

**North Dudley Area Committee – 1st February 2012**

**Report of the Area Liaison Officer**

**Delegated Capital Budget**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider applications for a capital allocation from the North Dudley Area Committee's delegated capital budget.

**Background**

2. The Area Committee has an unallocated capital budget of £114,373. Spending proposals are invited from members of the Area Committee, the public, representative organisations and Council departments, and each proposal is assessed against strict criteria as set out in the Appendix A.
3. A copy of applications referred to in this report are available to Members on request.

**Applications**

4. Sedgley Shop Keepers (Sedgley)

During November an application in the sum of £5,000 was received from the above to purchase Christmas Lights. This was considered and agreed outside of the meeting using delegated powers, due to the timing.

5. Air Training Corps (Upper Gornal and Woodsetton)

An application has been received from the above organisation for the purchase of a mini bus. The cost of the minibus is £14,994 and the organisation are requesting £9,994 towards the purchase and are funding £5,000 from organisation funds. This application has not been considered by the Capital Allocations Working Group due to its late submission.

6. The grants referred to in this report can be funded within the overall allocations for the Area Committee.

The following shows allocations approved to date, and the budget remaining.	Coseley East Ward	Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward	Gornal Ward	Sedgley Ward	Total
<b>Undistributed balance brought forward</b>	<b><u>28,297</u></b>	<b><u>36,586</u></b>	<b><u>15,040</u></b>	<b><u>6,276</u></b>	<b><u>86,199</u></b>
New allocation for 11/12	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	40,000
Awarded 11/12:					
June 11				-2,184	-2,184
Return Woodsetton Trust		3,000			3,000
October 11 allocations	-2,500	-2,600	-5,000		-10,100
Balances Returned	564	171	95	1,628	2,458
Sedgley Lights				-5,000	-5,000
<b>Undistributed balance</b>	<b><u>36,361</u></b>	<b><u>47,157</u></b>	<b><u>20,135</u></b>	<b><u>10,720</u></b>	<b><u>114,373</u></b>
Grants awarded but unpaid					<b>24,207</b>
Grants paid 11-12					<b>23,420</b>
<b>Total</b>					<b>162,000</b>
<b>Authorised capital budget</b>					<b>162,000</b>
<b>Considered this meeting:</b>					
<b>Grants</b>		<b>9,994</b>			

7. There is an undistributed balance of £114,373 available for allocation.

### Law

8. Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, enables the Council to do anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well being of the Borough or any part of it.

### Equality Impact

9. This report takes account of the Council's Policies on equality and diversity.

### Recommendation

10. That the application in paragraph 4 be noted by the committee. That the application in paragraph 5 be considered.

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NORTH DUDLEY AREA LIAISON OFFICER Contact Officer: Philip Tart

**CRITERIA FOR CAPITAL BIDS/ALLOCATIONS**

Spending proposals are invited from members of the Area Committee, the public, representative organisations and Council departments, and each proposal is assessed against the following criteria: -

- a) The allocation is to be spent on “capital” schemes as defined by legislation, i.e. “one-off” type expenditure on acquisition, construction, enhancement of land, roads, buildings, equipment or vehicles, which may also include the making of grants or loans for capital expenditure by others;
- b) Schemes should contribute to the Community Plan and should not conflict with existing Council policy;
- c) Schemes should be for the general benefit of the wider community, i.e. not just for the benefit of individuals or specific groups, and should make a difference in the local area;
- d) Schemes should not result in any ongoing revenue cost to the Council;
- e) Consideration should be given to schemes which might generate external funding (i.e. using the allocation as match-funding); and
- f) Spending must be in accordance with the Council’s Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, and demonstrate Best Value.
- g) Approved allocations must normally be claimed within six months.
- h) Approved allocations will be limited to a maximum of £5,000 unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated