilities and a village hall. Also they haven't yet got planning permission. The Panel suggests that they look at other sources of funding.</p> <p>Decision: Not approved.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 48</p> <p>Chippenham Area Board</p> <p>Bid: £175,000</p>	<p><u>Redevelopment of Sports Facility Amenities at Biddestone</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Restoration and conversion of existing building to provide changing and storage facilities suitable to support growing adult and youth/junior sports team (including girls). The project will provide 4 changing rooms with related showers and toilets, plus an equipment storage area, within an existing building, requiring significant refurbishment. Additionally, the adaptation of the community facility that will substantially increase the social and committee area to enable greater local community usage, and a wider range of events.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel felt that this project did not show sufficient impact for the amount of money requested and therefore it was unsuitable for Performance Reward Grant for that reason. It doesn't show evidence of added value to the local area. The Panel were not supportive of the alterations to the Members' club room/bar.</p> <p>The bid not have support from the majority of Thematic Delivery partnerships who, with the exception of the Health and Wellbeing Board, felt that it was an expensive project and not a priority.</p> <p>Decision: Not approved.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 49</p> <p>Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board</p> <p>Bid: £150,000</p>	<p><u>Gym Extension and Improvement</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>To extend and rejuvenate the gym and equipment. This would include a dedicated youth area that would be manned during the early evening and parts of the school holidays.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel noted that this was a facility which had been taken over by the local community to save it from closure. Evidence suggests that the centre is currently well supported, which raised the question as to why they are unable to raise the money to fund these improvements from their revenue. This suggests the possibility that their charging policy is making the venue unsustainable.</p>

	<p>Also, it wasn't clear whether this extension would just be open to young people, or whether it would be open to all. Throughout the bid it seems to mention 'youth gym' suggesting it is only a youth facility.</p> <p>The bid was somewhat underdeveloped, and the performance team had asked a number of questions of the bidders (via the Area Board) which remained unanswered.</p> <p>In addition, the bid was for a significant amount of money and didn't show a sufficient level of impact for the amount requested.</p> <p>If the Area Board are able to answer the questions with regard to sustainability of the facility and would like to submit another bid for a smaller contribution to this project then the panel would be prepared to consider this in a later tranche.</p> <p>Decision: Not approved at this time.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 50 Trowbridge Area Board Bid: £32,740</p>	<p><u>Active Trowbridge Coaching</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Active Trowbridge Coaching provides 300 sports coaching sessions at schools each week, employing young people on apprenticeships. Schools in the town get a 40% discount and they would like to offer this to schools in the Community Area Parishes (Hilperton, The Mead, West Ashton, Southwick and North Bradley).</p> <p>They also require a vehicle to move equipment around. Also, to purchase Junior Gym equipment to take around schools, establishing sports as part of a health lifestyle from an early age and help combat childhood obesity.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel felt that this was a difficult bid to consider due to the obvious overlaps with the Wiltshire Alternative Sports Hub bid (for the Trowbridge area) below. Also, they felt there is insufficient evidence of the need for this bid. The project is charging fees to statutory agencies and should be funding expansions to their services or additional equipment as part of their business plan. Additionally, there was little evidence within the bid that they are reaching the harder to reach groups.</p> <p>This bid should go back to the Area Board for Trowbridge Area Board to consider whether they wish to submit a single bid to address this need.</p> <p>Decision: Not approved.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 51 Calne, Salisbury, Tidworth, Pewsey and Trowbridge Area Boards</p>	<p><u>Wiltshire Alternative Sports Hub</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Development of three new alternative sports hubs and sustain two existing hubs providing alternative sports to all young people throughout Wiltshire. The project will use these hubs to reach out to</p>

<p>Bid: £99,986</p>	<p>young people giving them something to do in the evening thus combating anti-social behaviour and giving them somewhere to participate in alternative sports weekly. The project activities will allow young people to meet new people and stay healthy by participating in a minimum of two hours of physical activity a week. The project will also enable young people to learn new skills and build on existing skills. There will be volunteering opportunities at the clubs and young leadership opportunities at forums.</p> <p>As the hubs focus on alternative activities they therefore target many young people who would not usually participate in traditional team sports. Often young people involved in alternative sports are more isolated and less socially engaged than team sports players and so this project will be promoting inclusion and helping to develop new outlets for socially isolated young people.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>Although it was noted that this scheme is as much about inclusion as health/improving physical fitness, there was concern about the duplication and competition with Active Trowbridge Coaching (above). It was felt that the duplication highlighted above for the Trowbridge area clouded the issue for both bids, and they therefore found it difficult to make a decision on either.</p> <p>There was little evidence in the bid about how it would reach disadvantaged and hard to reach groups of children, there was a concern that it may just end up being accessible to the usual groups of children who are already accessing sport and active recreation anyway.</p> <p>The panel also thought that the costs associated with this bid were high and have asked that these be looked at again. Also that the scheme needs to think about sustainability; if it is a priority shouldn't the schools be providing it as part of their sports provision. The level of impact would seem to be insufficient given the amount requested.</p> <p>This bid had little support from Thematic Partnerships who felt that this was an expensive project with little evidence of the need and (with the exception of the Wellbeing Partnership) felt that it was not a priority.</p> <p>Decision: Not approved at this time.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Managers of decision.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 55 Devizes Area Board Bid: £20,000</p>	<p><u>Changing Places Toilet Facilities</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Adding value to the town of Devizes, as part of the refurbishment of Hillworth Park, a toilet that meets the needs of people with complex disabilities and their carers has been identified.</p> <p>A new Park Centre provides the hub that will encourage excluded individuals and groups within the community to access the opportunities that the Park has to offer by the provision of good quality facilities.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p>

	<p>The Panel felt that this wasn't suitable for PRG funding. They felt that the bidders should look to other sources of funding for this provision.</p> <p>There was little evidence that the bidders have established the numbers of people who would use the facility and therefore it is difficult to see how the level of impact could be sufficient to justify this level of funding. Also some concerns were expressed about the distance from the Town Centre and whether this would really open up Devizes for groups that wouldn't currently visit –particularly as car-parking is currently very limited at the site.</p> <p>There was also some concern about overlaps with facilities the Town Council should be providing. It was also noted that as libraries are refurbished in the county, facilities of this type will be provided as part of this programme.</p> <p>Decision: Not approved.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 56 Devizes Area Board Bid: £30,000</p>	<p><u>Professional Event Management</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>To provide a professional event management resource to develop and run a wide range of events around Devizes Carnival, and to organise community workshops to encourage participation by schools and community groups.</p> <p>Events and workshops will encourage communities to take part in cultural activities, bring different age groups together and help people from all backgrounds and ages to take part in positive activities.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel felt that this wasn't suitable for PRG funding. It was also felt that it wouldn't be sustainable.</p> <p>Decision: Not approved</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to inform Community Area Manager of decision.</p>

9. We received 3 countywide bids to look at for useful feedback before they are returned to a future panel meeting, once they have been approved by all Area Boards.

<p>Application Ref. No. 52 Countywide Area Boards Bid: £55,694</p>	<p><u>Volunteer Centre Wiltshire</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>The new Wiltshire Infrastructure Support Service – 'GROW' <i>Enhancing Community Support</i> – is being delivered from 1st April 2010. This includes a countywide Volunteer Service for Wiltshire for the first time.</p> <p>This application, if approved, would both build on the basic service and develop an accredited volunteer centre for Wiltshire. At present the nearest accredited centre is in Swindon.</p> <p>The proposed service would offer the six core functions of a Volunteer Centre as prescribed by Volunteering England. The benefits to all community areas in Wiltshire will include better access to volunteering</p>
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	<p>opportunities and support to individuals, Employer Volunteering scheme, specialised support, information and good practice services, access to draw down further funding via Volunteering England to support volunteering, and access to support and information as part of a national framework.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel were supportive of this bid and can see the need, but they would like to see the option of a shared service model with Swindon. Explore.</p> <p>Other thoughts they shared were how many volunteers would this need, where will they reach, and who are they going to engage in this? Also some volunteers need motivation to do this sort of thing. How can they be confident that they can maintain their volunteers?</p> <p>Decision: To be referred back to panel once it has been to all Area Boards and supported.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to speak to Niki Lewis' team to arrange for the bids to be sent to all Area Boards for approval and for further development of the bid to address the suggestions raised by the panel.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 53</p> <p>Countywide Area Boards</p> <p>Bid: £29,930</p>	<p><u>Online Community Led Planning Resource</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>To support the 20 Community Area Partnerships with a community led planning process to enable a consistent approach to the production of robust, well evidenced community plans across Wiltshire. The community plans can then be used to inform and challenge local service and project delivery.</p> <p>There is currently no free resource to support Wiltshire Community Area Partnerships through the community planning process. This project aims to redress this by developing a free to access online resource and a support system for producing effective community led plans.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel did not feel that this was good use of PRG money. They felt that if Community Area Partnerships require this type of resource, they should be contributing to its provision from the funding already provided to them for production of Community Area Plans.</p> <p>The bidders should be minded of the relaunched Wiltshire Intelligence Network website.</p> <p>Decision: Not supportive.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to feedback to Community Area Managers/Niki Lewis' team about whether they still wish to send this bid to Area boards for approval.</p>
<p>Application Ref. No. 54</p> <p>Countywide Area Boards</p>	<p><u>Wiltshire Voices</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Each Area Board to be allocated £3,000 to be challenged to develop a</p>

<p>Bid: £54,000</p>	<p>community engagement initiative that reaches out to the most disadvantaged groups and those with whom contact to date has been limited. Community Area Managers, equalities team, partners and Local Elected members will undoubtedly already have ideas for how this money should be targeted, reflecting gaps in attendance at Area Board meetings and local knowledge of particular groups and communities.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel were supportive of this initiative, feeling the need for active wider engagement, especially from the hard to reach groups. However, it was felt that each Area Board should be able to demonstrate how their individual projects would widen participation by giving a brief description of what they plan to do with the money before a decision can be made whether or not to allocate it to them.</p> <p>Decision: To be referred back to panel once it has been to all Area Boards and supported.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to speak to Niki Lewis' team to arrange for the bids to be sent to all Area Boards for approval and for further development of the bid to address the suggestions raised by the panel.</p>
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Any other issues

Karen Spence will bring all necessary bids to the next PRG Panel meeting to discuss any outstanding issues on **Tuesday 10th August at 2.00 p.m. in the Avon Room, County Hall.**

**E-mail received by a member of the public regarding Bid Application 45:
Wootton Bassett Sports Association Relocation:**

Dear Committee,

Please reject the application for funding from The Wootton Bassett Sports Association.

Wootton Bassett Sports Association Application:

1. Why do they need the cash when they have sold the land to Persimmon Homes for £7m in 2009 - as quoted in the G&H?
2. Why are they so secretive about who owns the ground? - ask to see a copy of the gifting documents the land was given to them in 1935 by Major Buxton.
3. Why are there no minutes of any of their meetings available to members or none members?
4. Why are there no audited accounts available for scrutiny (they are not listed as a Limited Company, Charity or Partnership)?
5. There also seems to be a conflict of interest as the Chairman (Mr Paul Harrison) of the WBSA is also a full time Self Employed Consultant for Redevelopment of Sports Facilities into Residential Development and is listed as a consultant with one of their suppliers - as quoted on LinkedIn.
6. The planning permission for this development only got passed by 1 vote with 665 residents against it.
7. The funding of the new WBSA Sports Hub will see the death of the Lime Kiln Sports Centre - (Council run Sports Centre).
8. In these tough economic times I believe the WBSA should be generating fundraising themselves - ask to see what they have raised organically themselves - (Zero).

There is no clear date for the new development to open and the money should not be granted as they do NO Fund Raising themselves.

They have sold out to Persimmon and now need your help to keep going until the property market regains its strength.

This is a private members only Sports Club - with little or no transparency to outside members - none of their numbers can be verified - and at the last count they only had 350 Club members.

I ask the committee to reject the application.

Anon.