

CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 24 January 2006

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group with regard to allocations from within the Committee's capital budget for the financial year 2005/2006.

Background

2. The Capital Allocations Working Group met on 15 November 2005 and considered 4 new applications, 2 deferred applications and one presented for re-consideration.
3. They also considered the request of the Area Committee to re-consider the general policy of grant amounts.
4. The Chair of the Area Committee plus Members representing Castle & Priory; Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood and St James's Wards were present.
5. The Working Group agreed that in the absence of a Member representing St Thomas's Ward, recommendations on applications for that Ward, could be delegated to the Area Liaison Officer and the Ward Members. Consequently a meeting was held on 12 December 2005 between Councillor J. Davies representing St Thomas's and Mr J. Boyle representing the Area Liaison Officer.
6. The recommendations that the Working Group are making to the Area Committee are detailed in Appendix 1.

Finance

6. The recommendations made by the Working Group would result in a total expenditure of £ 20,960.00. This will leave a total of £57,539.30 to be available for further grant awards during this financial year.
7. However, because each of the 5 Wards has its own allocation to spend, the remainder per Ward is:

Castle & Priory	=	£15, 530.43
Netherton, Woodside & St Andrew's	=	£ 7, 400.59
Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood	=	£13, 249.43
St James's	=	£12, 856.85
St Thomas's	=	£ 8, 502.00

Law

7. 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 the area.
8. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of its statutory functions.

Equality Impact

9. The awarding of capital grants to community organizations has the specific purpose of creating general benefits for the wider community and, as such, fully meets the Equal Opportunities Policy of the Council.

Recommendations

10. It is recommended that:
 - The Committee consider the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group given in Appendix 1 and approves them for implementation.
 - The Area Liaison Officer is authorised to carry out the implementation of the agreed actions.



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List of Background Papers

The application forms on which this Report is based were made available to the Capital Allocations Working Group, but are confidential documents under the terms of Paragraphs 5 & 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.