

North Dudley Area Committee – 2nd February 2011

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Delegated Capital Budget

Purpose of Report

1. To consider applications for a capital allocation from the North Dudley Area Committee's delegated capital budget.

Background

2. The Area Committee has an unallocated capital budget of £104,651. Spending proposals are invited from members of the Area Committee, the public, representative organisations and Council departments, and each proposal is assessed against strict criteria as set out in the Appendix A.
3. A copy of applications referred to in this report are available to Members on request.

Applications

4. Community Renewal Services (Upper Gornal and Woodsetton)

An application in the sum of £1,824.80 was received from the above to enable access to the recreation field to be improved. This was considered to be especially beneficial to the Gornal Community Fun day which involves large numbers of vehicles accessing the field.

After consideration, the Working Group recommended that the Area Committee defer consideration of this application to allow the applicant to provide a plan and picture of the project and to allow ward members to comment on the application.

5. Coseley Youth Centre (Coseley)

An application in the sum of £3,957.16 was received from the above for equipment to be used at the centre, this was approved by the Area Committee in April 2009.

The approval was on the basis that payment be deferred until the new centre was up and running and would also be subject to confirmation that the computer equipment would be securely stored and that protection legislation would be complied with.

A revised list of equipment requirements has been received from the applicant in which the cost of the computer had increased considerably.

After Consideration the working group recommend that the Area Committee approve the application for equipment to the value of £1,900, but refuse funding for the computer.

6. Lower Gornal Youth Academy (Gornal)

An application in the sum of £4,762.58 was received from the above to purchase and install CCTV cameras inside and outside of the Academy. This application was deferred by the Area Committee on 1st December to allow further discussion.

The Working Group recommended that the Area Committee defer this application pending further discussion with the applicant and ward members around issues that remain unresolved.

7. Coseley Athletic Cricket Club(All wards)

An application in the sum of £1,200 was received from the above for a new portable cricket net due to the current one being in a state of disrepair. This application was deferred by the Area Committee on 1st December to allow further discussion.

After consideration, the Working Group has recommended to approve the grant to the value of £600 immediately and to approve the remaining £600 upon submission of the Club's development plan evidencing work with North Dudley Youths and Adults and the Coseley School.

Finance

8. The grants referred to in this report can be funded within the overall allocations for the Area Committee.
9. The following shows allocations approved to date, and the budget remaining. The grants considered this meeting includes the value for Coseley Athletic Cricket club, Lower Gornal Youth Academy and Community Renewal Services.

	Coseley East Ward	Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward	Gornal Ward	Sedgley Ward	Total
Undistributed balance brought forward	<u>21,043</u>	<u>38,948</u>	<u>19,473</u>	<u>11,275</u>	<u>90,739</u>
New allocation for 10/11*	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	40,000
Awarded 10/11:					
June 2010	(3,007)	(7,175)			(10,182)
Sept 2010	(2,577)	(1,549)	(5,000)	(5,308)	(14,434)
Dec 2010	(317)	(1,859)	(318)	(318)	(2,812)
Returned (time expired)	60	60	60	60	240
Withdrawn Summerhill Community Organisation	1100				1100
Undistributed balance	<u>26,302</u>	<u>38,425</u>	<u>24,215</u>	<u>15,709</u>	<u>104,651</u>
Grants awarded but unpaid					26,947
Grants paid 10-11					15,402
Total					147,000
Authorised capital budget					147,000
Considered this meeting:					
Grants	(300)	(2,125)	(5,063)	(300)	(7,787)

10. There is an undistributed balance of £104,651 available for allocation.
Applications within this report, if approved, would reduce that balance by £7,787.

Law

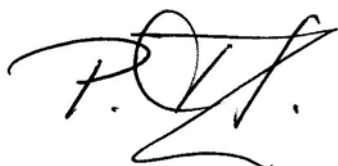
11. Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, enables the Council to do anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well being of the Borough or any part of it.

Equality Impact

12. This report takes account of the Council's Policies on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

13. That the recommendations set out in paragraphs 4 to 8 of this report be approved.



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CRITERIA FOR CAPITAL BIDS/ALLOCATIONS

Spending proposals are invited from members of the Area Committee, the public, representative organisations and Council departments, and each proposal is assessed against the following criteria: -

- a) The allocation is to be spent on “capital” schemes as defined by legislation, i.e. “one-off” type expenditure on acquisition, construction, enhancement of land, roads, buildings, equipment or vehicles, which may also include the making of grants or loans for capital expenditure by others;
- b) Schemes should contribute to the Community Plan and should not conflict with existing Council policy;
- c) Schemes should be for the general benefit of the wider community, i.e. not just for the benefit of individuals or specific groups, and should make a difference in the local area;
- d) Schemes should not result in any ongoing revenue cost to the Council;
- e) Consideration should be given to schemes which might generate external funding (i.e. using the allocation as match-funding); and
- f) Spending must be in accordance with the Council’s Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, and demonstrate Best Value.
- g) Approved allocations must normally be claimed within six months.
- h) Approved allocations will be limited to a maximum of £5,000 unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated