

North Dudley Area Committee – 15th June 2011

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Delegated Capital Budget

Purpose of Report

1. To consider applications for a capital allocation from the North Dudley Area Committee's delegated capital budget.

Background

2. The Area Committee has an unallocated capital budget of £86,199. The allocation for 11/12 has yet to be approved. Spending proposals are invited from members of the Area Committee, the public, representative organisations and Council departments, and each proposal is assessed against strict criteria as set out in the Appendix A.
3. A copy of applications referred to in this report are available to Members on request.

Applications

4. Age Concern Sedgley & District (Sedgley)

An application in the sum of £481.75 was received from the above to enable the purchase of a bookcase, lockable cabinet and shredder. The purchase of this equipment would enable the organisation to deal with the increased volume of paperwork arising from the need to risk assess all activities provided.

5. Sedgley Youth Centre (Sedgley)

An application in the sum of £1,944 has been received from the above for the purchase and installation of CCTV inside the youth centre. The purchase of this equipment will assist the staff to address the issue of anti social behaviour and identify specific perpetrators. It is hoped that by addressing this issue new members would be attracted to the centre.

The cheapest bid was £1,800 but the recorder provided does not allow for the expansion of the system at a later date.

Finance

- The grants referred to in this report can be funded within the overall allocations for the Area Committee.
- The following shows allocations approved to date, and the budget remaining. The grants considered this meeting are Age Concern Sedgley and District, and Sedgley Youth Centre.

	Coseley East Ward	Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward	Gornal Ward	Sedgley Ward	Total
Undistributed balance brought forward	<u>28,297</u>	<u>36,586</u>	<u>15,040</u>	<u>6,276</u>	<u>86,199</u>
New allocation for 11/12					
Awarded 11/12:					
Undistributed balance	<u>28,297</u>	<u>36,586</u>	<u>15,040</u>	<u>6,276</u>	<u>86,199</u>
Grants awarded but unpaid					32,114
Grants paid 11-12					3,687
Total					122,000
Authorised capital budget					122,000
Considered this meeting:					
Grants				(2426)	(2426)

- There is an undistributed balance of £86,199 available for allocation. Applications within this report, if approved, would reduce that balance by £2,426.

Law

- Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, enables the Council to do anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well being of the Borough or any part of it.

Equality Impact

- This report takes account of the Council's Policies on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

11. That the applications set out in paragraphs 4 to 5 of this report be considered by this Committee.



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CRITERIA FOR CAPITAL BIDS/ALLOCATIONS

Spending proposals are invited from members of the Area Committee, the public, representative organisations and Council departments, and each proposal is assessed against the following criteria: -

- a) The allocation is 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;
- b) Schemes should contribute to the Community Plan and should not conflict with existing Council policy;
- c) 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;
- d) Schemes should not result in any ongoing revenue cost to the Council;
- e) Consideration should be given to schemes which might generate external funding (i.e. using the allocation as match-funding); and
- f) Spending must be in accordance with the Council’s Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, and demonstrate Best Value.
- g) Approved allocations must normally be claimed within six months.
- h) Approved allocations will be limited to a maximum of £5,000 unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated