

PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT PANEL MEETING

1st February 2011

Present: John Thomson; Steve Richards; Bill Dowling; Niki Lewis; Sharon Britton; Karen Spence.

Apologies: Steve Hedley

NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1. The notes of the meeting held on 6th January were agreed.

BIDS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2. The following two bids were deferred from the last meeting to give them a chance to submit further information that the PRG Panel requested before making a final decision.

<p>Application No. 72 Salisbury Area Board Bid: £106,000</p>	<p><u>Salisbury and South Wilts Club Development</u></p> <p>Decision at last meeting:</p> <p>The Panel were supportive of this bid but had a couple of concerns.</p> <p>It was apparent from the application that not all funding had been secured yet and that some of the funding may be in jeopardy as they had not met the timescales set by Sport England. We needed confirmation of the answers to the questions already posed by the Performance team plus some additional information about who owns the facility and whether this will be a profit making enterprise?</p> <p>The panel felt that it was not possible for them to make a decision on this bid given its current level of development and the fact that several questions remain unanswered. If the bidders can provide a better developed bid including the answers to our questions then the panel can look at the bid again.</p> <p>This is a huge amount of money and the bidders will need to show a significant level of impact for it to be successful. The panel would like to be able to support this bid but would need to see a much more comprehensive application in order to do so. There was also some concern that there was little justification in the bid as to why such an expensive facility was necessary – would it not be possible to provide something less ambitious at a much lower cost?</p> <p>Comments at this meeting:</p> <p>It was still felt that this is a huge and very expensive project. However it was noted that they have already managed to raise quite a substantial amount of funding already.</p> <p>There were still concerns about who exactly this club would benefit. The panel feel strongly that with the considerable amount of public money already invested in the project the club must actively seek to engage the whole community and offer a welcoming environment for all.</p> <p>Also, the targets given don't seem stretching enough given the amount of the amount of funding asked for. The level of impact does not seem proportionate when looked at against other bids/projects.</p>
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	<p>The Panel would like to know more about the sustainable energy aspect and how 'green' they are, i.e. they mention solar panels.</p> <p>The Panel are minded to make a contribution to this project because this type of facility is something that is needed in the south of the county, but they would like first to see a proposal about how they could project this forward to the wider, and less fortunate, community.</p> <p>Decision: Approved, subject to the following conditions:</p> <p>To provide the Panel with a proposal which incorporates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a targetted outreach programme • Links made with Housing Officers, sports development officers, youth service in Bemerton Heath and The Friary • specific links to schools/academies • a plan to engage with the community and schools and be proactive • activity numbers <p>The Panel would expect to see a far more organised and regular programme that the 'occasional kick around' mentioned in the appendices in the bid. Other groups should be able to use the facilities on a regular, not an ad hoc, basis and the panel would like to be assured that there will be time available for wider community use and not simply facilities being blocked booked by the resident sports clubs.</p> <p>The funding will not be released until the Performance Team are satisfied that these questions have been resolved.</p> <p>Total to be offered: £70,000.</p> <p>There was mention in one of the attachments about Wiltshire Council reducing the amount of sports development resources available locally by 50%. Karen Spence was asked to investigate this statement.</p> <p>Action: Karen Spence.</p>
<p>Application No. 73 Malmesbury Bid: £20,000</p>	<p><u>Malmesbury Amateur Boxing Club</u></p> <p>Decision at last meeting:</p> <p>It was apparent from the bid that the building in really poor shape.</p> <p>The panel asked whether the club could be run out of another facility but were advised that the nature of the facility meant that this was far better provided where it is and that storage would be an issue if they were using other facilities. A real cross-section of people use this facility, it is very popular and seems to be well supported by the community. Much of the work will be done by local people and volunteers.</p> <p>The panel had some queries about the lifting/raising of the building and felt they wanted more information about how this would be done. The feeling was that this didn't seem to be a lot of money for the level of work which may be necessary. The panel wish to be re-assured that the work that is done will solve the flooding issue and help to preserve the building in the long-term rather than simply repairing the damage that has already been done. The panel would also expect to see quotations for the work; if elements of this are being done free of charge by volunteers it will need to</p>

	<p>be clear which bits</p> <p>The panel also requested some information about who owns the building and are the club paying any rent.</p> <p>The panel are generally supportive of this bid but would like to defer a decision until the above information has been provided.</p> <p>Comments at this meeting:</p> <p>It was felt by the Panel that this was a good project. The bidders answered all their queries in good time and the Panel were satisfied with what they received.</p> <p>They were able to confirm that the raising of the building would preserve the building for the long term and they have received the quotes for the work that needed doing.</p> <p>It was also noted that the relatively low quotes for the works is due to the fact that much of the labour will be done at cost price or on a voluntary basis by members of the club and wider community. Many of these are local tradesmen, but who also use the Boxing Club, and so have a keen interest in its future.</p> <p>The Panel were also very pleased with the further information about the disabled facilities and are happy for money to put towards this.</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p> <p>Total to be offered: £20,000</p>
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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Future of PRG Funding

- The PRG scheme is currently being reviewed alongside funding arrangements for the Council and our partners. A final decision on the future of the scheme decision will not be made until the Council's Budget is approved by Cabinet on 25th February and information about this will be placed on the website on the same day as the budget is announced. The panel decided that in the light of this uncertainty it would be appropriate to extend the deadline for the current tranche to 31st March 2011 and a message will be placed on website stating this new date and that PRG funding will be reviewed alongside all budgetary issues, including that it may not continue in the current form.

Action: Performance Team to place a message on the website.

Action: Niki Lewis to inform Area Boards and Community Area Managers about the future of PRG funding and to ask them to inform bidders to submit any urgent bids before 31st March. They should also advise potential bidders that they may want to suspend work on any new bids until after the situation becomes clearer on the 25th February.

Action: PRG Funding will be raised under 'Any Other Business' at the next Wiltshire Public Service Board. Sharon Britton will send an informal note to members with the agenda.

Wiltshire Volunteer Centre

- Niki raised a concern that the one of the Area Boards may not fully support this project and asked what the procedure would be in this case. Would we just not allocate the monies to that particular Area Board and spread the amount to the other Area Boards?

Action: Niki Lewis will chase the remaining Area Boards to get their decisions and the Panel will review.

South West Regional Development Agency

5. Steve Richards stated that the SWRDA will be starting to withdraw from external partners at the end of March this year. He said that he would still be able to participate in these meetings until then.

The next PRG Panel meeting is on **Tuesday 29th March 2011 at 2.00pm.**