
CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 20 January 2009

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 2008/2009 financial year.

Background

2. The Capital Allocations Working Group met on 25 November and considered 3 deferred applications and 3 new applications.
3. Members representing Castle & Priory, Netherton, Woodside & St Andrews, Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood and St Thomas's Wards were present and they included the Chair of the Committee.
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 £11,400.00. This would leave a total of £55,713.21 available to be considered for further new applications in this financial year. This figure includes a saving of £281.58 paid back into the accounts of St Thomas's Ward and an unused grant of £2,098.00 from 2007 paid back into the accounts of Castle & Priory Ward.
6. However, because each of the 5 Wards has its own allocation to spend, the remainder per Ward is as follows:

		£
Castle & Priory	=	15,102.12
Netherton, Woodside & St Andrew's	=	8,038.07
Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood	=	11,950.83
St James's	=	9,628.02
St Thomas's	=	10,994.17

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 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.
10. 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.
11. 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

12. 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.



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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.