



## BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 4TH DECEMBER 2008

## **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.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 2. To date, two new applications have been received:
- 2.1 Dudley HUGS (Hearts Undergoing Support) who are requesting £790 to purchase a computer for presentations, the production of reports, accounts, etc. and also three Thermos vacuum flasks that will provide drinks at meetings and fund raising events.
- 2.2 High Acres Woodcraft Folk who are requesting £5,522 for a PC/projector and various items of camping equipment.

Further details on these and any new applications received will be included in the Capital Allocations Working Group report.

### **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.

## LAW

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.

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