

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 2ND JULY 2009

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.
2. To consider the proposal 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 Lead Officer, in consultation with the appointed Spokespersons of all 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.

BACKGROUND

3. To date, four new applications have been received.
 - 3.1 Stourbridge Social Cricket Club who are requesting £4,881 to purchase a roller, side screen and wicket cover.
 - 3.2 Wordsley and District Community Association who are requesting £5,000 towards the refurbishment of the Richardson Hall cottage annex.
 - 3.3 Fens Pool Voluntary Association who are requesting £2,468 for security equipment at the community centre.
 - 3.4 1st Bromley Pensnett Scout Group who are requesting £4,485 for a new central heating system and for updating their kitchen facilities.
4. Full details on these and any new applications received will be included in the Capital Allocations Working Group report

FINANCE

5. 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

6. 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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. That consideration be given to the recommendations to be made in respect of requests for a capital allocation received 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, arising from the decision made at the meeting of the committee held on 2nd April 2009, in respect of such requests.



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