

North Dudley Area Committee – 3rd February 2010

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. At the meeting of the North Dudley Area Committee on 8th April 2009, Minute No. 83 (1 and 2) authorised that:
 - a. the Area Liaison Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and the Opposition spokesperson(s), be authorised to determine urgent applications for capital funding.
 - b. in the period between the Annual Council Meeting and the election of a Chairman at the first meeting of the Area Committee in a municipal year, the Lead Officer, in consultation with the Leaders of all political groups represented on the Council, be authorised to determine urgent applications for capital funding.
3. The criteria against which allocations from the delegated capital budget should be considered are set out in the Appendix. A copy of the applications referred to in this report is available to Members on request. The following applications have been received.

Applications

4. **Derby and Joan Club**

An application in the sum of £3,000 was received from the above for repairs to the disabled ramp and hand rail that have unfortunately been vandalised.

The Derby and Joan Club provide facilities for education, recreation and social meetings with a membership of approximately 60 people.

Although there has been no working group to consider this application, ward members have been consulted and are in support of the application, but for a lower amount of £2,080 only.

5. Time Expired Grants

- There are currently no time expired grants outstanding

Finance

- 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
Undistributed balance 09/10 brought forward	<u>25,437</u>	<u>33,775</u>	<u>20,805</u>	<u>11,788</u>	<u>91,805</u>
New allocation for 09/10	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	40,000
Awarded 09/10:					
April 09	(8,322)	(1,285)	(7,988)	(1,552)	(19,147)
June 09	(791)				(791)
September 09	(4,930)	(3,329)	(1,050)	(2,125)	(11,434)
December 09	(300)	(300)	(300)	(7,925)	(8,825)
Returned (time expired)		138	138	5,000	5,276
Undistributed balance	<u>21,094</u>	<u>38,999</u>	<u>21,605</u>	<u>15,186</u>	<u>96,884</u>
Grants awarded but unpaid					<u>27,491</u>
Grants paid 09-10					<u>27,625</u>
Total					152,000
Authorised capital budget					152,000
Considered this meeting:					
Grants			(3,000)		(3,000)
Return – time expired etc					

- An approved capital budget of £152,000 is available for 2009/10

The undistributed balance is currently £96,884. The recommendations in this report would reduce that balance by £2,080.

Law


- 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

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

Recommendation

17. It is recommended that the proposals set out at paragraphs 4 to 5 be ratified.

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NORTH DUDLEY AREA LIAISON OFFICER Contact Officer: Philip Tart

Appendix A

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.