

**BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2006**

**REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER**

**CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS**

**PURPOSE**

- 1 To consider applications for funding from this years Capital Allocation budget and to update Members on progress to date.

**BACKGROUND**

- 2 The Area Committee at its meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2003 considered the criteria for allocation of its capital budget, confirmed the existing criteria and asked the Working Group also to consider an additional criteria “one-off” expenditure relating to projects which had community benefits”.

Criteria: (sections 3 – 10)

- 3 The allocation to be spent on capital schemes as defined by legislation, i.e., one-off type expenditure on acquisition, construction enhancement of land, roads, buildings, equipment or vehicles which may also include the making of grants or loans for capital expenditure by others.
- 4 Schemes should contribute to the Community Strategy and should not conflict with existing Council Policy.
- 5 Schemes should be for the general benefit of the wider community i.e., not just for the benefit of individuals or specific groups and should make a difference in the local area.
- 6 Schemes should not result in any ongoing revenue costs.
- 7 Consideration should be given to schemes that might generate external funding (i.e., using these budgets as match funding).
- 8 Schemes which support the Priority Neighbourhood Themes.
- 9 Priority should be given to schemes which promote social inclusion.
- 10 Would fund one-off funding for projects with clear community benefit.
- 11 Four new applications for capital allocation have been received.

- 12 Pensnett Youth Centre. £5,000 requested for ICT equipment for disadvantaged young people.
- 13 Stourbridge Social Cricket Club. £2,400 requested to upgrade toilet facilities and to purchase lawn mower.
- 14 Age Concern. £4,905 requested to re-decorate and carpet activity centre.
- 15 Victim Support Witness Service. £2,758 requested for furniture in witness waiting rooms and for the provision of a video link for vulnerable witnesses.
- 16 A verbal report will be provided by the Area Liaison Officer following consideration by the Capital Allocations Working Group.

### **FINANCE**

- 17 The delegated budget allocation of £50,000 is funded from the Council's mainstream capital resources. The current position on expenditure from previous years will be reported verbally to the meeting by the Area Liaison Officer.

### **LAW**

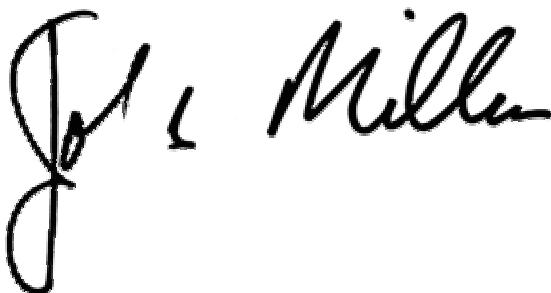
- 18 The Area Committee may incur capital expenditure in respect of the various statutory functions of the Council.

### **EQUALITY IMPACT**

- 19 The proposals take account of the Council's policy relating to equal opportunities.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 20 That Members approve the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group concerning the requests outlined in sections 12 – 15.



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