
CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 13 March 2007

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group with regard to allocations to organizations, from the Committee's delegated capital budget, for the remainder of the financial year 2006/2007.

Background

2. The Capital Allocations Working Group met on 31 January 2007, and considered eight new applications and one deferred application.
3. Members representing Castle & Priory, Netherton, Woodside & St Andrew's, St James's and St Thomas's Wards were present.
4. The recommendations that the Working Group are making to the Area Committee are detailed in Appendix 1.

Finance

5. The recommendations made by the Working Group would result in a total expenditure of £8,741.64. This would leave a total of £53,682.21 available to be carried forward to the new financial year.
6. However, because each of the 5 Wards has its own allocation to spend, the remainder per Ward is as follows:

Castle & Priory	=	£ 18,077.08
Netherton, Woodside & St Andrew's	=	£ 0.59
Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood	=	£ 15,135.88
St James's	=	£ 11,008.81
St Thomas's	=	£ 9,793.25

7. The correct figure for Netherton, Woodside & St Andrew's should actually be a minus figure of (£332.81), as they technically made a contribution to a grant award covering all Wards. However, as they have no current funds, that amount will be instead be shown as a deduction from the new allocation in the next financial year (2007/08).

Law

7. Part 1 of the Local Government Act 2000 enables the Council to do anything that it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the social, environmental, or economic well-being of its area.
8. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive to or incidental to, the discharge of its statutory functions.

Equality Impact

9. The awarding of capital grants to community organizations has the specific purpose of creating general benefits for the wider community and, as such, fully meets the Equal Opportunities Policy of the Council.

Recommendation

10. It is recommended that:-
 - That the Area Committee considers the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group given in Appendix 1 and approves them for implementation.
 - That the Area Liaison Officer is authorised to carry out the recommended actions within the agreed control procedures.



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List of Background Papers

- The application forms on which this Report is based were made available to the Capital Allocations Working Group, but are confidential documents under the terms of Paragraphs 5 & 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.