

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 24TH MARCH 2011

CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider applications for funding from this year's Capital Allocation budget and to update Members on progress to date.
- 1.2 To consider the proposed arrangements for dealing with applications received, as indicated in paragraphs 7 and 8 below.

BACKGROUND

2. To date, one new application has been received:
 - 2.1 Hawbush Community Gardens Group who are requesting £4,092 to install external lighting and a new floor in the on-site multi use community building.

Full details on this 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.

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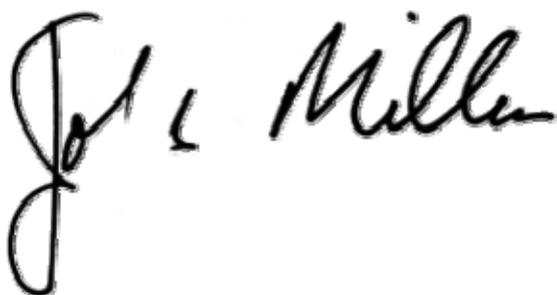
4. The Area Committee may incur capital expenditure by providing grants to local organisations provided it is authorised to do so by statute, for example, recreational activities under section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and generally under section 2 Local Government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

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. That Members approve the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group concerning the applications received.
7. That, in the period between the Annual Council Meeting and the election of a Chairman at the first meeting of the Area Committee in the new municipal year, the Area Liaison Officer, in consultation with the appointed spokespersons of the political groups represented on the Committee, be authorised to consider and determine any applications received for capital funding and that the decisions made, be reported to the first meeting of the Committee in the new municipal year.
8. That, in between meetings during the next 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.



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