

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE - 2ND OCTOBER 2008

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS

PURPOSE

1. To consider applications for funding from this years Capital Allocation budget and to update Members on progress to date.

BACKGROUND

- 2. To date, two new applications have been received:
 - 1) St Mary's Parish Church, Kingswinford who are requesting £4,000 towards the cost of a new stage in the Community Centre.
 - 2) 1st Wall Heath Senior Section (Girlguiding) who are requesting £775 for the purchase of a notebook computer and printer.

Further details on these and any other 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.

<u>LAW</u>

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 any new requests received.

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