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**BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 10TH NOVEMBER 2011**

**CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS**

**REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER**

**PURPOSE**

1. To consider recommendations made in respect of applications received for funding from this year's Capital Allocation budget and to update Members on progress to date.

**2 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

- 2.1 To date, three new applications have been received.
- 2.2 The Brockmoor Community Centre are requesting £4,841 for various items including an electric cooker, chairs, floor polisher and carpet for the entrance area.
- 2.3 The Bromley Methodist Church are requesting £5,000 towards a £7,750 project to construct a new disabled access into the church hall
- 2.4 St Mary's CoE Primary School, Kingswinford who are requesting £3,868 towards a £6,418 project cost to establish a 'forest school' facility on the premises.
- 2.5 Any further applications received prior to Area Committee will be included in the report to the Capital Allocations Working Group.

**3 APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED SINCE THE PREVIOUS AREA COMMITTEE ON THE 30TH JUNE 2011**

- 3.1 It was agreed previously by Area Committee, that in between meetings during the municipal year in respect of urgent applications for a capital allocation funding, any such applications be considered and determined by the Area Liaison Officer in consultation with Members of the Capital Allocations Working Group and reported for information to the following meeting of the Committee.
- 3.2 Three applications were submitted:
  - 3.2.1 Glassblowers Bowling Club, Wordsley - £5,000 requested towards a total project cost of £7,094 to purchase an interchangeable cassette mower.
  - 3.2.2 Our Lady of Lourdes Bowling Club, Kingswinford - £4,990 requested to purchase two sets of indoor bowls mats 51 'x 9', two mat handling machines and two sets of junior indoor bowls.

- 3.3.3 High Acres Woodcraft Folk, Kingswinford - £900 requested to purchase a desk top computer.
- 3.4 In accordance with 3.1 above and with the agreement of the Chairman, each of the above applications were evaluated via an exchange of emails with members of the Capital Allocation Working Group. The collective outcome was to approve each application.
- 3.5 Confirmation was received from the Chairman and the Area Liaison Officer endorsing each application.
- 3.6 The High Acres Woodcraft Folk application fell just within the three year awarding period, however, approval was given due to the urgent nature of the request.

#### **FINANCE**

4. 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**

5. 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**

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

7. That the details set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 are noted and that Members approve the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group concerning the applications received.



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