

PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT PANEL MEETING

2nd November 2010

Present: John Thomson; Steve Hedley; Sharon Britton; Karen Spence; Julie Martin; Allan Clarke.

Apologies: Bill Dowling; Steve Richards; Niki Lewis.

NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1. The notes of the meeting held on 13th October had been agreed previously. Karen had recently chased Niki about her action to e-mail all Area Boards managers to confirm whether their Area Board has seen and supported the Wiltshire Volunteer Centre bid. Awaiting a response.

UPDATE ON PREVIOUS BIDS

Application No. 43 Salisbury Area Board Bid: £40,000	<u>St Michael's Community Centre 'Warm-up' Project</u> Decision at last meeting: The Panel were supportive of this bid but had a couple of concerns. It was difficult to understand from the bid whether the refurbishment of the centre would be sustainable. Also, this bid seemed to be competing with the larger bid for improvements to Bemerton Heath Community Centre (below). Karen was asked to query whether windows were capital or revenue money – it was clarified that it would come out of capital spend. Comments at this meeting: The Panel felt that an 'energy saving survey' needed to be done to ascertain what part of the building needs to be made more energy efficient? The windows or the roof? It was felt that kitchen equipment that they currently have looks of good quality. It was decided at this time to offer the £17,000 needed for the disabled toilets. Decision: Approved (£17,000) Total to be offered: £17,000 for disabled toilets. The panel would be prepared to consider a further bid for energy saving improvements once an energy survey has been conducted.
Application No. 44 Salisbury Area Board Bid: £130,600	<u>Bemerton Heath Community Centre Expansion</u> Decision at last meeting: The Panel appreciate that Bemerton Heath is a central area in Salisbury and that it is an area of high deprivation. They were supportive of the need for this kind of provision in Bemerton Heath but did not feel that this was a particularly well thought out bid, which was still in the early stages, and it was noted that they don't yet have planning permission. Comments at this meeting: John Thomson decided that he should visit the centre on an ad hoc basis to see for himself how the centre was utilised. His opinion was that, although both centres [St Michael's Community Centre and Bemerton Heath Community Centre] were technically on the

	<p>same 'estate', the areas do operate very separately and are effectively split by the wooded area which runs through the centre.</p> <p>He explained that the work that the centre wants to undertake is to provide a new extension which is basically a mirror image of work done to a previous extension (next door). This will enable them to join the two buildings up so that use can be made of the existing lift which was fitted in that building for easy accessibility for disabled members of the community. Neighbours are supportive of the proposal.</p> <p>All of their equipment is on wheels and so it is easily moved to accommodate all meeting needs.</p> <p>However he still concerned about them not having planning permission yet and so it wouldn't be possible to allow an unspecified amount for building costs.</p> <p>It was felt by the Panel that this was a good project and can see no reason why they wouldn't be granted planning permission. It was decided to grant them the money needed to apply for planning permission, and then offer what is needed for the work to be done. However this would be on the condition that there will be a time limit – about 4 months – to get back to us with their plans. Also that they should get quotes for the build costs, and show that they have chosen the most suitably priced quotation from an established contractor.</p> <p>The panel are supportive of the bid.</p> <p>Decision: To forward an amount of the bid for planning costs*. However, if the group are not able to have planning permission granted by end February (4 month period) they should look elsewhere for funding. We are looking for this project to be completed within as short a time frame as possible and would request that the group provide a timeline of proposed dates including a completion date. The panel will want to see plans and quotes before they make a decision about the total amount they will allocate. The panel will expect the necessary work to be completed for the lowest suitable price. They feel that the costings provided with the application are quite expensive and would expect to see the group making efforts to reduce the amount required for this project where possible.</p> <p>Total to be offered: sufficient funds to draw up plans and obtain planning permission. Amount to be agreed with Performance Team</p> <p>Action: Karen to inform Community Area Manager.</p> <p>* It was asked to be noted that under usual circumstances the panel would expect bids to come forward with planning permission already agreed and that groups should fund their own planning costs.</p>
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NEW BIDS FOR DISCUSSION

<p>Application No. 57 All Area Boards Bid: £12,566</p>	<p><u>FOC Energy Monitors in all Libraries</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Energy monitors available for free hire in all libraries across Wiltshire.</p> <p>The energy monitor allows the user to see clearly how much energy their appliances use and how their behaviour impacts on their energy use. The</p>
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	<p>householder/user can then make simple changes to their behaviour to reduce their energy bills and reduce their carbon footprint.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>It was agreed that this project could have a high potential impact for the County. It was noted that the Environment Alliance are very supportive of this and it has been supported by all Area Boards apart from one.</p> <p>These monitors tell how much energy is used in the home. It was suggested that such monitors are possibly available free from electric companies though and so is it really necessary for them to be available at libraries. The advantage of doing it this way is that the outcomes can be recorded and advice and guidance can be provided.</p> <p>The Panel fully supported this project but felt that it should be on the condition that perhaps Housing Associations, Age Concern and CABs should be involved, to make sure that they were reaching the appropriate people, i.e. Council tenants, homes with children on school meals, hard to reach groups, etc. They need to make sure that they are hitting those people who would benefit most. In effect, they shouldn't be distributed by libraries alone. The project has said they are making links with these groups but it will be written in as a condition of the grant.</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p> <p>Total to be offered: £12,566</p> <p>ACTION: Karen Spence to inform Community Area Manager.</p>
<p>Application No. 58 Bradford-on-Avon Area Board Bid: £25,000</p>	<p><u>Bradford on Avon Energy Savers</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>The project will work with a wide range of individuals and partner organisations throughout the community area to raise awareness and support practical action for improved home energy efficiency (insulation, boilers etc) in 2,000+ homes. It will reach out especially to those who find it hard to heat their homes, and facilitate access to grants and advice. The project builds on the achievements of the British Gas Green Streets programme in the Community Area that ends in January 2011 (this provides energy improvements to 3 schools, 3 community buildings and 100 households).</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>It was noted by the Panel that the Thematic Delivery Partnerships were generally supportive of the concept of this bid, but it was questioned whether Bradford-on-Avon was the right geographical area. It was agreed that we should definitely be encouraging community groups to do this kind of work as part of the 'Big Society'.</p> <p>However, it was felt by the Panel that this kind of scheme would be more appropriately funded by the Area Boards. PRG money should not really be used for staffing. It also wasn't felt to be sustainable, and they did question why they didn't apply for all of the money in their Lottery Bid?</p> <p>Decision: Not approved</p> <p>ACTION: Karen Spence to inform Community Area Manager.</p>

<p>Application No. 59 Chippenham Area Board Bid: £1,960</p>	<p><u>Pubwatch Radio Scheme</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>To provide 14x two-way radios to support the Chippenham Night Time Economy/pubwatch scheme by providing principle licensed premises/CCTV/Police with a practical means of communication to assist in the early intervention and identification of drunkenness/potential offending behaviour.</p> <p>Identical schemes throughout the county have resulted in proven benefits in helping support the Police/SIA door staff in the early and appropriate removal of persons from the town centre before problems occur. At present no efficient means exist to communicate promptly and effectively with and between key premises.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>It was felt that this was a good project and should actually be in force in all major towns, countywide. The pilot in Salisbury has shown that this approach can be very effective. The Community Safety Partnership is in full support of the bid.</p> <p>This bid was supported by the Panel, however it will be on the understanding that this will be one-off funding and after that members of Pubwatch should keep it running. Replacements to the equipment will need to be provided by the scheme.</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p> <p>Total to be offered: £1,960</p> <p>ACTION: Steve Hedley will take this back to Police HQ to ask where other key areas needed this. Karen Spence to inform Community Area Manager.</p>
<p>Application No. 60 Melksham Area Board Bid: £6,550</p>	<p><u>Extension to Basketball Court</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>To extend the existing half-size basketball court at Shaw Playing Field to become a full size court with a multi goal unit at both ends.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>It was noted that this was well supported by the Thematic Delivery Partnerships and the local community, and they have done lots of work with their local magazine. It is well utilised, and it would be of great benefit to the young people within the community. The panel suggested that there should be a good connection with the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Officer in order to ensure that the facility is maximised to reduce instances of ASB.</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p> <p>Total to be offered: £6,550</p> <p>ACTION: Karen Spence to inform Community Area Manager.</p>
<p>Application No. 61 Salisbury Area Board Bid: £7,000</p>	<p><u>Action for Children – Play Ranger Initiative</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Action for Children has been running a Play Ranger initiative in Salisbury for over 4 years. Play rangers provide open access play opportunities in</p>

	<p>open spaces to children age 5-13 and especially targets vulnerable children in Salisbury's most deprived neighbourhoods. Play rangers provide structured play to children who spent a lot of time outside, often unsupervised, and feedback from neighbourhood forums and the police confirms the service reduces problem behaviour from that age group. The Project has received joint funding from the Bid Lottery and from Wiltshire Children and Young People's Trust Board. Action for Children is preparing a lottery grant for 2011, to continue the project in Salisbury; extend it to rural areas of Wiltshire and make the project sustainable through community involvement and training parents to become play ranger volunteers.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>It was noted that this is a well respected scheme in Salisbury, and that it had a lot of support from the Thematic Delivery Partnerships. It runs a lot of out-of-school activities.</p> <p>There were concerns about the sustainability of this project. However, they are applying for lottery funding from 2011, but they have a short-term funding issue until then. The Panel decided that they would offer the one-off funding that they need as a 'bridge funding' grant until they receive lottery funding.</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p> <p>Total to be offered: £7,000</p> <p>ACTION: Karen Spence to inform Community Area Manager</p>
<p>Application No. 62 Devizes Area Board Bid: £14,800</p>	<p><u>West Lavington Youth Club</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>We provide youth club facilities for the young people of West Lavington and surrounding villages, aged 7-11 at Junior Youth Club, and 11-17 at Seniors. Our policy is to open one night a week for Juniors and three nights a week for Seniors. We provide them with a range of activities, designed to keep them out of trouble, and to learn new skills and broaden their experiences.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>Whilst it was felt by the Panel that this is a valuable facility, they were concerned about the sustainability of this initiative. Also PRG money is not really suitable for this because it is to be used for salaries alone. It was felt that other possible sources of funding should be sought.</p> <p>Decision: Not approved</p> <p>ACTION: Karen Spence to inform Community Area Manager.</p>
<p>Application No. 63 Salisbury Area Board Bid: £34,000</p>	<p><u>Bemerton Scout Community Hall Project</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Our project is to carry out refurbishment and building works to our Hall. We have planning permission to build a single-storey toilet block as an extension to our existing building, which will provide a WC suitable for disabled use as well as providing new facilities for other users; to create a new access in one wall and install a door and ramped pathway, which will be suitable for wheelchair/pushchair access; to remove the existing toilets</p>

	<p>and create an office/small meeting room; to renovate the kitchen; to replace fascia, guttering and downpipes where necessary; and to lengthen the existing driveway.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel didn't feel that this bid would have a sufficient level of impact for the amount of money requested. However it was noted how much money they had already raised and so they felt that a donation for the door and ramp for wheelchair/pushchair access, and the disabled toilets would be appropriate. The panel felt that this would be beneficial for the wider community and the proposed family workshops. It was noted that planning permission has already been granted.</p> <p>Decision: A contribution to the cost has been approved</p> <p>Total to be offered: £10,000</p> <p>ACTION: Karen Spence to inform Community Area Manager.</p>
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2. The following bids initially came to the panel as one bid for five areas. However, there was contention due to the Trowbridge hub competing with Active Trowbridge and so the Panel did not feel that they could make a decision. One of the suggestions made to the Area Managers, if they wished these bids to proceed, was that separate bids were resubmitted for each 'hub' so that they could be looked at separately.
3. As a result, we received four separate bids. We did not receive a separate bid for the Trowbridge hub.

<p>Application No. 64 Calne Area Board Bid: £7,500</p>	<p><u>Calne Alternative Sports Hub Development</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Develop a new sports hub in Calne providing alternative sports to all young people in Calne. The project will use this hub to reach out to 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.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel felt that this was a good bid and very positive in helping to engage young people in alternative sports, rather than the more conventional sports, such as football/rugby/netball, which might not appeal to them. It was felt that this would go a long way to help reduce antisocial behaviour and, but also help develop a fit and active lifestyle.</p> <p>Decision: Approved (one-off funding)</p> <p>Total to be offered: £7,500</p> <p>ACTION: Karen Spence to inform Community Area Manager.</p>
<p>Application No. 65 Pewsey Area Board Bid: £7,500</p>	<p><u>Pewsey Alternative Sports Hub Development</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Maintain the sports hub in Pewsey providing alternative sports to all young people in Pewsey. The project will use this hub to reach out to young people giving them something to do in the evening thus combating anti-social behaviour and giving them somewhere to participate in alternative</p>

	<p>sports weekly.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel felt that this was a good bid and very positive in helping to engage young people in alternative sports, rather than the more conventional sports, such as football/rugby/netball, which might not appeal to them. It was felt that this would go a long way to help reduce antisocial behaviour and, but also help develop a fit and active lifestyle.</p> <p>Decision: Approved (one-off funding)</p> <p>Total to be offered: £7,500</p> <p>ACTION: Karen Spence to inform Community Area Manager.</p>
<p>Application No. 66</p> <p>Tidworth Area Boards</p> <p>Bid: £9,900</p>	<p><u>Tidworth Alternative Sports Hub Development</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>Maintain the sports hub in Tidworth providing alternative sports to all young people in Tidworth. The project will use this hub to reach out to 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.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel felt that this was a good bid and very positive in helping to engage young people in alternative sports, rather than the more conventional sports, such as football/rugby/netball, which might not appeal to them. It was felt that this would go a long way to help reduce antisocial behaviour and, but also help develop a fit and active lifestyle.</p> <p>Decision: Approved (one-off funding)</p> <p>Total to be offered: £9,900</p> <p>ACTION: Karen Spence to inform Community Area Manager.</p>
<p>Application No. 67</p> <p>Salisbury Area Board</p> <p>Bid: £9,418</p>	<p><u>Salisbury Alternative Sports Hub Development</u></p> <p>Brief Description of Initiative:</p> <p>To provide alternative sports and activities to young people in South Wiltshire by developing a comprehensive programme of activities on a weekly basis in the form of an Alternative Sports Club. The project will use this hub to reach out to 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.</p> <p>Panel Views:</p> <p>The Panel felt that this was a good bid and very positive in helping to engage young people in alternative sports, rather than the more conventional sports, such as football/rugby/netball, which might not appeal to them. It was felt that this would go a long way to help reduce antisocial behaviour and, but also help develop a fit and active lifestyle.</p> <p>Decision: Approved (one-off funding)</p> <p>Total to be offered: £9,418</p> <p>ACTION: Karen Spence to inform Community Area Manager.</p>

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4. Karen outlined a suggestion by Councillor Alison Bucknall that future PRG applications are accompanied by a cover sheet detailing the discussions and deliberations which take place at the Area Board meeting that approved the bid for submission.
5. The panel felt that they did not want to increase the amount of paperwork or add extra layers into the process. However it was noted that any application is the Area Boards application anyway and it would be perfectly appropriate for them to add any additional information which has come out of their discussion to the bid itself before it is submitted to the Performance team.

Action: Karen to respond to Cllr Bucknall and to discuss with Steve Milton ways of ensuring that Area Board Chairs/managers are aware of this.

6. Steve Hedley asked Karen if it would be possible to ascertain how much money has been granted to Salisbury so far, specifically the Bemerton Heath area. It is recognised that this is a high deprivation area, but it would be important to know that PRG money is being divided equally to all other deprived areas in Wiltshire, and not just Bemerton Heath.

Action: Karen to circulate information about geographical split of the funding so far, with the Bemerton Heath funding identified specifically.

The next PRG Panel meeting is on **Thursday 6th January at 10.00 a.m. in the Sarum Room, County Hall.**