

Report to Belle Vale and Hayley Green and Cradley South Community Forum

Wednesday 26th March 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. Access In Dudley

An application has been received from Access in Dudley for funding of up to £3,411.60 to enable them to update their publicity material and purchase promotional material to help them promote their community services. The aim of Access in Dudley is to promote access to all in the built environment across the whole of the Borough.

The application has been made to this Forum but it is understood the application will also go to the other Forums given the work of this organisation reaches the whole of the Borough.

5. COCOA – Welcome to Dudley Project

An application for £5,000 towards a total project cost of £6,530 has been received from the COCOA – Welcome to Dudley Project.

The aim of this project is to work with individuals who are newly arrived in Dudley also encourage them to access mainstreams services appropriately and to help individuals to avoid falling into a cycle of a life on benefits and social housing.

6. Dudley Arts Council

An application has been received from Dudley Arts Council for funding of up to £5,000 to engage with the whole community as spectators and performers to provide a Borough wide Arts festival. The application has been made to this Forum and will also be submitted to the other Forums given the work of this organisation is Borough wide.

Black Country Day is Monday 14 July 2014 but the intention is that the proposed festival of activities will take place across the borough throughout July.

7. West Mercia Scouts – 23rd World Scout Jamboree

Six separate applications for £2,995 each 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.

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

8. Rotary – Great Black Country Run

An application for £4,340 in respect of the road management and parking cost for the Great Black Country Run a charity fun run and road race planned for September 2014.

As per the application received last year, can we treat this as an individual request to each forum for half of the amount, i.e. £2,170 each

Finance

9. Taking account of previous commitments from this Community Forum and the former Halesowen Community Forum as detailed above, the current balance of funding available to the Belle Vale and Hayley Green and Cradley South Community Forum is £11,925.20.

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.

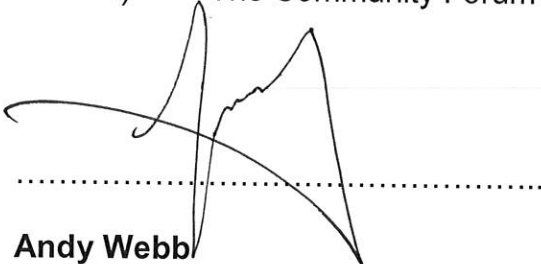
Equality Impact

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

Recommendation

13. That:-

- i) The Community Forum notes 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.

