

## **WILTSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD – PRG Panel Meeting**

**19<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

Present: Bill Dowling, Steve Richards, Steve Hedley, John Thomson; supported by Sharon Britton, Niki Lewis and Karen Spence

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### **Notes of Last meeting and matters arising**

1. The notes of the previous meeting had already been agreed as a true record by all Panel members via email.

### **Matters Arising**

2. All matters arising appear on the agenda.

### **Update on bids requiring further information**

3. Karen gave an update on all bids previously submitted to the Panel and requiring further information.
4. A letter from Trowbridge Taff café (submitted to Panel 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009) was tabled. The Panel had approved the capital element of this bid but referred the revenue element (to fund four apprenticeships) to Future Jobs Fund as a possible alternative. The project state in the letter that they have explored this option and it is unsuitable as Future Jobs targets 18-24 year olds and each apprenticeship is only for a six month period: the project wish to target the under 18 age group and provide 18 month placements. Before the Panel can consider this it will need further information on why they wish to concentrate on this age group, along with technical advice from Economic Development. As the project has provided the other additional information requested the capital element can now be released.

**ACTION:** Karen Spence to request that the Area Board provides additional information if it wishes the Panel to consider funding as outlined above. She will also obtain technical advice from Economic Development.

### **Report on Distribution of Bids**

5. An updated report detailing the geographic split of bids approved so far was tabled.

### **Timetable for second tranche**

6. A draft timetable of key dates was presented giving key dates for 2010. This has already been sent to members of the Wiltshire Co-ordinating Group and to Area Board managers. The timetable was agreed.

### **CONSIDERATION OF BIDS**

7. Five bids were submitted to this meeting and the decisions are shown below.
8. Some additional feedback had been received from the Health and Wellbeing Board and from the Community Safety Partnership after the paperwork for the Panel had been sent. These comments were tabled at the meeting and are shown in full at Annex A. The additional comments will also be added to the covering sheets for each bid.

<p><b>Corsham Area Board</b></p> <p><b>Corsham Rugby Club Bid</b></p> <p><b>Phase 1 £35,000</b></p> <p><b>Phase 2 £150,000</b></p>	<p>This bid is in two phases and relates solely to capital funding. The first phase is for improvement to drainage at the club and the second phase is to conduct extensive improvements to the changing facilities. The club have already secured some funding for both projects and have made this bid for the shortfall.</p> <p>The first phase of this bid does not seem to contribute significantly to priorities and so was <b>not approved as it is not deemed suitable for PRG funding.</b></p> <p>The second phase has potential to impact on the ambitions within the Local Agreement for Wiltshire, but it is not clear from the bid what the level of impact might be. No baseline or target figures have been given. The Panel have made it clear that the higher the level of funding requested the greater the level of impact that will be expected. This bid is for a large amount of money and therefore the Panel would expect to see a <u>significant</u> impact on the success measures the club have identified. They would also expect to see evidence of wider community use and it was felt that this was not clear from the bid how the Club would secure and resource this wider use (eg opening facilities).</p> <p><b>For the second phase of the bid, the Panel would like the Area Board to provide further information about the expected level of impact and details of how the club will ensure that the facilities are opened up for wider community use.</b> Once this information is received, the Panel will look at the bid again and may consider making a contribution commensurate with the level of impact and community benefit.</p>
<p><b>Amesbury Area Board</b></p> <p><b>Amesbury Alternative Living Centre</b></p>	<p>This bid is for capital funding to fund equipment for a centre within the Avon Valley College which aims to provide facilities and courses for people with a disability.</p> <p><b>This bid was approved subject to the provision of information about the level of impact expected and the numbers of people they will work with.</b></p>
<p><b>Tisbury Area Board</b></p> <p><b>Nadder Community Campus</b></p>	<p>The bid is to provide a plan to enable better use of an existing campus within the town which contains leisure facilities, offices etc.</p> <p><b>This bid was not approved.</b></p> <p>The bid was not considered suitable for PRG funding as it does not create commitment to any action.</p> <p>The Panel suggested possible alternatives through 'Open Space' money and Section 106 agreements Karen Spence will explore the possibility of these before the letter is sent.</p>
<p><b>Warminster Area Board</b></p> <p><b>Friends of Warminster Park – improvements to</b></p>	<p>This bid is for £12,000 capital funding to create a shelter within the area and to enable boxing in of the ramps to improve safety and reduce litter and detritus in the area.</p> <p>The panel felt that this bid contributed well to the aims and ambitions in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire and <b>approved the bid subject to</b></p>

<p><b>skateboard park community centre</b></p>	<p><b>the following conditions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There was some concern that simply boxing in the ramps would not provide a full solution to litter issues – it may just move it elsewhere. The Panel has requested that the Area Board and the project work with the young people to identify solutions for ensuring that the litter issue is tackled as a condition of this funding.</li> <li>2. Some concern had been expressed by thematic delivery partnerships about whether the second part of the funding (£9,000 to box in ramps) represented value for money. The Panel have requested that the project seek to reduce the level of cost (for example by obtaining competitive quotes). Any excess funds can then be used to fund the solutions identified for the litter issue (above).</li> <li>3. That the project identifies the expected level of impact on its improvement targets and provide details of baselines and targets to the performance team.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Southern Area Board</b> <b>Southern Area Community Bus</b></p>	<p>This scheme is to purchase and convert a double decker bus to provide a mobile community facility which will run a variety of community events and sessions as well as providing an information advice and guidance point for the communities. The bid also contains a revenue element to cover operating costs for the first three years.</p> <p><b>The Panel has not approved this bid.</b></p> <p>It was felt that this project could contribute to many of our aims and ambitions within the Local Area Agreement, but concern was expressed over the long-term sustainability of the project and duplication with other initiatives. The bid states that future funding of the facility will be dependent on various agencies utilising the bus to provide information to the local communities and run events etc; however there is no evidence in the bid that the agencies identified have made a commitment to do this. The project also potentially duplicates arrangements already made by these agencies and other projects already in existence. It may be possible to provide the facilities and services required in a different way. This bid is for a large amount of money and would be expected to show a significant level of impact on the improvement targets it has identified.</p> <p>Four of the Thematic Delivery Partnerships have expressed an interest in this project and in seeking to clarify some of the issues identified. The Panel has requested that these partnerships, along with the Gypsy and Traveller Strategy Project work together with the Area Board to look at the possibility of alternative options.</p>

**Any other issues**

5. Bill Dowling raised the possibility of making a bid to fund a post re the MoD, the Council and CO<sub>2</sub>. The Panel does not see this as a suitable bid for PRG but has suggested alternative ways of approaching this. This will be followed up by Bill Dowling and Niki Lewis.

## **Annex A – Additional comments received from the Health and Wellbeing Board and Community Safety Partnership:**

### **Health and Wellbeing Partnership**

- Corsham Rugby Football Club

We are supportive of this bid. There is existing evidence of the numbers of people of all ages already benefiting and the proposed improvements will add to these outcomes. We would like to work with our colleagues in schools re. the proposed formal agreement; as well as get feedback from colleagues in WC Sports Development. We would also like to see copies of the document relating to the following statement: 'Awareness is actively taught of health issues, including weight/obesity, nutrition and healthy lifestyles to both the young and their parent/carers.'

The Alternative Living and Applied Learning Centre

Not felt to be a priority for HWP at this stage – further detail would be needed to persuade partners that outcomes would be achievable without further sustained resource and input from partners.

- Nadder Community Campus investigation

We are supportive of a more co-ordinated approach to the provision of health and physical related activities within the rural hub. We would like to consult with colleagues in schools and sports development regarding the schools, nursery, sports centre and swimming pool.

- Improvements to Skate Park

We are supportive of this bid and agree that it is supporting young people to lead active lifestyles and engage in positive activities. It is part of a 5 year plan which we would like to explore with colleagues in sports, leisure and schools.

- Southern Area Community Bus

We have reservations about this bid and require a much better idea about where community buses fit into the overall picture of how we want to deliver services in Wiltshire. It is a big some of money that is being requested - so how sustainable will it be and how will outcomes be measured? We are impressed that the bus will be used to reach out to gypsy/traveller communities who are amongst the most deprived. Other parts of the role that it will undertake relate to children and young people so the Youth Service might want to comment.

Not felt to be a priority for HWP at this stage – further detail would be needed to persuade partners that outcomes would be achievable.

### **Community Safety Partnership**

- Corsham Rugby Football Club

Support this bid as having a wide range of leisure and sport activities will help us to achieve the aims of the 'Tired of Hanging Around' agenda and also provides 'things to do - places to go'.... and if facilities are available, we may be able to work with the community/police/sports development to use them for targeted activities.