

# **STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE: 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2003**

## **CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS**

### **REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER**

#### **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To consider an application for capital funding submitted by the Wollaston Village Hall Community Centre.

#### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. The Area Committee has an unallocated capital budget of £28,665.77 for 2003/4.
- 2.2. The Area Committee has previously agreed that contributions from the budget will be limited to £5,000 unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. Spending proposals are invited from members of the Area Committee, the public, representative organisations and Council departments, and each proposal is assessed against the following criteria:-
- (a) The allocation is to be spent on “capital” schemes as defined by legislation, i.e. “one-off” type expenditure on acquisition, construction, enhancement of land, roads, buildings, equipment or vehicles, which may also include the making of grants or loans for capital expenditure by others;
  - (b) Schemes should contribute to the Community Plan and should not conflict with existing Council policy;
  - (c) Schemes should be for the general benefit of the wider community, i.e. not just for the benefit of individuals or specific groups, and should make a difference in the local area;
  - (d) Schemes should not result in any ongoing revenue cost to the Council;
  - (e) Consideration should be given to schemes which might generate external funding (i.e. using the allocation as match-funding); and
  - (f) Spending must be in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, and demonstrate Best Value.
  - (g) Approved allocations must normally be claimed within six months.

2.3. A copy of the application referred to in this report is available to Members on request.

**2.4. Application by the Village Hall Community Centre**

2.4.1 The Wollaston Village Hall Community Centre is situated in Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston. The application is for £3,839 to enable the Association to install a toilet for the use of people with disabilities in order to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. The applicant has submitted a quotation for this work.

2.4.2 The application appears to satisfy the criteria set out in paragraph 2.2 above.

2.4.3 Members will note that there is a separate application from the Association for a grant from the Stevens Park and Recreation Ground Foundation Trust reported elsewhere on this agenda, for the provision of a storage area.

**3.0 PROPOSAL**

3.1. It is proposed that the Area Committee consider the application submitted by the Wollaston Village Hall Community Centre.

**4.0 FINANCE**

4.1. The Area Committee's delegated budget allocation is funded by the Council's mainstream capital resources. The current position with regard to available resources for 2003/4 is set out in paragraph 2.1 of this report.

**5. LAW**

5.1. Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows the Council to provide or make financial contributions towards recreational facilities in the Borough.

**6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

6.1. This report complies fully with the Council's equal opportunities' policies.

**7.0 RECOMMENDATION**

7.1. It recommended that the Area Committee consider the application submitted by the Wollaston Village Hall Community Centre.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Application submitted by the Wollaston Village Hall Community Centre