
Gornal /Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Community Forum – 26 January 2015

Report of the Lead Officer

Community Forum – Love Your Local Community Funding

Purpose of report

1. To consider the allocation of expenditure from the Community Forum funding budget for the 14/15 municipal year.

Background

2. The ten Community Forums are responsible for allocating expenditure from the delegated Community Forum Funding budget. The guidelines against which allocations from the delegated budget should be considered are set out in Appendix 1. These are corporate guidelines only and it is ultimately for each Community Forum to decide on individual applications.
3. Copies of the applications referred to in this report have been e-mailed to members prior to the meeting

Urgent application considered prior to this meeting

4. Ellowes Hall and Area TRA

An application was received to pay for the 'flag of Gornal' 2015, to support the professional graphic design work necessary and to print certificates for the winner and the runners up.

Children from the three local primary schools were invited to participate in the competition, aimed at fostering an improved sense of pride and belonging within the community.

The Mayor is scheduled to attend an event in relation to the competition on 31 January this year.

Funding awarded: £516.90 from Gornal ward

5. Application for consideration at this meeting

An application has been received from Oval and Tudor Tenants and Residents Association to support a community lead estate clean up.

The TRA wants to hire three large skips by giving residents the opportunity to help tidy the area and also dispose of unwanted rubbish and large bulky items. The applications states that this will benefit residents and also avoid the likelihood of fly tipping.

Funding requested: £810.00 from Upper Gornal and Woodsetton ward

Finance

6. Each Community Forum receives £10,000 per ward to allocate in the financial year.
7. The total sum currently available to spend in each ward is:-

| Ward | Amount £. |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Gornal | 1,518.88 |
| Upper Gornal and Woodsetton | 18,875.22 |

8. This amount includes unspent balances from the resources allocated to the former Area Committees.

One-off funding has also been made available in the 2014/15 financial year for projects which improve the appearance or economic vitality of an area, with preference to the borough's centres and High Streets. Notes are in the appendix.

Funding for the community forum is £13,946

Law

9. The Localism Act 2011 gives Dudley Council a power of general competence to act in the interests of the community.
10. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Dudley Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive to or incidental to, the discharge of its statutory functions.

Equality Impact

11. This report complies with the council's policies on equality and diversity. Some of the applications include facilities, which are available to children and young people.

Recommendation

12. That the Community Forum considers the applications referred to in the report and makes recommendations to the Director of Corporate Resources on each individual application.

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List of Background Papers

- The application forms on which this report is based have been emailed to Members prior to the meeting, but contain exempt information under the terms of part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government act 1972.
- Appendix 1 – Corporate guidelines for considering funding applications.