

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

HALESOWEN AREA COMMITTEE – 17TH NOVEMBER 2004

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

DELEGATED CAPITAL BUDGET

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider requests for funding from the Delegated Capital Budget.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The James Grove Recreation and Sports Ground Trust

- 2.1.1 A request has been received from the Chair of the James Grove Recreation and Sports Ground Trust, Halesowen for a contribution towards the replacement of the gates and ornamental ironwork on the Stourbridge Road, Halesowen, which are rusting badly and they consider are dangerous. The gates mark one of the entry points to the Halesowen Town Football Club and as a public right of way to the public open space at the side of the football ground. The Trust is anxious to make visual improvements at the site.

- 2.1.2 The total cost of the work is estimated to be about £7,500 and the Trust has requested a match funding arrangement in the sum of £3,250 from the Area Committee.

- 2.1.3 Having consulted with colleagues on this matter, I am recommending that the Committee approves an allocation of £3,250 towards the costs of this work.

2.2 Age Concern, Halesowen

- 2.2.1 A request has been received from the Chair of Age Concern, Halesowen for funding for improved catering facilities at the Centre amounting to just over £2,900 following a recent inspection by Environmental Services. The expenditure is necessary to bring the catering facilities up to standard.

- 2.2.2 The premises are not only used by Age Concern, but also used by the Asian Elders Group.

- 2.2.3 Having consulted with colleagues, I am recommending that the Committee approves the request and allocates a sum of £2,900 to the Group.

3.0 PROPOSALS

3.1 It is proposed that the Area Committee approves:-

- (a) a grant to the James Grove Recreation and Sports Ground Trust of £3,250 towards the replacement costs of the gates and ornamental ironwork on the Stourbridge Road, Halesowen site; and
- (b) approves the allocation of £2,900 to Age Concern, Halesowen in order to upgrade the catering facilities used at the Centre.

4.0 FINANCE

4.1 The grants referred to in this report can be funded within the overall allocations for the Area Committee.

5.0 LAW

5.1 The Committee may incur capital expenditure in respect of the various statutory functions of the Council.

5.2 Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive to, or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 This report takes account of the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Area Committee approves the proposals set out in Section 3 of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Request for funding.

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