

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 3RD FEBRUARY 2011

CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

PURPOSE

1. To consider recommendations made in respect of applications received for funding from this year's Capital Allocation budget and to update Members on progress to date.

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

2. To date, no new applications have been received, however, any that are submitted will be included in the report to the Capital Allocations Working Group.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO AREA COMMITTEE
2ND DECEMBER 2010**

- 3.1 Due to the cancellation of both the Area Committee and the meeting of the Capital Allocations Working Group on the 2nd December because of bad weather, those applications due for consideration for Capital Allocation funding were, with the agreement of the Chairman, evaluated via an exchange of emails with all Members of the Working Group.
- 3.2 In addition to the detail contained in the Capital Allocation Working Group Report, Members received an email containing a summary of each application along with a request to submit a recommendation to either approve, defer or refuse.
- 3.3 The recommendations from each Working Group member were collated and summarised and sent via email to each Area Committee member for consideration. Upon receipt of such consideration, applicants were informed of the outcome.

4. OUTCOME OF CONSIDERATIONS

That the following recommendations be endorsed: -

4.1 Brierley Hill Methodist Church

Approval of £5,000 requested towards a £25,000 project to completely refurbish their old kitchen facilities and provide a new one that meets health and safety standards.

- 4.2 **The Team Parish of the Holy Trinity, Wordsley**
Approval of £4,222 requested to purchase a full and comprehensive range of kitchen equipment to be installed in their church hall.
- 4.3 **Age Concern**
Refusal of the £4,820 requested to purchase IT equipment that will allow computer courses to be run at their Bromley Lane centre as the request was made within three years of a previous application and therefore did not meet the awarding criteria.
- 4.4 **Maidensbridge Primary School**
Approval of £4000, an increase on the £2,930 requested for various items of equipment to assist the running and development of the Forest School sessions held at the school.
- 4.5 **Insight** (Application deferred from the previous meeting held on the 30th September pending receipt of further information regarding the organisation and the items requested)
- Approval of £5,000 requested to undertake essential work to the meeting room ceiling, provide a new ceramic floor to the café area and to finance the purchase of furniture for the meeting room.

FINANCE

5. 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.

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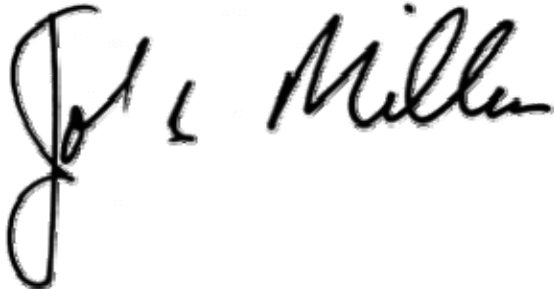
6. The Area Committee may incur capital expenditure by providing grants to local organisations provided it is authorised to do so by statute, for example, recreational activities under section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and generally under section 2 Local Government Act 2000 which permits a Council to do anything which improves the social, economic or environmental wellbeing of the Council's area.

EQUALITY IMPACT

7. The proposals take account of the Council's policy relating to equal opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION

8. That the recommendations set out in paragraph 4 above be endorsed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Millar'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

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