

## **Report to Belle Vale, Hayley Green and Cradley South Community Forum**

**Wednesday 2 July 2014**

### **Report of Lead Officer**

#### **Area Grants**

#### **Purpose of Report**

1. To update the Forum on the current position in relation to 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.

#### **Applications**

3. There have been 5 applications for funding since the last meeting of the Community Forum. Copies of the applications referred to in this report have been e-mailed to Members prior to the meeting.

#### **4. St Margaret's Church, Hasbury**

An application has been received for a project to provide car parking facilities and a permanent access for people with disabilities. The total project cost is estimated to be £30,000.

#### **5. Highfield Park Allotment Association**

An application has been received for a project to replace gates, fencing and to provide new toilet facilities. The total project cost is estimated to be £20,000.

#### **6. Dudley Community Church**

An application has been received requesting £5,000 towards a total project cost of £45,000 +VAT to extend Dudley Community Church in Salop Street, Dudley to provide a setting where counselling and play therapy can be delivered.

## 7. West Mercia Scouts – 23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree

Six separate applications have been received from local scouts who have been chosen to attend the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan in July 2015 as part of the West Mercia Scout County Unit of 36 young people and 4 adults. A Jamboree is an event where scouts from all over the world partake in scouting activities and attendance is on merit after a rigorous selection process. A total of 12 applications in total have been received from the Unit and referred to the relevant Community Forums for decision.

Each member is expected to raise a total of £2,995 each towards an overall cost of £119,800 for attendance by the whole unit. The remainder of the funds will be raised through a series of sponsorship activities.

## 8. Samaritans

An application with two discrete elements a) for repairs to a retaining wall and b) for the replacement of ageing computers which are essential for the work of the Samaritans. The total project cost is £4,452.

### Finance

9. Taking account of previous commitments from this Community Forum and the funding allocation made for Municipal Year 2014/15, the current balance of funding available to the Belle Vale, Hayley Green and Cradley South Community Forum is £24,414.04. Details have been forward to Members prior to the meeting.

### Law

10. The Localism Act 2011 gives the Council a power of general competence to act in the interests of the community.
11. 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.

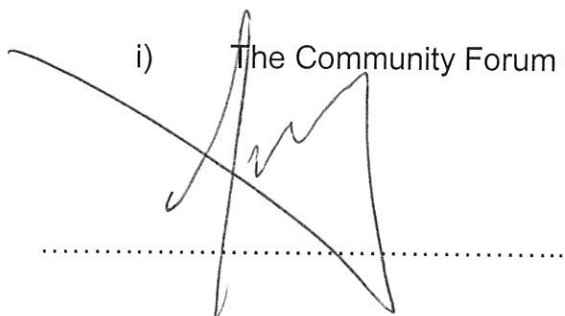
### Equality Impact

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

### Recommendation

13. That:-

- i) The Community Forum considers the contents of this report.



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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.