

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

HALESOWEN AREA COMMITTEE – 2ND FEBRUARY 2005

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

DELEGATED CAPITAL BUDGET

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider requests for funding from the Delegated Capital Budget.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Bethel Chapel - Wollescote

2.1.1 A request has been received from Pastor Jill Berry on behalf of the Bethel Chapel for a contribution towards the costs of a replacement minibus for community activities. The total cost of the minibus is estimated to be around £25,000 and they have already managed to raise just over £13,000.

2.1.2 Having explored the possibility of using Dudley Community Transport, it seems that the Bethel minibus is so frequently used and 'on call', that this option is not a cost effective proposition.

2.1.3 Having consulted with colleagues on this matter, I am recommending that the Committee approves an allocation of £5,000 towards the costs of replacing their minibus.

2.2 Halesowen Town Centre Flagpole

2.2.1 I have, in consultation with the Chairman, approved a grant of £1,700 for the cost of supply and installation of the flagpole in Halesowen Town Centre. The cost also includes planning application fees.

### 3.0 PROPOSALS

3.1 It is proposed that the Area Committee approves:-

- (a) a grant to Bethel Chapel of £5,000 towards the costs of a replacement minibus.
- (b) notes the actions of the Lead Officer, in consultation with the Chairman, in approving a grant of £1,700 for the cost of supply and installation of the flagpole in Halesowen Town Centre.

### 4.0 FINANCE

4.1 The grants referred to in this report can be funded within the overall allocations for the Area Committee.

### 5.0 LAW

5.1 The Committee may incur capital expenditure in respect of the various statutory functions of the Council.

5.2 Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive to, or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

### 6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 This report takes account of the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

### 7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Area Committee approves the proposals set out in Section 3 of this report.

### 8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Request for funding.



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