

**DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH  
CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 14 June 2005**

**REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER**

**CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS**

**1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider proposals to allocate expenditure of the delegated capital budget for the financial year 2005/2006.

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1 At the Area Committee meeting of 3 October 2000, a criteria and a process for the award of capital grants to community organizations was agreed. Copies of these are included as Appendices 1 & 2.
- 2.2 At the Area Committee meeting of 1 October 2001, an accounts criteria was agreed that was applicable to new organizations. A copy of this is included as Appendix 3.
- 2.3 A Capital Allocations Working Group was set up in order to consider the applications in detail and thereby make recommendations to the Area Committee.
- 2.4 At the Area Committee meeting of 6 July 2000, it was agreed that the total annual sum available, £50,000.00, would be split equally between the 5 Wards.
- 2.5 At the Area Committee meeting of the 27 October 2003, the current policy was confirmed with one change only. That is, if agreed, the maximum amount of any capital allocation available to any one organization in any one financial year would be usually be £2000.00, but still subject the Committee's discretion.
- 2.6 For the financial year 2004/2005, a total of 20 applications were considered and 20 organizations or community areas benefited from capital grants totalling £48, 965.00 (taken from a starting total of £91, 499.73).

**3.0 Proposals**

- 3.1 That the Area Committee agrees to continue the same process and apply the same criteria as was used in 2004/2005.

3.2 That the Area Committee agree to continue to split the new budget amount (£50,000) equally between the 5 Wards and continue to apply, where agreed, the usual discretionary maximum of £2,000 per organization.

#### **4.0 Finance**

4.1 The sum of £50,000.00 plus a total carry-forward amount of £42, 534.73 is available for any capital allocations that the Area Committee may wish to approve before 31 March 2006.

4.2 The carry-forward amount is spread unevenly across the 5 Wards, as detailed:

Castle & Priory	=	£16, 155. 01
Netherton, Woodside & St Andrew's	=	£16, 600. 59
Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood	=	£ 4, 420. 28
St James's	=	£ 2, 856. 85
St Thomas's	=	£ 2, 502. 00

#### **5.0 Law**

5.1 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.

5.2 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.

#### **6.0 Equal Opportunities**

6.1 This Report complies fully with the Equal Opportunities Policy of the Council.

#### **7.0 Recommendations**

7.1 That the proposals set out in Section 3.0 be approved



Linda Sanders,

LINDA SANDERS  
AREA LIAISON OFFICER  
Director of Social Services

Contact Officer:  
John Boyle, Principal Project Officer, Ext: 5132