

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 30TH SEPTEMBER 2010

CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

PURPOSE

1. To consider applications for funding from this year's Capital Allocation budget and to update Members on progress to date.

BACKGROUND

2. To date, four new applications have been received:
 - 2.1 The Dingle Community Association who are requesting £5,000 towards a £9,100 project to improve the general amenities in the centre to include cooker, freezer, hand dryers, microwaves and security lighting.
 - 2.2 The Hawbush and District Community Association who are requesting £5,362 to refurbish and upgrade the stage, refurbish the toilets and to purchase a number of tables.
 - 2.3 Kingswinford and District U3A who are requesting £4,899 to provide various items of IT equipment for the members of their organisation.
 - 2.4 Insight, an organisation based within the Brierley Hill Project, has requested £10,446 to substantially refurbish and equip their meeting and café areas.

Full details on these and any other applications received will be included in the report to the Capital Allocations Working Group.

FINANCE

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

LAW

4. The Area Committee may incur capital expenditure by providing grants to local organisations provided it is authorised to do so by statute, for example, recreational activities under section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and generally under section 2 Local Government Act 2000 which permits a

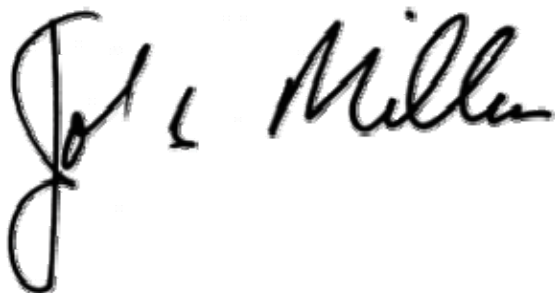
Council to do anything which improves the social, economic or environmental wellbeing of the Council's area.

EQUALITY IMPACT

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

RECOMMENDATION

6. That Members approve the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group concerning the applications received.

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**JOHN MILLAR
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