South Somerset District Council

Area West Committee 16th April 2008

Supplementary Report (Agenda item 6 refers)

Area Development Grants

6. Chard Young People's Centre (AW/08/218)

Chard Young People's Centre offers a safe and secure venue for young people to meet socially and try new things. Seven other community groups also regularly use the centre for their meetings.

As shown in the first table below, the difference in estimates between the total other income generated and the overall running costs this financial year is £10,200. Initially the group requested a grant for this amount. In discussion it was noted that a grant of this size would be around twice the amount granted last year, and the group have revised their original request. They now seek a reasonable contribution towards running costs.

To arrive at a recommendation, officers have used the figures in the second table for other Youth Centre grants in 2007 and 2008 as a guide. In both cases, the amount requested in 2008 is around 5% less than the grant awarded in 2007. A similar request from CYPC would therefore be £5,162. The recommended grant for 2008 is therefore £4,905, in line with other recommendations in the second table.

Total running costs:	£25,366
Income	
Coffee Bar	£2,278
Rent and Lettings	£11,963
Grant, Somerset County Council:	£925
Total Income	£15,166
Amount requested from SSDC	£5,162
Amount recommended by SSDC	£4,905
Balance	£5,295

Additional Information

The centre has continued to attract other local community groups to use the centre, keeping a constant income stream from rent and lettings.

Corporate Aims, Objectives and Critical Activities

The application and project will meet 6 of the SSDC Corporate Aims in the Corporate Plan 2005-2012.

Amended Summary Table of Grant Applications

Organisation	2007 Award	2008 Request	Purpose	Points scored	Recommended Grant
lle Youth Centre, Ilminster	£4,169		Ongoing running costs	22	£3,772
West One Youth & Community Centre, Crewkerne	£3,889		Ongoing running costs	24	£3,468
Crewkerne Heritage Centre	£4,120		Ongoing running costs	22	£3,914
Crewkerne Aqua Centre	£9,235	£9,610	Disc. rate relief	24	£9,129
Chard Museum	£10,000		Ongoing running costs	24	£9,500
Crowshute House	£12,500		Ongoing running costs	22	£11,875
CRESTA	£5,061	£5,267	Disc. rate relief	23	£5,003
Chard Young People's Centre	£5,459		Ongoing running costs	21	£4,905
Totals	£54,433	£54,279			£51,566