
Central Dudley Area Committee - 2nd October 2012

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Area Committee Grants

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group with regard to allocations to organisations from the committee's delegated capital budget for this part of the 2011/12 financial year.

Background

2. The Central Dudley Area Committee Capital Allocations Working Group considered new applications to be heard at the October 2012 Area Committee at its meeting on the 3rd of September 2012.
3. Members representing Castle & Priory, Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood, St James's & St Thomas's Wards were present. The meeting was chaired by Cllr. K Finch - Chair of Central Dudley Area Committee.
4. The recommendations of the Working Group to Area Committee are detailed in Appendix 1.

Finance

5. The current balances for each of the 5 Wards are as follows :

Castle and Priory	£ 11,027.34*
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*Includes the sum of £3,311.98 approved under delegated authority subject to further information being provided for the file

Netherton Woodside and St Andrews	£12,234.28
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Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood	£29,980.17
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St James's	£25,540.44
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St Thomas's	£15,902.50
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Total Available to be distributed	£94,490.05
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6. If the recommendations of the Working Group are agreed by Area Committee this would result a new commitments of £13,115.00 broken down as follows :

Castle and Priory	£ 0.00
Netherton Woodside and St Andrews	£ 740.00
Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood	£ 6,000.00
St James's	£ 2,680.00
St Thomas's	£ 3,695.00
Total of New Commitments	£13,115.00

7. Depending on the decision of the Committee the balances outlined in section 5 for each ward will be reduced to the following for the remainder of the 2012/13 Civic Year

Castle and Priory	£14,034.28*
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This includes the sum of £1,800 which was awarded in 2010 to Castle High School which has not been claimed. The working group recommend that this offer be withdrawn.

Netherton Woodside and St Andrews	£ 11,494.28
Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood	£ 23,980.17
St James's	£ 22,860.44
St Thomas's	£ 12,207.50
Total Remaining	£ 84,576.67

Law

8. Part 1 of the Local Government Act 2000 enables the Council to do anything that it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the social, environmental, or economic well being of its area.
9. 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

10. The awarding of capital grants to community and voluntary organisations, some of which represent minority groups, is specifically intended to assist in improving the well being, directly or indirectly, of all minority groups.

11. The awarding of capital grants also has the specific purpose of creating general benefits for the wider community and therefore fully meets the policy on Equality and Diversity of the Council
12. Many of the groups or communities helped by these capital grants will include beneficial help to children and young people. However, there has been no direct consultation with children and young people in developing these proposals

Recommendations

13 It is recommended that: -

- The Area Committee considers the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group given in Appendix 1 and approves them for implementation.
- Area Committee notes grant offers made since the last Area Committee meeting in October under delegated authority as also detailed in appendix 1
- The Area Liaison Officer is authorised to carry out the recommended actions within the agreed control procedures.



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List of Background Papers

The application forms on which this report is based were made available to the Area Committee Grants Working Group, but are confidential documents under the terms of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972