
REVISED REPORT

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Wednesday 18th March, 2015 - Norton/Pedmore and Stourbridge East/Wollaston and Stourbridge Town Centre Community Forum

Report of the Lead Officer

Community Forum - Love Your Local Community Funding

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the allocation of expenditure from the Community Forum Funding budget for the 2014/15 year.

Background

2. The ten Community Forums are responsible for allocating expenditure from the delegated 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.
3. Applications for consideration at this meeting.

There are no applications for consideration at this meeting.

Finance

4. It is proposed that each Community Forum will receive £10,000 per ward to allocate each financial year.
5. The total sum currently available to spend across all wards is: £9,339.92.
6. This amount includes unspent balances for all three wards within the forum area.
7. Additional one off funding of £20,919 from the High Street Innovation / Empty Shops Grant Funding has been made available for the 2014/15 financial year for projects which improve the appearance or economic vitality of an area, with preference to the Borough's centres and High Streets.
8. The total sum available from this funding to spend across all wards is: £18,595.60.

Law

9. Pursuant to Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 the Council has the general power of competence to do anything that individuals generally may do.
10. 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 function.

Equality Impact

11. This report complies with the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

12. That the Forum members note the report.



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List of Background Papers

Appendix 1 – Corporate guidelines for considering funding applications