

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Norton/Pedmore and Stourbridge East/Wollaston and Stourbridge Town Centre

Report of the Lead Officer

Community Forum Funding

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the allocation of expenditure from the Community Forum Funding budget for the 2013/14 year.

Background

2. The nine Community Forums are responsible for allocating expenditure from the delegated 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.
3. A copy of the application/s referred to in this report, appendix 2 has been e-mailed to Members prior to the meeting..

Applications for consideration at this meeting:

4. Stourbridge and District Scout Council – Norton Ward

Following the last meeting of the Norton/Pedmore and Stourbridge East/Wollaston Community Forum on the 13th February 2013, an application was received from the Stourbridge and District Scouts Council for the sum of £5,000 to enable the replacement of old and damaged furniture. This funding will also help other local community groups such as the Guides, Friends of Swan Pool Park and Tenants Association.

It should be noted that this organisation received £1,600 in March 2011 from Stourbridge Area Committee for replacement of IT equipment and associated equipment.

Ward Members have been circulated with details of the application prior to the forum.

Finance

- 5. It is proposed that each Community Forum will receive £10,000 per ward to allocate each financial year.
- 6. The total sum currently available to spend in each ward is:

Ward	Amount £
Norton	£18,989.99
Pedmore & Stourbridge East	£18,989.99
Wollaston and Stourbridge Town Centre	£18,989.99

- 7. This amount includes unspent balances from the resources allocated to the former Area Committee and the first meeting of this community forum.

Law

- 8. Pursuant to Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 the Council has the general power of competence to do anything that individuals generally may do.
- 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 function.

Equality Impact

- 10. This report complies with the Council’s policies on equality and diversity. Some of the applications include facilities which are available to children and young people.

Recommendation

- 11. That the Forum members considers the application/s 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

Appendix 1 – Corporate guidelines for considering funding applications

Appendix 2 - The application forms on which this report is based have been emailed to Members prior to the meeting but contain exempt information under terms of part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.