
CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 22 January 2008

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 this part of the 2007/2008 financial year.

Background

2. The Capital Allocations Working Group met on 20 November 2007, and considered 1 new application and 3 deferred applications.
3. Members representing Castle & Priory, 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.
5. Also detailed in Appendix 1, is an application from Netherton Cricket Club, which the Chair has asked to bring forward to this Committee, without going through the Capital Working Group, because of the urgent nature of the request.

Finance

6. The recommendations made by the Working Group would result in a total expenditure of £17,921.92. This would leave a total of £67,037.56 available for further capital allocations.
7. However, because each of the 5 Wards has its own allocation to spend, the remainder per Ward is as follows:

		£
Castle & Priory	=	8,490.87
Netherton, Woodside & St Andrew's	=	14,471.92
Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood	=	10,852.43
St James's	=	13,333.08

St Thomas's = 19,889.26

Law

8. 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.
9. 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

10. The awarding of capital grants to community and voluntary organizations, some of which represent minority groups, is specifically intended to assist in improving the well being, directly or indirectly, of all minority groups.
11. The awarding of capital grants also has the specific purpose of creating general benefits for the wider community and therefore fully meets the Equal Opportunities policy of the Council.
12. Many of the groups or communities helped by these capital grants will include beneficial help to children and young people. However, there has been no direct consultation with children and young people in developing these proposals.

Recommendation

13. It is recommended that : -
 - The Area Committee considers the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group given in Appendix 1 and approves them for implementation.
 - The Area Liaison Officer is authorised to carry out the recommended actions within the agreed control procedures.
 - The Area Liaison Officer is authorised to renew efforts to encourage further grant bids through Committee advertising, press releases and communication with community and voluntary organisations through DCVS & Dosti.



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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.