

**DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2003**

**REPORT OF THE LIAISON OFFICER**

**AREA COMMITTEE CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS**

**1.0      PURPOSE**

- 1.1      To consider the current applications assessed by the Working Group.

**2.0      BACKGROUND**

- 2.1      At the Working Group meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2003 applications from 3 organisations were considered.

Application 10/03 St Paul's Community and Learning Centre

This application is for £1655 to purchase computer equipment and furniture it meets the committee's criteria and is recommended for approval by the working group.

Application 11/03 Support Group for Pain Relief

This application is for £1705 is to purchase equipment to enable the fund raising efforts of this group to continue. The members of the working group strongly supported this application.

Application 12/03 Chapel Street Priority Neighbourhood Initiative

This application is for £5000 as a contribution towards the improvement of lighting in the priority neighbourhood area. The money will enable a programme of approximately £30,000 worth of improvements to be implemented with the remainder of the funding coming from other sources. The improved lighting will be especially beneficial to emergency services accessing the area at night and will reduce fear of crime. The application is recommended for approval by the working group.

**3.0      PROPOSALS**

- 3.1      That the recommendations of the working group as set out in Section 2 be approved.

#### **4.0      FINANCE**

- 4.1      The delegated budget allocation of £50,000 is funded from the Council's mainstream capital resources. With a roll-over from last financial year, the Committee had £82,221 available for commitment this year, of which £21,670 has already been committed.

#### **5.0      LAW**

- 5.1      The Area Committee may incur capital expenditure in respect of the various statutory functions of the Council, for example, Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 empowers the Council to do anything which they consider is likely to promote or improve the economic, social, or environmental well-being of the area.
- 5.2      Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, empowers the Council to do anything calculated to facilitate or which is conducive to or incidental to the discharge of any of its functions.

#### **6.0      EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- 6.1      The proposals take account of the Council's policy relating to the Equal Opportunities.

#### **7.0      RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1      That the proposals set out in Section 3 be approved.

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#### **Background papers used in the compilation of this report**

The background papers include the correspondence/application forms received in relation to the Area Committee's capital budget.