
Report to Halesowen North and South Community Forum 27th January 2015

Report of Lead Officer

Area Grants

Purpose of Report

1. To consider applications for grant assistance from the Community Forum Funding Budget.

Background

2. The 10 Community Forums are responsible for allocating expenditure from the 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. A copy of the applications referred to in this report have been sent to Members prior to the meeting.

Applications

3. There are three new applications be considered. These are:
 - **Walks in and around Halesowen/Mark Hemus** – an application for £500 to assist with printing and other associated costs of producing 3 walks around “Halesowen’s Green Borderland”.
 - **Lapal Colts** - an application for £446.60 for a line marking machine to mark out pitches for this football team based at Lapal Primary School. This forum awarded £1,598 for goalposts to this team in January 2014.
 - **Halesowen Chamber of Trade**– an application for £6,000 for the development of a proposal for a Business Improvement District (BID) in Halesowen Town Centre. This forum awarded £2,500 for festive lighting in October 2014 to this organisation.
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Finance

4. Taking account of all previous commitments, the current balance of funding available to the Halesowen North and South Community Forum is **£13,312.38**. This made up of the original funding balance of £1,866.38 and the balance of the new empty shops grant & high street innovation funding of £11,446.

Law

5. The Localism Act 2011 gives the Council a power of general competence to act in the interests of the community.

Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive to or incidental to the discharge of its statutory functions.

Equality Impact

6. This report complies with the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy.

Recommendation

7. That:-
- i) The Community Forum considers the applications referred to in this report and make 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 sent to Members prior to the meeting but contain exempt information under the terms of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.
- Appendix 1 Corporate Guidelines for Considering Funding Applications.